



**Transportation Enhancements, Safe Routes to School,
and Recreational Trails to “Transportation Alternatives”**

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Transportation Alternatives

Incorporates:

- **Most of the eligible activities from the Transportation Enhancement Program**
- **Recreational Trails Program**
- **Safe Routes to School Program**

and a new one:

- **“Planning, designing, or constructing boulevards and other roadways largely in the right-of-way of former Interstate System routes or other divided highways.” (This category has not as yet been fully defined by FHWA)**

Eliminated Eligibilities

4 Previously Eligible Activities not included in MAP-21

1. Pedestrian and bicycle safety and education

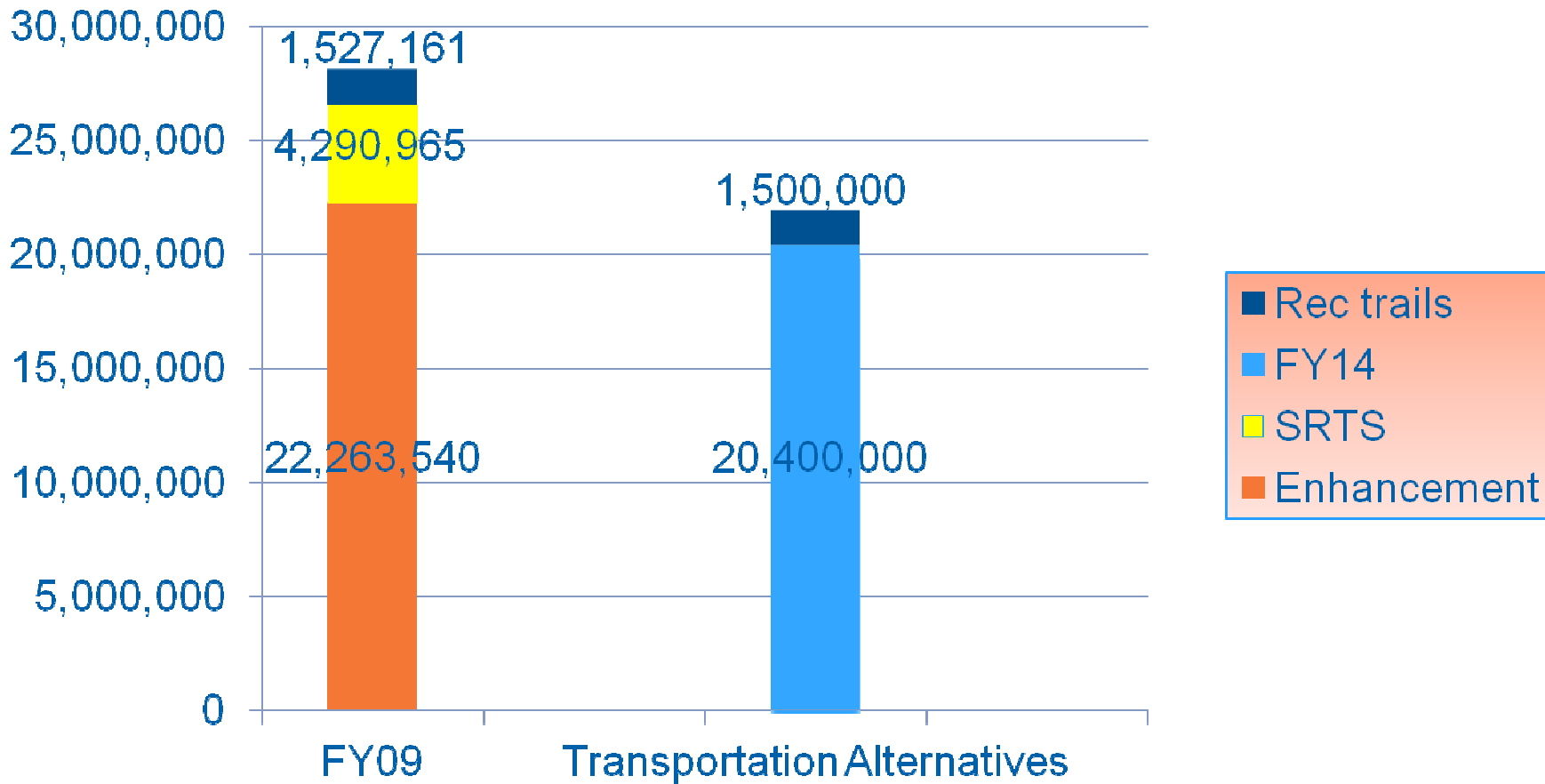
2. Acquisition of scenic or historic easements and sites

