



AWARD CYCLE

WisDOT anticipates accepting TAP applications in October 2013, with awards announced in early 2014. The first TAP award cycle will run from State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2014 to SFY 2018. WisDOT will educate interested members of the public at meetings throughout the state in fall 2013.

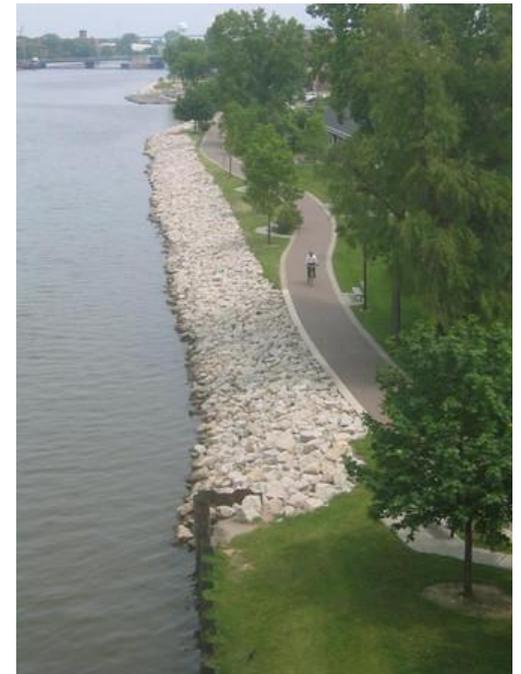


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Transportation Alternatives Program

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ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) allocates federal funds to transportation improvement projects that “expand travel choice, strengthen the local economy, improve the quality of life, and protect the environment.” TAP is a new legislative program that was authorized in 2012 by federal transportation legislation, the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21).

TAP combines three programs that were separate under previous legislation (SAFETEA-LU): Safe Routes to School, Transportation Enhancements, and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Program. The categories of eligible TAP projects are:

- Trail facilities for non-motorized transport
- Constructing safe routes for non-drivers
- Converting abandoned railroad corridors for non-motorized transportation
- Constructing turnouts, overlooks and viewing areas
- Community improvement activities
- Any environmental mitigation activity
- The Recreational Trails Program
- The Safe Routes to Schools program
- Projects in the right of way of former Interstate System routes or other divided highways

FUNDING

TAP is a reimbursement program. Local sponsors incur authorized costs and are reimbursed upon project completion. TAP is not retroactive, so costs incurred prior to authorization will not be reimbursed.

All TAP projects are funded 80% federally, with a 20% local match. The minimum project cost is \$50,000 for non-infrastructure and \$300,000 for infrastructure projects.

New TAP projects will contain a sunset clause stating that projects must be completed within approximately six years or risk loss of funding.



SPONSORS

Project sponsors are entities that apply for and oversee approved TAP projects. Sponsors work with various DOT staff to ensure compliance with federal and state regulations.

Eligible sponsors include local governments, (city, town, township, village, borough, parish, county, or tribe), natural resource and public land management agencies, school districts and schools, and regional transportation agencies and transit authorities.

Areas with a population over 200,000 are overseen by a Transportation Management Area (TMA). TMAs evaluate and select projects within their own jurisdiction.

Nonprofit agencies, state DOTs, and state MPOs are ineligible to receive TAP funding directly, but may partner with an eligible sponsor.

Sponsors of approved TAP infrastructure projects must attend a training session that certifies the sponsors to administer a Locally-Let Contract (LLC).

For in-depth information about TAP and other funding opportunities for local programs, visit WisDOT's web site:

www.dot.wisconsin.gov/localgov