



EAST-WEST GATEWAY
Council of Governments

Creating Solutions Across Jurisdictional Boundaries

MEMORANDUM

TO: Transportation Planning Committee - Missouri Members
FROM: East-West Gateway Staff
DATE: March 4, 2014
SUBJECT: Wednesday, March 5, 2014 meeting

The next meeting of the Missouri subcommittee of the Transportation Planning Committee (TPC) is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 5, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. at East-West Gateway Council of Governments offices.** (Reminder parking is available at Stadium-East Garage)

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the enclosed materials or the upcoming meeting please contact EWGCOG. The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Missouri Ballot Initiative and Transportation Project Priority Setting Process – Peter Koepfel
3. Transportation Alternatives Program – Jason Lange
4. FY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program – Jason Lange
5. Reasonable Progress – Sonya Pointer
6. Other Business
 - Next Meeting Rescheduled for Wednesday, April 16, 2014, 2 PM

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Background

The Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) was established by the current transportation law, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21). TAP consolidated most of the activities previously funded under the Transportation Enhancements (STP-E), and Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) programs.

The STP-E program was originally authorized in the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA) and continued through two successive laws, the 1998 Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) and the 2005 Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). The SRTS program was originally authorized in SAFETEA-LU. TAP builds upon the legacy of the STP-E and SRTS programs by expanding travel choices, strengthening the local economy, improving the quality of life, and protecting the environment.

TAP Project Eligibility

TAP provides funding for Local Public Agency 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
- Environmental mitigation
- SRTS projects

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Although TAP includes many activities that were eligible through STP-E, the following STP-E activities are not eligible for TAP:

- Safety and educational activities for pedestrians and bicyclists, except activities targeting children in Kindergarten through 8th grade, which are eligible under SRTS.
- Acquisition of scenic easements and scenic or historic sites.
- Scenic or historic highway programs, including visitor, historic sites, or safety rest areas.
- Landscaping and other scenic beautification as independent projects. However, some landscaping and other scenic enhancement features are eligible as part of any federal-aid highway project under 23 U.S.C. 319, including TAP funded projects.
- Historic preservation as an independent activity unrelated to historic transportation facilities.
- Operation of historic buildings, structures, or facilities.
- Archaeological planning and research undertaken for proactive planning. This category can only be used as mitigation for highway projects.
- Transportation museums.

The following uses are also not eligible for TAP:

- Recreational projects, such as pedestrian or bicycle loops around ball fields, parks, lakes, or other public areas.
- Roadway resurfacing or reconstruction.
- Lighting that is not pedestrian scale.
- Normal environmental mitigation work.
- Rip-rapping for water runoff as an independent project.
- Hardscapes (i.e., decorative fencing, monuments/statues, welcome/gateway signs, water fountains, towers, flag poles, etc.).
- Routine maintenance and operations, including incidental (i.e., grass cutting, tree pruning, tree removal, soil stabilization, noise barriers, drainage improvements, or post-construction finish work such as replanting or reseeding).

The appendix at the end of the memo provides examples of eligible TAP activities.

TAP Project Selection

The East-West Gateway Council of Governments, as the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the St. Louis region, selects locally funded TAP projects in accordance with federal law [23 USC 213(c)] and the principles and framework identified in the long-range transportation plan, *RTP 2040* (adopted June 2011). The projects are selected based on available funding and included in the FY 2015-2019 Transportation Improvement Program.

