



Santa Fe Metropolitan Planning Organization

“Promoting Interconnected Transportation Options”



STAFF MEMORANDUM

Date: June 06, 2018

From: Erick Aune, MPO Senior Planner

To: All Eligible Lead Agencies (including Municipality, County, Tribal Governments and School Districts)

Re: FFY2020 and FFY2021 Transportation Alternatives Program - Call for Projects

The Santa Fe MPO is soliciting applications for projects to be considered for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2020 and 2021 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Funding within the MPO Planning Area (See the Planning Area Map on the Website). All project applications that are located within the MPO Planning Area must be submitted to the Santa Fe MPO. All supporting documents and forms for this process are available for download from the MPO Website at:

<http://santafempo.org/documents/tip/transportation-alternatives-program/>

The Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) is a federal program originally authorized under Section 1122 of the federal transportation funding act, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21). TAP was reauthorized as a set-aside of the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) program in section 1109 of the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act), signed into law December of 2015. TAP provides funding for programs and projects such as: pedestrian and bicycle facilities, safe routes to school projects, infrastructure improvements that provide non-drivers better access to transit, environmental mitigation, and other infrastructure improvements to the transportation system.

The FAST Act requires that all states develop a competitive process specifically for TAP project selection. For the FFY2020 and FFY2021 Funding the competitive process will involve projects being rated and ranked on a Statewide basis by a Selection Committee.

Example Projects	Program (x indi
	TAP
• Sidewalks (street-adjacent)	x
• Streetscape improvements (as part of bike/pedestrian project)	x
• Non-motorized, paved, shared-use paths	x
• Equestrian trails	x*
• Motorized trails (e.g. for ATVs, snowmobiles, etc.)	
• ADA improvements	x
• Bike lanes, sharrows, and signage related to on-street bicycle facilities	x
• Lighting for bicycle and pedestrian facilities	x
• Traffic-calming measures (e.g. road diets)	x
• Stormwater projects related to bicycle or pedestrian improvements	x
• Trail maintenance	
• Trailside or trailhead facilities	
• Bicycle parking	x
• Bus bike racks	x
• Bicycle/pedestrian plans	x
• Path/trail and road intersection improvements	x
• Path/trail connections	x
• Bridges or tunnels for motorized trails and equestrian trails	
• Bridges or tunnels for bicycles and pedestrians (off-road)	x
• General educational programs/trainings	
• Bicyclist/pedestrian education for children in grades K-8	x
• Safe routes to school coordinator positions	x
• Bike share (capital costs only; no operations costs)	x
• Lease of trail construction and maintenance equipment	



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Statewide TAP Funding Estimates for FFY2020 and FFY2021:

Statewide TAP Funding Estimates for FFY2020 and FFY2021: Pop. Area Target	FFY 2020	FFY 2021
Pop, over 200,000 Only available in Albuquerque and El Paso Large Urban Areas	\$1,071,346	\$1,071,346
Pop. 5,000 to 200,000 (Small Urban) Available for projects within the Urbanized Area Boundary*	\$1,091,424	\$1,091,424
Pop. 4,999 or less (Rural) Available for projects outside the Urbanized Area Boundary*	\$694,754	\$694,754
Anywhere (Flexible)	\$2,857,525	\$2,857,525
Total:	\$5,715,525	\$5,715,525

- Max TAP Funds Agencies can apply for = \$2,000,000
- Min TAP Funds Agencies can apply for = \$75,000
- Note: Amounts apply to TAP portions of infrastructure projects; total project costs may exceed this amount once local match and other funding sources are included.
- Program Funds require a 14.56% Local Match of *the total project cost*. The Pueblo of Tesuque may use Tribal Transportation Program (TPP) funds for their local match.
- * - See Urbanized Area Map available to download on the MPO website.



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PROCESS: All Agencies are required to complete and submit electronically a Project Feasibility Form (PFF) to the Santa Fe MPO prior to submitting a TAP Application. Following receipt of the PFF the MPO will set up a meeting with the Agency and NMDOT representatives to determine the project eligibility and feasibility to meet the funding deadlines. If the project meets these criteria, then the Agency may submit a TAP Application Package to the MPO. The Deadline to submit a PFF electronically to Erick Aune at ajaune@santafenm.gov is **Wednesday August 01, 2018 at 5:00PM** (PFF's can be submitted at any time before this deadline).

Project Applications **must** follow the New Mexico Transportation Alternatives Program Guide and include a Project Identification Form (PIF), TAP Application, Resolution of Sponsorship, Letter(s) of support regarding right(s) of way (if needed) and a basic map of the project location. The deadline to submit TAP Project Applications is **Friday October 26, 2018 at 5:00PM** with applications submitted electronically to Erick Aune at ajaunesantafenm.gov. This will allow MPO Staff to review applications and request additional information if needed before submitting the Applications to NMDOT by **November 30th, 2018**

MPO Staff is available to meet or assist with the completion of the Project Applications (See staff contact information at end of memo).

Application Schedule Summary

Tuesday June 05, 2018 – Release of Call for Projects/Applications

Wednesday August 01, 2018 – Deadline to Submit Project Feasibility Form Electronically to the Santa Fe MPO at ajaune@santafenm.gov (5:00PM)

Monday August 06, - Friday August 10, 2018 – Technical Review & Support of submitted PFFs with MPO & NMDOT staff – Meeting will be set up and scheduled by the MPO.

Friday October 26, 2018 – Deadline for Agencies to Submit TAP Project Application Electronically to the Santa Fe MPO at ajaune@santafenm.gov (5:00PM)

Friday November 30, 2018 – Deadline for the Santa Fe MPO to Submit TAP Project Applications to the NMDOT TAP Coordinator (5:00PM)

Documents to Download from <http://santafempo.org/documents/tip/transportation-alternatives-program/>

- Santa Fe MPO Planning Area Map
- Santa Fe MPO Urbanized Area Map
- NMDOT Transportation Alternatives Project Selection Guide
- TAP Project Feasibility Form (PFF)



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- TAP Application Form
- NMDOT Project Identification Form (PIF)
- TAP Sample Resolution of Sponsorship
- Presentation to MPO Technical Coordinating Committee 06/25/18

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