

**AGENDA ITEM #26: TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES SET-ASIDE: FY 2018
TIMELINE
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The Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act replaced the former Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) with a set-aside of funds under the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) referred to as the TA Set-Aside. The TA Set-Aside authorizes funding for programs and projects defined as ***transportation alternatives***, including:

- On and off road pedestrian and bicycle facilities
- Infrastructure projects for improving non-driver access to public transportation and enhanced mobility
- Community improvement activities such as historic preservation and vegetation management
- Environmental mitigation related to stormwater and habitat connectivity
- Recreational trail projects
- Safe routes to school projects
- Projects for planning designing, or constructing boulevards and other roadways largely in the right-of-way of former divided highways.

The VDOT Local Assistance Division (LAD), in conjunction with Virginia MPOs, coordinates the TA Set-Aside project selection process in Virginia.

Important dates associated with the FY 2018 TA Set-Aside:

- July/August 2016 – Applicant Workshops (See attachment for all locations)
 - August 17, 2016 – 10:00 a.m.
Smithfield Center
220 North Church Street
Smithfield, VA 23430
- September 16, 2016 – Letter to the HRTPO requesting resolution of support
- November 1, 2016 – Application Deadline (Submit to VDOT LAD)
- March 2017 – TPS meeting to review TA Set-Aside project proposals and select a set of projects to recommend to receive FY 2018 TA Set-Aside funding
- April 5, 2017 – TTAC meeting – Consider TPS recommendations regarding TA Set-Aside project selection and funding
- April 20, 2017 – HRTPO Board meeting – Board considers TTAC recommendations regarding TA Set-Aside project selection and funding and approves a set of projects to receive FY 2018 TA Set-Aside funding

Information on TA Set-Aside, including the *Guide to the HRTPO TA Set-Aside Project Selection Process*, may be accessed on the HRTPO website at:
<http://www.hrtpo.org/page/transportation-alternatives-program/>.

Additional information on TA Set-Aside is available on the VDOT website at:
<http://www.virginiadot.org/business/prehancegrants.asp>

Mr. Mike Kimbrel, HRTPO Principal Transportation Engineer, will brief the TTAC on this item.

Attachment 26

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Submit applications and requests for HRTPO resolution of support by the deadlines indicated above.



2016 APPLICANT WORKSHOPS

The “Applicant Workshop” is strongly recommended for localities and other project sponsors that are interested in applying for FY 2018 federal Transportation Alternatives (TA) funding. This year’s application deadline is November 1, 2016. At these workshops we will review the TA program eligibility, application process, and scoring criteria. The workshops last about two hours and are free of charge. To register for a workshop please click on the following link: [TA Workshop Registration](#)

Tuesday July 26, 2016 at 10AM

VDOT Culpeper District Office
VDOT Culpeper District Office Auditorium
1601 Orange Road (Route 15)
Culpeper, VA 22701

Wednesday August 03, 2016 at 10AM

Wytheville Heritage Preservation Center
Education Room – Upper Level
115 W. Spiller Street
Wytheville, VA 24382

Tuesday August 09, 2016 at 10AM

South Street Conference Center
The Lower Room
124 South St.
Farmville, VA 23901

Wednesday August 17, 2016 at 10AM

Smithfield Center
Center C & D
220 North Church Street
Smithfield, VA 23430

Directions to all locations are on the following pages



Tuesday July 26, 2016 – VDOT Culpeper District Office Auditorium – (540) 829-7500

From Interstate 95: Take the Route 3 West (Culpeper) exit. Once in Culpeper, turn left at the first traffic light (Orange Road/Route 15). Go approx. ¼ mi. and turn left into the Culpeper District Office Complex.

From the North along Route 29: Take the Rte. 3 / Rte. 522 exit toward Culpeper and then follow the above directions.

From the South along Route 29: Take the Culpeper/Route 15 exit. Go approx. 1 mi. and turn right into the Culpeper District Office Complex.

Wednesday August 03, 2016 – Wytheville Heritage Preservation Center – (276) 223-3330

Coming From the West on Interstate 81:

Take Wytheville Exit 70 off I-81 (Wal-Mart/Lowes at this exit). Turn right off exit. At the next stoplight (Wal-Mart shopping center entrance on your right), get into far left lane to turn left onto Tazewell Street. You will see a blue Visitor's Center sign. Follow this road past the Visitor's Center, about a mile, until you come to a stop sign. Spiller Elementary School will be on your left. Turn right onto Spiller Street at the stop sign, we are located in the brick building on your left, beside Withers Park.

Coming From the East on Interstate 81:

Take Wytheville Exit 70 off I-81. You will turn left, going across four lanes of traffic. Get into the far left turn lane at the first stoplight (the Wal-Mart shopping center will be on your right) to turn onto Tazewell Street. You will see a blue Visitor's Center sign. Follow this road past the Visitor's Center, about a mile, until you come to a stop sign. Spiller Elementary School will be on your left. Turn right onto Spiller Street at the stop sign, we are located in the brick building on your left, beside Withers Park.

Coming From Bluefield, West Virginia:

Take I-77 South, travel approximately 35 miles to Exit 41, turn right off of ramp and proceed straight (Peppers Ferry Road, then changes to Monroe Street), turn right at third light (Tazewell Street), then take first left onto Spiller Street. We are located in the brick building on your left, beside Withers Park.

A parking lot is available behind the building or you may park along the street.



Tuesday August 09, 2016 – South Street Conference Building- (434) 392-2118

From Lynchburg: Take 460 East for approximately 45 miles to Farmville. Take the first Farmville exit (15 North, 460 East Business). Once on that exit, bear to your right at the stop light (this is Third Street). Follow Third Street approximately three miles into Town. Once you see the hospital on the right (Oak Street) you will go to the fourth stop light. Make a right onto South Street, and you will see the conference center just ahead on your left.

From Danville: Take 360 East to Keysville. In Keysville, take 15 North approximately 23 miles to Farmville. In Farmville, continue into Town on 15 North, which turns into Main Street. Continue north on Main Street for approximately two and a half miles, then make a right onto East Third Street. At the next stop light (South Street) you will make a right and the conference center is just ahead on your left.

From Petersburg: Take 460 West to Farmville. Take the first Farmville exit (460 West Business, which is also Third Street). Go to the fourth stoplight and make a left onto South Street. The conference center is just ahead on your left.

From Richmond: Take 360 West for approximately 45 miles. In Amelia County, you will want to turn right onto Route 307 West. Travel Route 307 for nine miles and it will end at Route 460. Make a right onto Route 460 West. Take 460 West to Farmville. Take the first Farmville exit (460 West Business, which is also Third Street). Go to the fourth stoplight and make a left onto South Street. The conference center is just ahead on your left.

Wednesday August 17, 2016 - Smithfield Center – (757) 356-9939

From the East other than Route 460: Take Route 10/258 Bypass to the intersection of Route 10/258 and Main Street (approx. 2 miles after Cypress Creek Golf Course on the left). Turn right at the stop light onto Main Street. Turn left at the North Church Street. The Smithfield Center will be on the right.

From the East via Route 460: Turn right on Route 258 at Windsor. Stay on Route 258 (Courthouse Highway) Courthouse Road when it becomes Main Street at the Town limits. Stay on Main Street until the intersection of North Church Street. Turn left at North Church Street. The Smithfield Center is on your left.

From the West via Route 460: Turn left on Route 620 (Foursquare Road) at Ivor. Turn left on Route 258 (Courthouse Highway) Courthouse Road becomes Main Street at the Town limits. Stay on Main Street until the intersection of North Church Street. Turn left at North Church Street. The Smithfield Center is on your left.