



TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM

FY 25/26 Application Cycle

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Program Overview – Purpose and Funding Requirements

- **Federal Program in existence since early 1990's**
- **Transportation Alternatives Program intended for projects that maximize the use of right-of-way for nonmotorized modes and increase safety, accessibility, and/or connectivity**
- **Eight Eligible Categories (next slide)**
- **A 20% non-federal match is required by project sponsors**
- **Federal legislation appropriates 59% of funds by population and 41% statewide (after a recreational trails program allocation to DCR)**
- **State DOT and MPOs with Transportation Management Areas cannot apply**
- **Biennial allocation process**
- **CTB Policy requires all projects to reach Construction phase in four years**
- **\$2.5M maximum federal funding**

Program Overview - Eligible Categories for TAP Funds

- On- and off-road trail facilities for pedestrians, bicycles, and other non-motorized forms of transportation
- Infrastructure-related projects that provide safe routes for non-drivers to access daily needs
- Rails-to-Trails projects
- Turnouts, overlooks, and viewing areas
- Community improvement activities, including outdoor advertising removal, historic preservation of transportation facilities, transportation project archaeological activities and vegetation management practices
- Environmental mitigation, including those that address stormwater management related to highway construction and reduce vehicle-caused wildlife mortality
- Safe Routes to School, infrastructure and non-infrastructure (see next slide)
- Boulevards from Divided Highways to create walkable, low-speed boulevards that carry traffic, pedestrians and bicyclists

Safe Routes to School: Non-Infrastructure Program

- **Transportation Alternatives is the only current funding source**
 - **Categories formerly eligible under SAFETEA-LU have been incorporated into TA**
- **Intends to make bicycling and walking to school safer**
- **Facilitates planning, development, and implementation of projects that improve safety and reduce traffic**
 - **Supports coordinator positions for a limited time to oversee walk/bike to school events, develops and provides training for students, and provides safety gear for students**

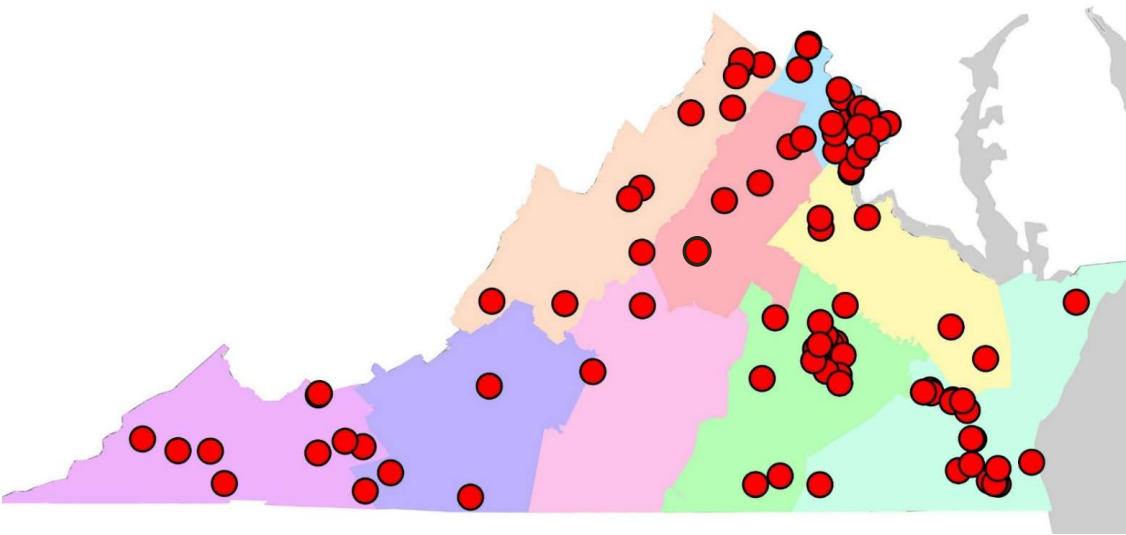
Program Overview - CTB Project Selection Policy

