

**2013**

**TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP)**

**PRIORITIZATION CRITERIA**

**MINIMUM CRITERIA – VERY IMPORTANT:**

- A.** Resolution of support from the municipality/applicant required in order for application to be accepted and evaluated for ranking. This requirement will be waived in the 2013 cycle only.
- B.** Projects must be consistent with the LRTP or one of the following documents: County’s Bike/Ped Plan and/or the Local Redevelopment Plan/CIP. If not consistent with any of these documents, the application is not to be accepted and evaluated for ranking.
- C.** Review existing ROW plans to make sure **no additional ROW and/or permanent easement will be required if ROW/permanent easement required, application is not eligible for funding.**

- 1. DEMONSTRATES ANTICIPATED HIGH BENEFIT OF THE PROJECT RELATIVE TO THE SIZE OF THE COMMUNITY (5% OF POPULATION/EMPLOYMENT) 20 Points**
  
- 2. PROVIDES SAFE ROUTES FOR NON-DRIVERS TO ACCESS DAILY NEEDS AND MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION 25 Points**
  
- 3. PROMOTES SAFETY AND SECURITY 25 Points**
  
- 4. DEMONSTRATES PROJECT SUPPORT 10 Points**
  
- 5. IMPROVES AN INTENSE LAND USE DESIGNATION 10 Points**
  
- 6. SERVES THE TRADITIONALLY UNDER SERVED/REPRESENTED PEOPLE 10 Points**

**Record of Sponsor’s ‘follow-thru’ – reflects a history of sponsor’s ability to keep the original application terms and information, such as the scope of work, limits, etc. Applicant will be deducted a one-time point deduction of 15 points if they have defaulted on any previous projects starting with the 2014 cycle.**

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE PRIORITIZATION CRITERIA:**

### **1. DEMONSTRATES ANTICIPATED HIGH BENEFIT OF THE PROJECT RELATIVE TO THE SIZE OF THE COMMUNITY (5% OF POPULATION/EMPLOYMENT):**

- The application should explain 'how' the proposed project will benefit the community; provide number of people in need of the project and a projected number of people to use the project when constructed; the application should explain if the project will enhance and preserve air quality and improve 'livability' within the community.

### **2. PROVIDES SAFE ROUTES FOR NON-DRIVERS TO ACCESS DAILY NEEDS AND MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION:**

- Emphasis will be given to projects to provide safe routes for children, older adults and individual with disabilities to access their daily needs, such as access to schools or school bus, job centers, health care centers, municipal downtowns, transit stations/stops etc. relative to the size of the community. (i.e. Access to School = 10 points, Access to Activity Center relative to the size of the community = 15, Access to School and Activity Center relative to the size of community = 25).

### **3. PROMOTES SAFETY AND SECURITY:**

- Improves an existing hazardous condition (s) and the quality of life within a community. To receive the full points, a complete description with supporting documentation (i.e crashes, illegal activity, etc.) is needed.

### **4. DEMONSTRATES PROJECTSUPPORT:**

- Project support could be provided from local officials, such as mayors, commissioners, neighborhood associations, HOAs, private non-profit agencies, etc.

### **5. IMPROVES AN INTENSE LAND USE DESIGNATION:**

- The applications would be evaluated, if located within, abutting, or connecting to a City Center/Downtown area (relative to the size of the community) or part of a revitalization/economic development plan/area. (i.e. City Center/Downtown relative to the size of the community = 5 points, revitalization/economic development area = 5, Both City Center/Downtown and revitalization/economic development area = 10).

### **6. SERVES THE TRADITIONALLY UNDER SERVED/REPRESENTED PEOPLE:**

- The application would receive maximum points if located in an area with an Environmental Justice population in need of the project. Applicant must demonstrate the applicability of this criteria.

**Tips for an improved application (1 point each):**

- Provide a project location map: a color coded map that clearly shows the beginning and end of project, road names, activity centers/businesses the project will serve, bus stations, connectivity to existing sidewalks and other infrastructures.
- Provide drawings, sketches, anything else that will visualizes the need, purpose and benefit of the project.
- Provide a schedule of the project and have a realistic completion plan.
- Plan for cost increases and inflation.
- Adopted Complete Streets Guidelines
- Adopted Complete Streets policies
- Adopted Complete Streets plan
- Project identified in Complete Streets plan
- Be creative and prepare an appealing, clear and concise application; use numbers and percentages to justify the need and benefit/usage, if implemented, of the project.
- Provide photographs of the proposed project location and 'before' and 'after' pics: a picture 'is worth it a million words'.
- System Linkage: Is the project a needed connecting link in a transportation system?  
Explain how the proposed project would address the needs of the transportation system.