

# Transportation Alternatives Program

Water Resources Committee  
June 25, 2020



**EAST-WEST GATEWAY**  
Council of Governments

Creating Solutions Across Jurisdictional Boundaries

# TAP Overview

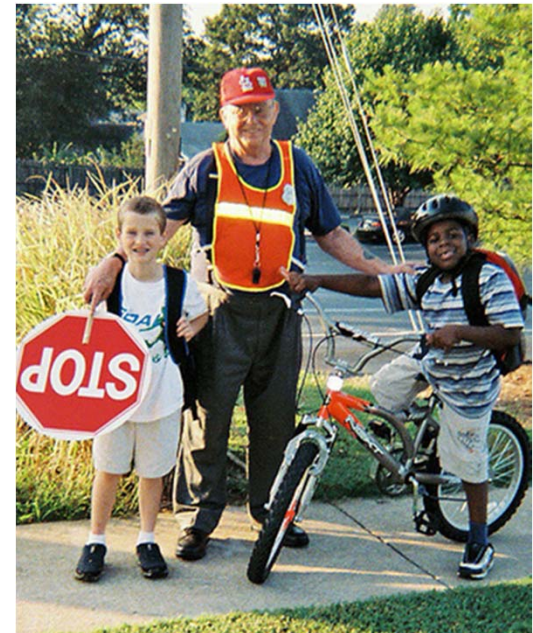
- Funded and authorized under the FAST Act: Fixing America's Surface Transportation
- Must demonstrate a direct relationship to surface transportation
- Reimbursement program – federal funding must be obligated (authorized) prior to incurring costs
  - Up to 80% federal funding
- Approximately \$10.5 million available in Missouri
  - \$1.5 million cap on federal funds requested
- Approximately \$1.3 million available in Illinois
  - \$500,000 cap on federal funds requested
- **Applications are due August 20 by 4:00 PM**

## Eligible Applicants

- Project sponsor must be a transportation related government agency, such as:
  - City
  - County
  - Transit District
  - Great Rivers Greenway / MEPRD
- Must be located in Madison, Monroe, St. Clair, Franklin, Jefferson, St. Charles, St. Louis counties, or the City of St. Louis
- School districts and non-profit schools may apply for SRTS non-infrastructure funding
- Other sponsors, such as non-profit agencies, must partner as secondary sponsors with any eligible sponsor

# Eligible Project Types

- Bicycle and Pedestrian Activities
  - Facilities/Infrastructure
  - Safe Routes for Non-Drivers
  - Conversion of railroad corridors
  - Road diets or retrofits
- Safe Routes to School (Non-infrastructure)
  - Educational program for children grades K-8
  - Public awareness campaigns
  - Traffic education (within 2 miles of a K-8 school)



# Eligible Project Types

- Community Improvement Activities
  - Scenic turnouts and overlooks
  - Outdoor Advertisement Management
  - Preservation and rehabilitation of historic transportation facilities
  - Vegetation Management
  - Archaeological activities
- Environmental Mitigation
  - Stormwater Management
  - Water Pollution Prevention or Abatement
  - Reduce Vehicle-Caused Wildlife Mortality
  - Restore Habitat Connectivity



## Excluded Uses

- General recreation projects
- Routine maintenance and operations
- Roadway resurfacing or reconstruction
- Park facilities
- Hardscaping
  - Decorative fencing, monuments/statues, welcome/gateway signs, water fountains, flagpoles
- Non-pedestrian scale lighting
- ADA Transition Plans

Community  
Improvement &  
Environmental  
Mitigation  
Activities:  
Scoring Criteria

Criteria	Points
Significance/Need	25
Resource/Facility	15
Safety/Mitigation	15
Quantity	10
Planning	10
Other Benefits/Innovation	10
Public Exposure	10
Program Match	3
Budget	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>

# EWG Program Schedule

Activity	Date
Call for projects begins	June 4, 2020
Project Development Workshop	June 11
Preliminary applications due <i>(optional)</i>	July 9
Preliminary application comments returned	July 23
Project Review Workshop - Missouri <i>(optional)</i>	July 13
Project Review Workshop - Illinois <i>(optional)</i>	July 15
<b>Application deadline</b>	<b>August 20</b>
Application review and evaluation	August - December
Transportation Planning Committee makes funding recommendation	January 2021
Public comment period	January 29- February 26
Final Board of Directors approval	March 31



# Questions?

- TAP Webpage: <https://www.ewgateway.org/tapcall>
- General Contact: [TAP@ewgateway.org](mailto:TAP@ewgateway.org)
- TAP Eligibility and Requirements, Applications, Scoring Criteria: Melissa Theiss
- Project Scheduling, Tracking, and Implementation: Josh Schwenk
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