



## ***Transportation Alternatives Program***

### ***FY2016 Application Update***

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# Program Overview

- Available funding includes TA, SRTS, and a Rec Trail Programs mandatory set-aside
- 10 eligibility categories
- Current selection process for FY16 allocations
  - MPO/TMA make selections in areas over 200,000
  - District CTB members make selections totaling \$9M
  - CTB At-Large /Secretary make selections totaling the amount of funding based on population areas under 200,000 and any statewide amount over \$9M

# CTB Project Selection Policy

- Selected projects will receive not less than 50% of the TAP funds requested in the application
- On projects where the requested TAP amount is \$200,000 or less, the request will be fully funded if that amount completes a project
- All projects selected must be under construction within four (4) years of the project's first allocations availability

# Eligible Categories

1. On-Road and off-road Bike/Ped facilities
2. Infrastructure projects that provide safe routes for non-drivers
3. Conversion of abandoned railway corridors into trails
4. Construction of turn-outs, overlooks, and viewing areas
5. Inventory, control, and removal of outdoor advertising
6. Rehabilitation of historic transportation facilities
7. Vegetation management practices in transportation rights-of-way
8. Archaeological activities related to impacts from implementation of a transportation project
9. Environmental mitigation of water pollution related to highway construction
10. Environmental mitigation focused on wildlife protection or habitat connectivity

# FY16 Application Summary

- Received November 1, 2014
- 90 Applications requesting ~ \$31.8M  
Anticipated allocations FY16 ~ \$ 18.8M after  
Rec Trails distribution

## *Tentative Allocation Distribution*

MPO/TMA Areas	\$ 5.7M
District Members	\$ 9M (\$1,000,000/ea.)
At-Large Members/Secretary	\$4.1M
Total	\$ 18.8M

# Project Scoring

## Average Project Score

- All applications scored
- Scoring focused on:
  - Project funding
  - Project concept
  - Project improves the transportation network
  - Sponsor's ability to administer a federal project
  - Project's readiness to proceed

# Project Scoring

## Priority Ranking

- Additional info to assess progress of existing projects
  - Focus on projects that will use funds quickly
  - Projects reviewed based on several indicators
  - Ranking from 1 to 6
    - 1 - project ready for construction
    - 6 - initial stages of project development

# Program Status

(as of December 2014)

- 1,068 individual projects have received funding since 1993 (through FY15)
  - 599 projects completed (56% of projects selected)
  - 143 projects under construction
  - 224 projects in project development
  - 102 cancelled and remaining funds re-allocated
- 66.1% of allocated funds have been expended



# District Summaries

- Lists all projects in District since first selections in 1993
- Provides indication of current status (under construction, agreement pending, etc.)
- Indicates first and each year that an allocation was provided and amount reimbursed to date
- Includes notes about those projects being considered for deallocation; if a 45 day letter was sent; and if a current application was received

# Deallocation/Reallocation Process

- All active projects reviewed for potential action based on progress
- Revised policy formally adopted by CTB – July 2013
- Policy now allows for an ongoing review and action
- 199 projects submitted for financial closure since process initiated
- \$21.3M has been reallocated by the CTB
- Project sponsors are provided “45 day letters” as described in the Process
- The appropriate District CTB member will be contacted for a decision on deallocation or time extension

# Review of Today's Package

- FY16 Application Summary Page
- Application Listing with Project Scores
- Copy of CTB's TAP Selection Policy
- Copy of Current De-Allocation/Re-Allocation Process
- District Summaries
- Central Office TAP/EN Staff Contact List

# TA Program Next Steps

- February 2015 – Applications and Project Scores presented to the TMAs and the CTB
- March 9, 2015 – District CTB member selections due back to Local Assistance Division staff
- April 2015 – CTB and MPO Tentative Selections completed
- April/May 2015 – Tentative selections available at SYIP public meetings
- June 2015 – CTB Approval of FY16 selections



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