



## ***Transportation Alternatives Program***

### ***FY2017 Application Update***

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# Program Overview

- Available funding includes Transportation Alternatives (TA), Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS), and a Recreational Trail Programs mandatory set-aside
- 10 eligibility categories
- Current selection process for FY17 allocations
  - Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) in Transportation Management Areas (TMAs) make selections in areas over 200,000
  - District CTB members make selections with \$9M statewide funding
  - CTB At-Large /Secretary make selections with funding based on population areas under 200,000 and any statewide amount over \$9M
- No significant impact on selection process from the *Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST ACT)*<sub>2</sub>

# CTB Project Selection Policy

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

# 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, 2015
- 92 Applications requesting ~ \$38.7M  
Anticipated allocations FY17 ~ \$ 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 (\$3.7M population and \$420K Statewide)
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
- Projects are scored on a 300 point scale

# 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 2015)

- 1,128 individual projects have received funding since 1993 (through FY16)
  - 644 projects completed (57% of projects selected)
  - 136 projects under construction
  - 235 projects in project development
  - 113 cancelled and remaining funds re-allocated
- Over \$387M allocated since 1993
- 68.2% of allocated funds have been expended



# Open Container Funds

- Up to \$6 Million may be available for off-road bicycle/pedestrian trail projects
- Funds have to be obligated this current fiscal year
- Focus was on projects that are ready for construction
- 4 candidate projects have been identified that appear to meet criteria that are currently being reviewed with Traffic Engineering and FHWA
- More formal process established for next year

# 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

# 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
- 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

- FY17 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 Local Assistance Division Staff Contact List
- Safe Routes to School Projects
- Open Container Project Candidates List

# TA Program Next Steps

- February 2016 – Applications and Project Scores presented to the TMAs and the CTB
- March 8, 2016 – District CTB member selections due back to Local Assistance Division staff
- April 19-20, 2016 – At-Large CTB members selection meeting
- April 2016 – CTB and MPO Tentative Selections completed and available for SYIP public meetings
- June 2016 – CTB Approval of FY17 selections



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