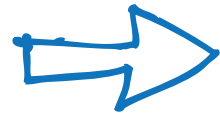


Transportation Alternatives Program

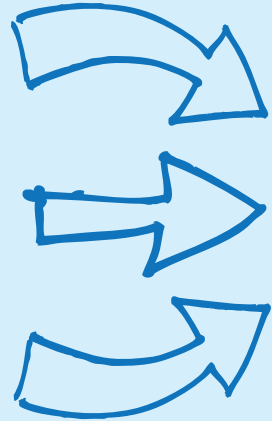
The new Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) solicitation is now underway. This is the new program that has combined the old Transportation Enhancements, Scenic Byways and Safe Routes to School programs. This program now has a two-step process, first submitting a Letter of Intent (LOI) and second, submitting the full application. Below is information about the new Transportation Alternatives Program.

100+ programs under SAFETEA-LU



6 programs under MAP-21

Transportation Enhancements
Safe Routes to School
Scenic Byways
other discretionary programs



Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)

\$24.65 million down to

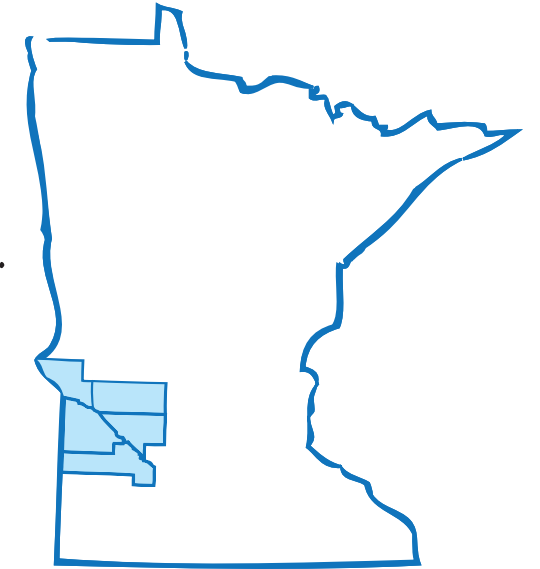


\$13 million statewide

TAP makes up only 2% of all federal highway funds

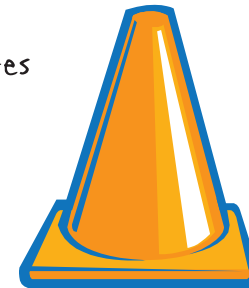
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\$13 million available statewide...



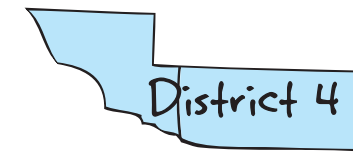
Qualifying TAP activities:

1. On-road and Off-road facilities for pedestrians and bicyclists
2. Projects to provide safe routes for non-drivers
3. Conversion and use of abandoned railroad corridors
4. Construction of turnouts, overlooks and viewing areas
5. Community improvement activities
6. Environmental mitigation activities

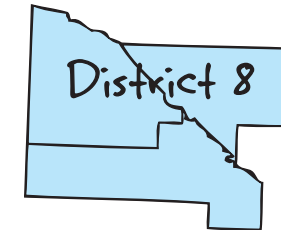


Visit MnDOT's website for full descriptions of these 6 main areas:
www.dot.state.mn.us/map-21/tap.html

\$600,000 available in District 4 (includes Swift & Big Stone counties)



\$300,000 available in District 8 (includes Lac qui Parle, Chippewa & Yellow Medicine counties)

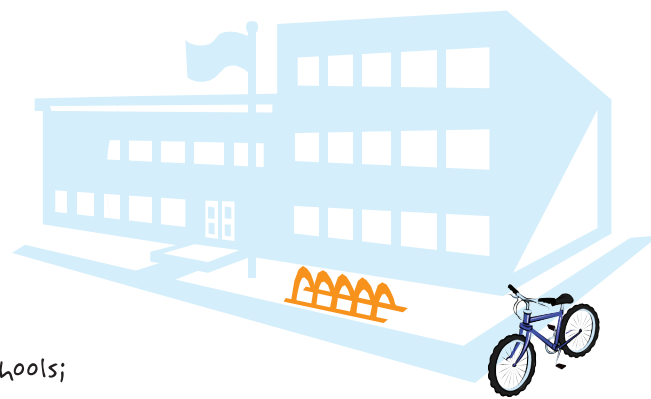


Regional application & selection process

Eligible project sponsors:

Under 23 USC 213(c)(4)(B) the eligible entities to receive TAP funds are:

- local governments;
- regional transportation authorities;
- transit agencies;
- natural resource or public land agencies;
- school districts, local education agencies, or schools;
- tribal governments; and
- any other local or regional governmental entity with responsibility for oversight of transportation or recreational trails (other than a metropolitan planning organization or a State agency) that the State determines to be eligible, consistent with the goals of subsection (c) of section 213 of title 23.



Transportation activities that are no longer eligible for federal funding: scenic easements; transportation museums; visitor centers; marketing & marketing plans; interpretive plans; Scenic Byway corridor management plans; and bicycling and pedestrian safety and education programs for adults.



Important Dates:

November 15: Letter of intent due
February 1: Full application due
April 15: Grant recipients announced



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