



## **Transportation Alternatives Program Project Selection Policy Update**

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# Transportation Alternatives Background

- **Established by MAP-21 in July, 2012**
- **Significant changes to the eligibility and funding requirements from the previous Enhancement program**
- **Established that MPOs in high population areas would make project selections**
- **Interim Policy put in place to allow allocation of funds to proceed**

# FY14 Interim Transportation Alternatives Policy

- Existing TA eligible Enhancement Projects Only
- MPO/TMA areas make selections in those areas
- Statewide selections by the District CTB members and Secretary of Transportation
- CTB At-Large selections based on population areas under 200,000
- Provision allowing CTB At-Large selections for statewide funds in excess of \$10M

## Proposed Transportation Alternatives Policy

- **New projects will be considered**
- **MPO/TMA make selections in those areas**
- **Statewide selections by the District CTB members – up to \$9M divided equally**
- **Secretary/CTB At-Large selections based on population areas under 200,000 and statewide selections for any amount above \$9M mentioned in previous bullet**

## Proposed Transportation Alternatives Policy

- **Projects must be under construction within four years of first allocation**
- **Re-establish that selections must be awarded at least 50% of requested amount**
- **Re-establish that requests for \$200,000 and under must be provided the full amount, if that amount completes the project**
- **Includes a revised De-allocation, Project Transfer, and Inactive Project Policy**

# Deallocation/Transfer/Inactive Project Process

## Changes from previous process:

- Increased flexibility - CTB members will be able to transfer remaining funds from completed/cancelled projects to any locality within their district
- Project Sponsors that do not respond to the 45 Day Letter will be advised that their project has been de-allocated funds will be available for re-allocation by the District CTB member
- LAD Program staff will review and provide extensions of time if sufficient supporting documentation provided; CTB members will be contacted if LAD determines the extension should not be granted and deallocation is recommended

## MPO/TMA Coordination

- Goal is to ensure a seamless and consistent application process regardless of who is selecting projects
- Collectively developing Scoring Criteria and Application for next cycle
- Three meetings held during May with planned continued coordination through application development
- Committee consists of:
  - Representatives from all MPOs in TMAs
  - VDOT District personnel
  - VDOT Central Office Staff

## TA Program Next Steps

- **June 2013 – FY15 Project Selection Policy presented to CTB for consideration**
- **June 2013 – CTB Approval of FY14 selections**
- **July 2013 – CTB Approval of TA Project Selection Policy**
- **August – Applicant Workshops**
- **September/October 2013– CTB Approval of remaining FY14 TMA Area selections**
- **November 1 – FY15 Applications Due**





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