

Web-based General Implementation Breakdown

# Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside



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# What is TA-Set Aside

- ▶ Formally known as Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)
  - ▶ Now a set-aside of funds under the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG)
  - ▶ These set-aside funds include all projects and activities that were previously eligible under TAP, including a variety of smaller-scale transportation projects such as pedestrian and vegetation management, and environmental mitigation related to stormwater and habitat connectivity.

# TAP 2016 & 2014 Recap

## ▶ TAP 2016

- ▶ Regional: 11 projects \$7.6M
- ▶ Statewide: 13 projects \$9.36M

## ▶ TAP 2014

- ▶ Regional: 11 projects \$7.5M
- ▶ Statewide: 13 projects \$7.85M

# Pre-application Activities

- ▶ The sponsor is required to schedule a meeting to discuss the project with DVRPC before submitting an application. Sponsor can submit a meeting request on DVRPC's website.
  - ▶ Focus on:
    - ▶ Scope of work: Do you have a clear defined scope of work that is eligible for this program?
    - ▶ Public Involvement: Has public involvement been started?
    - ▶ ROW – Public vs. Private: ROW can be time consuming and a road block for projects; the less ROW needed the more competitive a project may be.
    - ▶ Project Team: These projects have tight deadlines make sure you pick an experienced and knowledgeable consultant
    - ▶ Estimates: Please provide an accurate estimate as it does not make your project more competitive if you ask for too little and remember to take into account the construction year. These projects will be bid through ECMS. Also consider phasing your project if it is too expansive.

# Who is Eligible to Apply for TA Set-Aside?

- ▶ Local governments
- ▶ Regional transportation authorities
- ▶ Transit agencies
- ▶ Natural resource or public land agencies
- ▶ School districts, local education agencies, or schools
- ▶ Tribal governments
- ▶ Nonprofit entity responsible for the administration of local transportation safety programs
- ▶ Any other local or regional governmental entity responsible for the oversight of transportation or recreation (other than a MPO or State agency) that the State determines to be eligible.
  - ▶ *Cannot be registered as a 501 (c) organization.*

# Eligible TAP Projects – Region & State



Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities



Bicycle and Pedestrian Education / Encouragement



Conversion of Abandoned Railway Corridors to Trails



Construction of Turnouts, Overlooks, and Viewing Areas



Outdoor Advertising Management

# Eligible TAP Projects – Region & State



Historic Preservation & Rehab of Transportation Facilities



Vegetation Management



Archaeological Activities



Stormwater Management



Wildlife Mortality Mitigation

# Program Funding

- ▶ FAST Allocations
  - ▶ Regional: Approximately \$3.9 million for each of the three years
  - ▶ Statewide: Approximately \$55 million
- ▶ Construction
  - ▶ Applicant responsible for 100% pre-construction activities
  - ▶ Construction & Construction Inspection paid from federal share (up to award amount)
- ▶ Non construction projects
  - ▶ 100% federal government funds; sponsor responsible for activity planning, coordination, and development
- ▶ TAP projects can be combined with other funding sources such as State Grants and/or Private Contributions
- ▶ Statewide Min - \$50,000 Regional Min - \$250,000  
Max - \$1 million (soft cap)
- ▶ PENNDOT is the steward of FHWA funding



# Application Process Timeline

- ▶ Application will be available online
  - ▶ Tentative application time: July 10<sup>th</sup> – September 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - ▶ Submit one application for both regional and statewide consideration
- ▶ Program Guidance will be available by the end of June
- ▶ Reference documentation from previous cycles is available on DVPRC's website
  
- ▶ Statewide selection to follow after the Regional Subcommittee selects projects and make recommendations for the Statewide funds.

# Preparing a Competitive Application

- ▶ Regional Selection Criteria
  - ▶ Project Readiness
    - ▶ Project Team, Clearances, Estimate, Schedule
  - ▶ Project Quality
    - ▶ Connectivity, Community Involvement, Safety, EJ, Support from the County
- ▶ Obligate Funds by August 2020
  - ▶ Obligation: Must have 3 clearances (ROW, Environmental, and Utility) and a PS&E package submission

# Preparing a Competitive Application

- ▶ Define project and scope: What are the limits?
- ▶ Provide maps and figures: Include cross sections and/or aerials
- ▶ Show project readiness in application: How will this project meet the 2020 deadline?
- ▶ Prepare accurate estimates & schedule: Consider construction year prices, clearly lay out funding and sources for all phases
- ▶ **Work with your County, DVRPC, & District 6-0**

# Regulatory Requirements

- ▶ Reimbursement
  - ▶ No funds will be provided up front. This program requires a reimbursement agreement to be signed and executed
- ▶ Clearances
  - ▶ Environmental
  - ▶ Right-of-Way
  - ▶ Utility
- ▶ Design & Construction Inspection: CI may be up to 12-15% of construction cost. Refer to PUB 93. 1% - 3% will be allocated for Department Incurred Costs

# Regulatory Requirements

- ▶ Any permits must be secured by the sponsor.
- ▶ Public Utility Commission (PUC) Involvement. This is typically required if there is any railroad involvement.
- ▶ Bidding will be bid through PennDOT's ECMS system. The consultant will put together PS&E package for project and the PennDOT approved contractor (low bidder) will perform work according to plans and specs.
- ▶ Cost Increases / Changes in Scope of Work: Any cost overruns will be the Sponsor's responsibility. Additionally, any changes in scope will need PennDOT written approval.
- ▶ Maintenance will be the responsibility of the sponsor
- ▶ Project Cancellation is a possibility. Each project will be assigned a project manager who will continually monitor the projects progress and will keep PennDOT central office informed

# Design Development Process

- ▶ Local Project Delivery Process
  - ▶ Refer to PUB 740
- ▶ Clearances
  - ▶ Environmental, ROW, Utility
- ▶ Approvals
  - ▶ Safety, Traffic, ADA, Construction, Plan Review, PS&E
  - ▶ Signals, Structures, Proprietary, Lighting

# Thank You!

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