

## Statewide Rural TAP FAQ

### **Are all projects eligible as defined by FHWA?**

No. MoDOT has limited project eligibility to infrastructure projects that aid in non-motorized transportation. Specifically:

1. Construction of on-road and off-road trail facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists, and other non-motorized forms of transportation, including sidewalks, bicycle infrastructure, pedestrian and bicycle signals, traffic calming techniques, lighting, and other safety-related infrastructure, and transportation projects to achieve compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990;
2. Construction of infrastructure-related projects and systems that will provide safe routes for non-drivers, including children, older adults, and individuals with disabilities to access daily needs;
3. Conversion and use of abandoned railroad corridors for trails for pedestrians, bicyclists, or other non-motorized transportation users; and
4. Construction of infrastructure-related projects to improve the ability of students to walk and bicycle to school, including sidewalk improvements, traffic calming and speed reduction improvements, pedestrian and bicycle crossing improvements, on-street bicycle facilities, off-street bicycle and pedestrian facilities, secure bicycle parking facilities, and traffic diversion improvements in the vicinity of schools.

### **Who will score the projects?**

A panel from area RPC's will evaluate all eligible applications using the merit criteria on the scoring sheet. The panel will individually evaluate the applications. The panel will then collectively assign a rating to each eligible application to fund qualified eligible nominations up to the allocated TAP dollar amount for that district.

### **If the LPA has an active or incomplete Federal project does that automatically disqualify them from this program call?**

No. This question is included on the application so MoDOT can be aware if the LPA has incomplete federal projects and or is not meeting the reasonable progress guide. If an LPA is seen to be out of compliance with MoDOT policy, the LPA could be deemed ineligible to receive TAP funds at this time. If you have additional questions please contact your local district contact or [Elizabeth.prestwood@modot.mo.gov](mailto:Elizabeth.prestwood@modot.mo.gov)

### **Are Non-Infrastructure Safe Routes to School activities eligible?**

No, currently the rural TAP call is only awarding infrastructure projects.

**How will the 46 points for response 9 “project Description” be awarded?**

The project description awards the bulk of TAP points. In the matrix it asks for consideration on “Clearly defined and described projects that discuss the function, impact and proximity. This is a subjective score that will be awarded by the RPCs.

**Why are there only 3500 characters allowed for project Description?**

This is an effort to keep project descriptions succinct and on point. There are other opportunities in the nomination to provide additional information about the project location, public support and other planning documents or studies.

**If my project is a minor alternation/improvement, do I still need to bring the whole section into ADA compliance?**

YES. Any and all components of your TAP project needs to bring items into full ADA compliance (including cross slope, ramps, signals, minimum sidewalk width etc). These items are eligible for TAP reimbursement and will not be considered “incidental”. If you have additional questions about ADA and your project, please contact [Elizabeth.prestwood@motdot.mo.gov](mailto:Elizabeth.prestwood@motdot.mo.gov)

**Where is the application form for TAP?**

The application is titled “Nomination Form”. This is the document that LPAs will use to submit project proposals for consideration.

**How will additional points for over match be awarded?**

There are an additional 10 points available for communities that provide match above 20%. The points will be awarded based on level of commitment from a community and not solely the percentage provided. The points will be awarded by taking into consideration the relative monetary value made by the community.

Example: Project A costs \$100,000 and provides 25% match. The LPA will pay \$25,000. However project B costs \$300,000 and provides 25% match the LPA will pay \$75,000. The financial level of commitment by the LPA of project B is significantly more even though both committed 25%.