- **Selected projects will receive 100% of the funds requested in the application, up to a \$2.5M cap per project**
- **Allocations are divided equally among each CTB member**
- **CTB At-Large members select projects as a group to ensure:**
 - **Population area allocations are met**
 - **Trails allocations requirement (\$14M per application cycle) per VA Budget is met**

FY 25/26 Application Insights

Pre-Application Insights

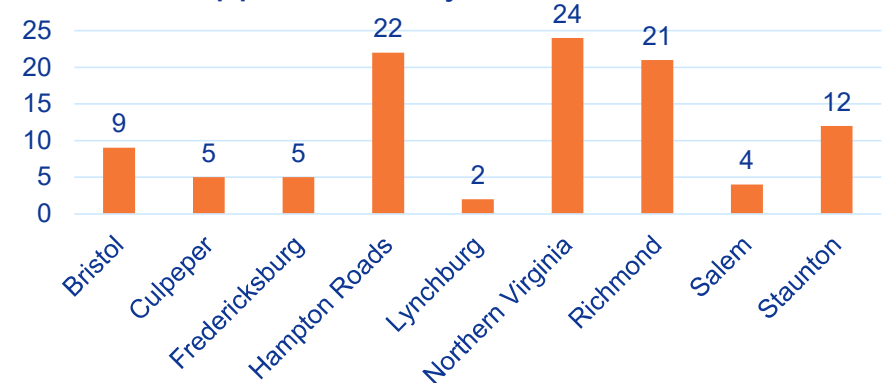
- 166 pre-applications
- 6 screen-out decisions
- 30 conditional screen-in decisions



Full Application Insights

- 123 final applications with 104 eligible applications
- \$128.6M total requests for \$242.4M total estimated project costs
 - 18 existing project requests valued at \$20.3M

Applications by VDOT District



FY 25/26 Available Allocations and Distributions – MPO Selection Responsibility

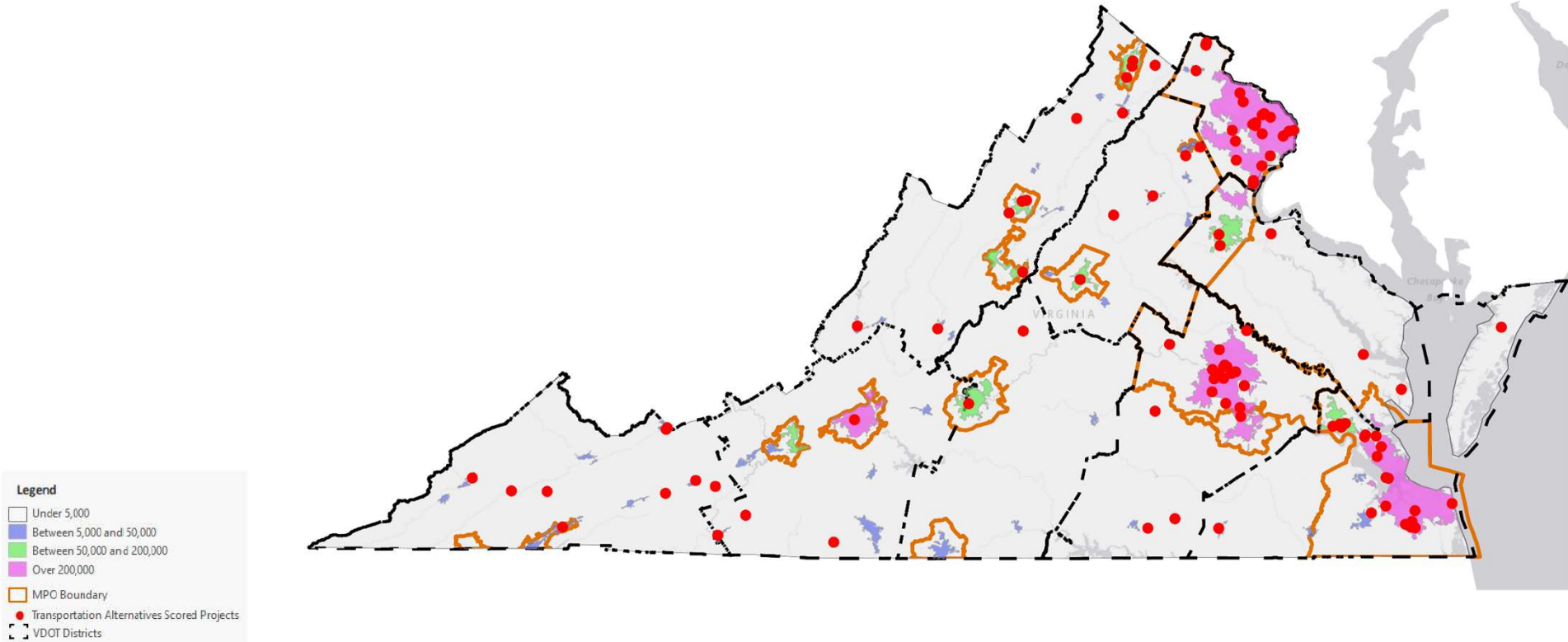
MPO Allocations >200,000 Population Areas	Available Allocations – Preliminary Estimates
NoVA	\$19.5M
Hampton Roads	\$13.6M
Richmond	\$7.6M
Tri-Cities	\$1.2M
Fredericksburg	\$900K
Roanoke	\$1.9M