Call for Project Applications

The following is the schedule for the East-West Gateway process to solicit, review proposals, and select projects. A date range is given for approximate date of workshops.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Activity</i>
April 23, 2014	Call for project applications – Applications posted online
May 5-9, 2014	Project Development Workshop - TAP (<i>attendance encouraged</i>)
June 12, 2014	Preliminary applications due (<i>optional</i>)
June 23-27, 2014	Project review workshop (<i>optional</i>)
July 31, 2014	Final application deadline
August 2014	Project evaluation period
September 10, 2014	Missouri TPC meeting – Project recommendations
September/ October 2014	List of recommended projects released for Public Comment / public open houses
October 29, 2014	East-West Gateway Board of Directors meeting – Amended to TIP

Available Funding

There is approximately \$7.6 to 10.5 million available to program during this funding cycle. This is based on the TAP apportionment (\$4.6 million) from FY 2014 as well as the anticipated apportionments in FY 2015 and FY 2016. The funding availability also takes into account previous commitments to STP-E projects programmed in 2012. The final amount will be determined at the time of project selection at the September TPC meeting. Applications will be accepted for projects beginning in FY 2015 through FY 2016.

As with other funding programs, there is a maximum 80% federal participation in TAP. This includes SRTS type projects as well. Phases of work eligible for funding include: preliminary engineering, right of way acquisition, and construction. The upcoming Project Development Workshop will detail project eligibility and how to complete the project application.

Sponsor Eligibility

The eligible entities to receive TAP funds are limited to city, county, or transportation-related government agencies located within East-West Gateway's MPO boundary. This includes Franklin, Jefferson, St. Charles, and St. Louis counties and the City of St. Louis in Missouri, and Madison, Monroe, and St. Clair counties in Illinois. Transportation related government agencies include Metro and Great Rivers Greenway. Not-for-profit entities must partner with an eligible entity to be considered an eligible project sponsor. Eligibility for SRTS projects is expanded to include school districts and other public entities.

Appendix: Project Examples

1. Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities
 - a. New or reconstructed sidewalks, walkways, or curb ramps
 - b. Bike lane striping
 - c. Wide paved shoulders
 - d. Bike parking and bus racks
 - e. New or reconstructed off-road trails
 - f. Bike and pedestrian bridges and underpasses
2. Safe Routes for Non-Drivers
 - a. Improve the ability of non-drivers to access daily needs, such as schools, clinics, libraries, markets, and public transportation
 - b. Educational programs relating to children in grades K-8
3. Conversion of Abandoned Railway Corridors to Trails
 - a. Planning, designing, and constructing multi-use trails along a railroad right-of-way
 - b. Major reconstructions of multi-use trails along a railroad right-of-way
 - c. Developing rail-with-trail projects
 - d. Purchasing unused railroad property for reuse
4. Scenic Turnouts and Overlooks
 - a. Construction of turnouts and overlooks
5. Outdoor Advertising Management
 - a. Billboard inventories, including those done with GIS/GPS
 - b. Removal of illegal and non-conforming billboards
6. Historic Preservation and Rehabilitation of Historic Transportation Facilities
 - a. Restoration and reuse of historic buildings with strong link to transportation history
 - b. Restoration and reuse of historic buildings for transportation related purposes
 - c. Interpretive displays at historic sites
 - d. Access improvements to historic sites and buildings
 - e. Restoration of railroad depots, bus stations, and lighthouses
 - f. Rehabilitation of rail trestles, tunnels, bridges, and canals
7. Vegetation Management
 - a. Clearing low-hanging branches or other vegetation encroaching on a travel corridor
 - b. Landscaping to improve sightlines or other safety considerations
 - c. Planting grasses or wildflowers to manage erosion along transportation corridors
8. Archeological Activities
 - a. Research, preservation planning, and interpretation
 - b. Developing interpretive signs, exhibits, and guides
 - c. Inventories and surveys
9. Stormwater Mitigation
 - a. Detention and sediment basins
 - b. Stream channel stabilization
 - c. Storm drain stenciling and river clean-ups
 - d. Water pollution studies
10. Wildlife Management
 - a. Wetlands acquisition and restoration
 - b. Stream channel stabilization
 - c. Wildlife underpasses or overpasses which may include bridge extensions to provide or improve wildlife passage and wildlife habitat connectivity
 - d. Monitoring/data collection on habitat fragmentation and vehicle-caused wildlife mortality