3. Scenic or historic highway programs

4. Transportation museums



SAFETEA-LU vs. MAP-21 Virginia Example





TA Sub-allocation of Funds Virginia Example

FY14 – approx. \$22M

Rec Trails - approx. \$1.5M

50/50 distribution- approx \$20.5M

\$10.25M

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- Allocated based on population
- \$6.4M – 4 TMAs
- \$3.85M – Other areas of the state based on population

- Allocated to any area of the state
- These are funds CTB Policy will govern distribution of
- Can all or in part be transferred to other Highway Programs

Eligible Activities

#1 Construction, planning, and design of on-road and off-road trail facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists, and other non-motorized forms of transportation.

#2 Construction, planning, and design of infrastructure-related projects and systems that will provide safe routes for non-drivers.

(Includes Safe Routes to Schools)

#3 Conversion and use of abandoned railroad corridors for trails



Eligible Activities

#4 Construction of turn-outs, overlooks, and viewing areas

#5 Inventory, control, or removal of outdoor advertising.

#6 Historic preservation and rehabilitation of historic transportation facilities.



Eligible Activities

#7 Vegetation management practices in transportation rights-of-way to improve roadway safety, prevent against invasive species, and provide erosion control.

#8 Archaeological activities relating to impacts from implementation of a transportation project eligible under this title.

#9 Any environmental mitigation activity, including prevention and abatement activities to address stormwater mgmt., control, and water pollution related to highway construction or due to highway runoff; or reduce vehicle-caused wildlife mortality or to restore and maintain connectivity among terrestrial or aquatic habitats.



Eligible Entities

- **Local governments**
- **Regional transportation authorities**
- **Transit agencies**
- **Natural resource or public land agencies**
- **School districts, local education agencies, or schools**
- **Tribal governments**
- **Other local or regional governmental entity that State determines to be eligible**

Challenges

- **Three programs combined = more activities competing for less money**
- **Transition to a different selection process**
- **Time frame – Two-Year Bill and FY13 Allocations have already been applied to projects**
- **Backlog of existing projects underway – some not eligible under MAP-21**
- **Impact of the “eligible entities” section**

Enhancement Program – Status & Backlog

- ~\$339M allocated since 1993
- 524 - Projects Completed
- 104 - Under Construction
- 259 - In Development

<u>Next Phase Only</u>		<u>Entire Project</u>	
Bristol	\$1,994,601	Bristol	\$7,279,710
Culpeper	\$1,492,914	Culpeper	\$5,990,242
Fredericksburg	\$1,693,133	Fredericksburg	\$5,859,298
Hampton Roads	\$6,150,765	Hampton Roads	\$23,905,284
Lynchburg	\$6,227,645	Lynchburg	\$9,152,264
Northern Virginia	\$3,527,072	Northern Virginia	\$7,384,331
Richmond	\$4,013,057	Richmond	\$33,961,041
Salem	\$7,412,202	Salem	\$17,470,896
Staunton	\$6,887,831	Staunton	\$18,248,373
Statewide	\$955,705	Statewide	\$3,859,705

Total: \$40,354,925

Total: \$133,111,144

Safe Routes to Schools

Purpose:

- SRTS was authorized under the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (2005).
- SRTS allocates funds to state DOTs for infrastructure and non-infrastructure (education) projects that enable and encourage children K-8 to safely walk and bicycle to school.
- SRTS is 100% federally funded; agreements are for 36 months; and any cost over-runs are absorbed by the locality.

