

AGENDA ITEM #7: TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM

SUBJECT:

Project selection for the Transportation Alternatives Program.

BACKGROUND:

The new Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) created by MAP-21 requires that 50% of the program funds received by the state be sub-allocated to areas based on population, while the other 50% may be obligated to any area of the state. Transportation Management Areas (MPOs having an urban population over 200,000) have the authority to select and award funding from their sub-allocations to projects carried out within their urbanized boundaries through a competitive selection process.

Regarding TAP project selection for this year (FY 2014 allocations), the TTAC agreed to the following recommendations by the VDOT Local Assistance Division (LAD):

- Only existing projects be considered for TAP funding during the first year.
- There be a consistent application form, scoring criteria, and selection process.
- VDOT handle the application, solicitation, and oversight of the scoring. MPOs will be provided with the scored applications for their areas and will have complete latitude on project selection in the TMA.

LAD has received a total of five applications for existing projects, plus one application for a new project. The projects are:

- Elizabeth River Trail, City of Norfolk
- Dismal Swamp Canal Trail, City of Chesapeake
- Cape Henry Lighthouse Restoration, City of Virginia Beach
- Pine Chapel Road, City of Hampton
- Isle of Wight Trail, Isle of Wight County
- Commonwealth Railway Trail Conversion – Portsmouth Segment – VPA (New)

The scored TAP applications will be handed out during the meeting.

Mr. Mike Kimbrel, Principal Transportation Engineer, will initiate discussion on this item.

Handout

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Provide a recommended set of projects and TAP allocations for consideration by the TTAC.