FY 25/26 Available Allocations and Distributions – CTB Selection Responsibility

CTB Distribution Requirements	Available or Required Distribution Estimates
Statewide	\$35.5M
<5,000 Population Areas	\$20.4M
>5,000-50,000 Population Areas	\$1.9M
>50,000-200,000 Population Areas	\$6M
Trails per State Budget	\$14M (required distribution)
Minus \$2M Statewide to keep for Balance Entry	\$2M

State Population Areas

Transportation Alternatives Population Funding Areas



Application Selection Process

CTB Members & MPOs (with TMAs) make the final selections, with support and advice from staff

District CTB members work with TMAs to select projects

Provide list of projects to LAD

At-Large members select projects to fulfill federal allocation requirements

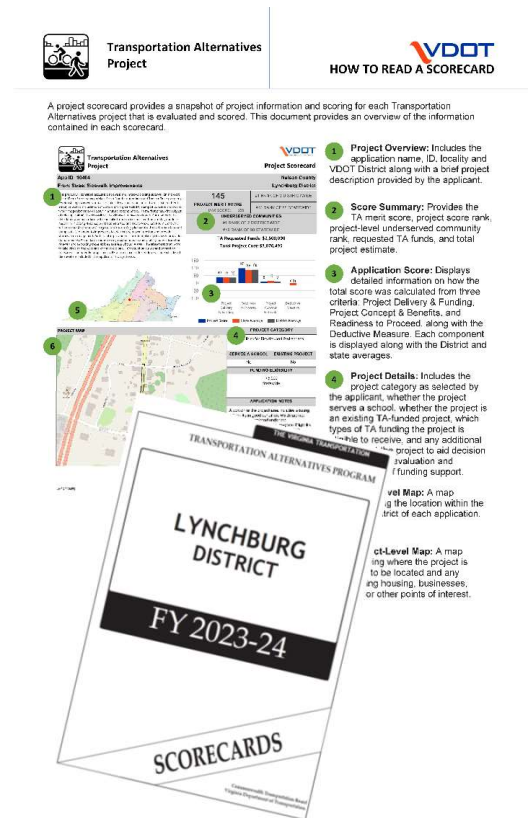
Final selections included in draft SYIP, public hearings, and final SYIP

Application Submittal Package

- **FY 25/26 Application Scorecards**
- **Current CTB TAP Selection Policy**
- **List of Current Active Projects by District**
- **Safe Routes to School Information**
- **List of Submitted Multi-Use Trail Projects**
- **Central Office - Local Assistance Division TAP Staff Contact List**