FY-13 Activities:

- September 2012 to January 2013, SRTS is soliciting new infrastructure projects using pre MAP-21 funding.
- August to December 2012, SRTS is soliciting new non-infrastructure mini grants to encourage activities related to bicycling and walking using pre MAP-21 funding.



Safe Routes To School Program Infrastructure Grants

<u>Active Projects 2012</u>		
Bristol	1	\$500,000
Culpeper	4	\$1,377,580
Fredericksburg	4	\$847,815
Hampton Roads	5	\$1,331,679
Lynchburg	3	\$376,796
Northern Virginia	10	\$2,114,347
Richmond	4	\$758,434
Salem	10	\$2,640,696
Staunton	13	\$2,265,675
TOTAL	54	\$12,213,022

<u>All Projects Funded 2007-2012</u>		
Bristol	1	\$500,000
Culpeper	5	\$1,389,180
Fredericksburg	4	\$847,815
Hampton Roads	5	\$1,331,679
Lynchburg	5	\$613,096
Northern Virginia	10	\$2,114,347
Richmond	8	\$1,686,666
Salem	12	\$3,233,678
Staunton	15	\$2,952,768
TOTAL	65	\$14,669,229

<u>Grant Requests 2005-2012</u>			
	Appropriated	Requests	Funded
2005-07	\$3,426,456	\$5,391,702	\$1,900,929
2008	\$1,941,060	\$4,244,648	\$783,615
2009	\$2,463,163	\$4,840,928	\$2,096,294
2010	\$2,470,027	\$8,062,850	\$3,968,510
2011	\$2,655,132	-	-
2012	\$2,594,600	\$7,895,345	\$5,919,881
TOTAL	\$15,550,438	\$30,435,473	\$14,669,229

Interim FY14 CTB Policy Considerations

- **Distribution of funds given the reduced allocation**
- **Funding existing projects only for FY14**
- **Addressing transferability clause**

Interim FY14 CTB Policy Considerations

- **VDOT recommends, based on suggestions from FHWA, that there be a consistent eligibility review, application and selection process for FY14**
 - **Establish a single application format and scoring process in coordination with the TMAs**
 - **Present interim policy to the Board in October that incorporates known MAP-21 requirements**
 - **VDOT will accept all applications initially to determine eligibility for the program and will provide a technical score for all applications**
 - **VDOT will then provide those technical scores to the TMAs and CTB members for project selection**
- **Apply FY14 allocations to existing projects only**

Proposed FY14 Schedule (Existing Projects Only)

- **October 2012 – Work with TMAs on Proposed Application Process**
- **October 2012 – Interim FY14 Resolution to the CTB**
- **December 2012 - Solicit applications**
- **February 1, 2013 – Application Deadline**
- **March 15, 2013 – Applications and scores presented to the TMAs and CTB**
- **April 2013 – Tentative Selections**
- **April/May 2013 – SYIP Public Hearings**
- **June 2013 – CTB approval**

Summary of Recommendations/Path Forward

Current cycle -

- **One-year interim policy to guide the Transportation Alternatives program until complete guidance is available based on MAP-21**
- **Solicit applications later this year for FY14 Transportation Alternatives funding – focus on existing Transportation Enhancement projects only to reduce backlog**
- **Solicit applications later this year for new Safe Routes to School projects using pre-MAP-21 funding (no new allocations in FY13-14)**
- **Work with the CTB, MPOs, and other interested parties to develop a new Transportation Alternatives CTB Policy for implementation with FY-15 selections once better guidance is available to guide MAP-21 implementation**
 - **Incorporate all eligible Transportation Alternatives categories, including SRTS infrastructure projects**
 - **Reopen the program to new applicants**



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