

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)₂



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 nondrivers
- 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

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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

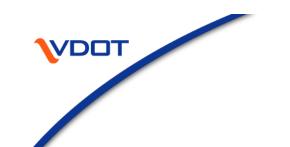
- All applications scored
- Scoring focused on:
 - Project funding
 - Project concept
 - Project improves the transportation network
 - Sponsor's ability to administer a federal project
 - Project's readiness to proceed
- Projects are scored on a 300 point scale



Project Scoring

Priority Ranking

- Additional info to assess progress of <u>existing</u> 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

- <u>February 2016</u> 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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