Scorecard Review

- Packet includes an instructional overview of how to review a scorecard
- Table of Contents summarizes District and Statewide Ranks of the scores
- Scorecards organized by VDOT District
- Individual scorecards for all TA infrastructure and SRTS-NI applications




Scorecard Overview

Application ID, Project Title, Applicant

Project Description and Location


Project Merit Score, Score Rank by District and Statewide, Underserved Community Rank, Cost Details

Additional Project Details and Notes to aid your evaluation



Transportation Alternatives Project

App ID: 10404



Project Scorecard

Nelson County

App ID: 10404

Front Street Sidewalk Improvements

Nelson County
Lynchburg District

This project will construct accessible sidewalk and improve existing sidewalk on the west side of Front Street between Main Street (southern terminus) and Theater Drive (northern terminus). Improvements and accessible sidewalk construction on the east side of Front Street, as well as the addition of up to eight higher-visibility stamped-concrete crosswalks within the project area will occur in a future, second phase. In the first phase (the subject of this application), the sidewalk will be widened to meet standards. Curb ramps with a detectable warning surface will be installed. Curb extensions and bump-outs to reduce pedestrian crossing distances will be constructed at all locations where future crosswalks will be added (in phase two). Vegetation/landscaping planned for the curb extensions and bump-outs is intended to improve pedestrian safety, prevent erosion, and provide stormwater management. Additional improvements include replacing driveway ramps that do not meet ADA standards and removing obstructions - namely, utility poles - from the sidewalk and relocating those utilities to a less obtrusive area. (The aforementioned work to take place on the west side of the street only.) Construction survey and permitting costs are included in the project costs. PE phase expenses for both west and east sides of the street are included in this application's project costs.

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PROJECT MERIT SCORE

MAX SCORE: 250

#1 RANK OF 2 DISTRICTWIDE

#40 RANK OF 98 STATEWIDE

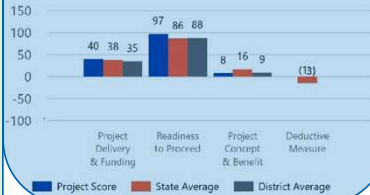
UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES

#1 RANK OF 2 DISTRICTWIDE

#19 RANK OF 98 STATEWIDE


TA Requested Funds: \$2,500,000

Total Project Cost: \$3,876,495



Category	Score
Project Score	145
State Average	86
District Average	88

PROJECT MAP



PROJECT CATEGORY

Facilities for Bicycles and Pedestrians

SERVES A SCHOOL	EXISTING PROJECT
No	No

FUNDING ELIGIBILITY

<5,000
Statewide

APPLICATION NOTES

A portion of the project area includes existing sidewalks in good condition, which are not eligible to be replaced under the Transportation Alternatives program. Eligibility is limited to the new sidewalks and ADA improvements.

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TA Project Scoring

- **Scoring - All projects have a score derived from responses in the application:**
 - **Project Delivery and Funding**
 - **Project Concept & Benefit**
 - **Readiness to Proceed**
 - **Deductive Measure**
- **Priority Status for Existing Projects**
 - **Existing projects are indicated on the scorecards**
- **Underserved Communities are noted on the scorecards consistent with federal guidelines**

SRTS Non-Infrastructure Scoring Criteria

- **Community and school representation on the SRTS Program team**
- **Well-defined vision and activities that address the goals of the program**
- **Knowledge of student travel**
- **Knowledge of key issues**
- **Ability to meet the required match**
- **# of Title One schools that will benefit from the award**
- **Percent of budget that will be spent on students (rather than salary or administration)**
- **Completeness of the application**

District Summaries

- **Provides information regarding current TA projects within each District**
 - **Color-coded to indicate status (under construction or under development)**
- **At-Large Members received all nine District summaries**

Next Steps

Date	Milestone
January 2024	Present TAP update and scores to CTB District Members/TMAs for use in selections
February 13, 2024	CTB District member selections provided to LAD LAD provides to TMAs
February-March 2024	TMAs provide selections to LAD
April 2024	CTB At-Large member selection meeting
April-May 2024	SYIP public meetings
June 2024	CTB approval of project allocations