



Additional TEA Application Guidance

Some questions in our [TEA Grant Application \(DT 1283\)](#) are straightforward (e.g. simply identifying a number) while other questions are open ended. This document is intended to assist you with the open-ended questions and help you hone in on what we are looking for.

PART II: EVALUATION DATA – FROM THE COMMUNITY

5. DESCRIPTION OF THE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT

For Rail Projects	For Road Projects
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe new service location and relation to existing rail infrastructure. Be as specific as possible (e.g. origination of new service with milepost). • Describe layout of new service such as curve and grade, number of tracks, length, turnouts, etc. • Note any other changes to mainline itself to provide new service. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe new roadway project location and relation to existing roadways. • Describe proposed changes to accommodate the industry such as dedicated turn lanes or the addition of new lanes. • Note any other improvements made to the road infrastructure.

6. JUSTIFICATION FOR THE PROPOSED TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT

For Rail Projects	For Road Projects
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain why the proposed rail service would benefit the business. • Provide specific examples to this benefit (e.g. cost savings, reducing truck volume – rail versus truck capacity). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain why the proposed road project addresses expected/existing traffic situation caused by location of the business (e.g. volume of traffic as direct result of business operation). • If applicable, note any traffic studies performed and recommendations that came from it.

12. SCHEDULE FOR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

(i.e., commence month/year and complete month/year for both)

For ALL Projects – Rail or Road
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a month/year construction of your road/rail project will begin. • Provide a month/year construction of your road/rail project will end. • Provide a month/year construction of your business facility will begin. • Provide a month/year construction of your business facility will end.

PART III: EVALUATION DATA – FROM THE BUSINESS(ES)

15. AN OPERATIONAL EXPLANATION of WHY the proposed TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS are NEEDED by the business.

For Rail Projects	For Road Projects
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explain the freight requirements of the business.• Explain why the proposed rail service would benefit the business.• Explain how the proposed rail service increases business efficiency.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explain the freight requirements of the business.• Explain why the proposed road project would benefit the business.• Explain how the proposed road project increases business efficiency.

17. NUMBER OF JOBS AND AVERAGE WAGE, not including fringe benefits, for each type of job created or retained by this business development.

For ALL Projects – Rail or Road
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide the number of jobs created/retained by project. Be as specific as possible.• The information provided here should match the Job Guarantee Agreement.• If applicable, address any agreements with other businesses to hire displaced workers.

19. BACKGROUND information ON the COMPANY (IES) AND the nature of its BUSINESS.

For ALL Projects – Rail or Road
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Providing links and brochures are acceptable; however this is a good place to highlight the business.• If your application was approved for TEA funding, what specifically would you want highlighted about your business in the press release?

23. DATA FOR calculating PROJECT BENEFIT/COST RATIO (rail projects only).

Only Required for Rail Projects
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Make sure to answer each part of this question separately (e.g. response for A, response for B, etc.).