

# Urban Waters National Training Workshop

## **How is USDOT supporting Urban Waters communities?**

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# Introduction to DOT

- The mission of USDOT is to serve the United States by ensuring a fast, safe, efficient, accessible and convenient transportation system that meets our vital national interests and enhances the quality of life of the American people, today and into the future.
- DOT, HUD and EPA formed the Partnership for Sustainable Communities to support six livability principles.

# Federal Funding Flow

- Majority of DOT surface transportation funds distributed by formula directly to state DOTs and transit agencies
- Limited number of discretionary grant programs



# How to Access DOT Funding

## If you're in an Urban Area:

- Discover what Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) covers your region
- Contact the MPO Planner and discuss options
- Contact your State Transportation Region Planner and discuss options

## If you're in a Rural Area:

- Locate the State Transportation Region where you are located
- Call and discuss options with Regional Planner
- Work with any Regional Transportation Organization that currently is in operation

- Applies to both formula and discretionary

# Major DOT Programs

- Multimodal Programs
  - TIGER program
  - TIFIA loan program
  - Metropolitan & Statewide Planning
- Highway Programs
  - Formula programs
  - Discretionary programs
- Transit Programs
  - New Starts Program
  - Formula programs
  - Discretionary programs



# Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)

- **Authorized under the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21)**



- **Mission:** To improve our Nation's communities through leadership, innovation, and program delivery.
- **Vision:** The Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) creates safe, accessible, attractive, and environmentally-sensitive communities where people want to live, work, and recreate.

# TAP: Project Eligibility

TAP consists of:

- Transportation Alternatives Definition
- Recreational Trails Program (RTP)
- Safe Routes to School (SRTS) activities
- Boulevards from Divided Highways

TAP projects are eligible under the Surface Transportation Program (STP).



# TAP: Project Eligibility

- Construction, planning, and design of...
  - Trail facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists, and nonmotorized transportation (i.e., sidewalks, bike infrastructure)
  - Projects and systems to provide safe routes for non-drivers, including older adults and individuals with disabilities, to access daily needs.
- Conversion/use of abandoned railroad corridors for trails for pedestrians, bicyclists, or other nonmotorized transportation.
- Construction of turnouts, overlooks, viewing areas.
- Community improvement activities
- Environmental mitigation activities

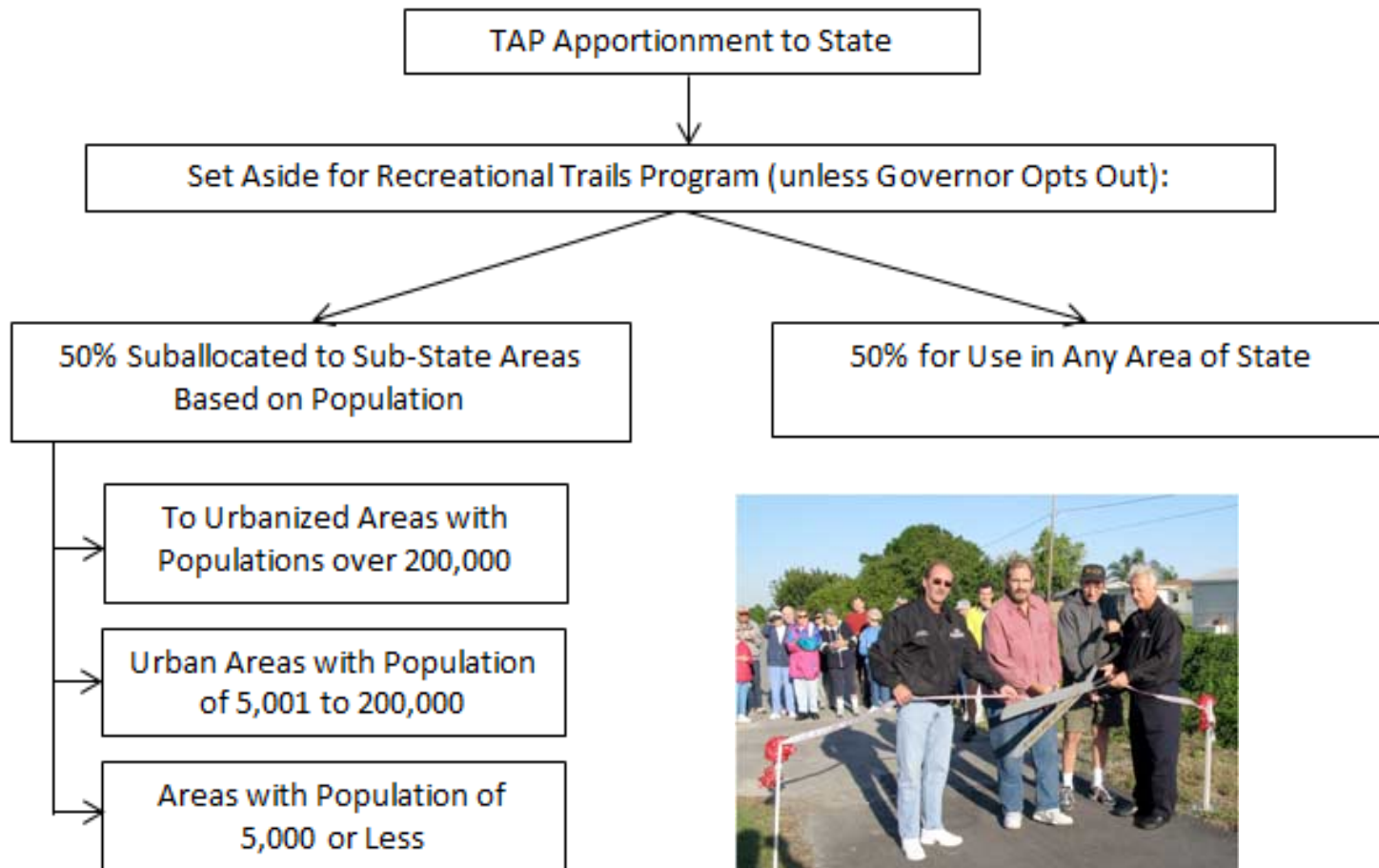


# TAP: Funds

- **How much?** TAP funding is **2%** of MAP-21 funding.
- **How is it funded?** Set-aside from each State's formula programs.
- **Funding levels:** Slightly below the Transportation Enhancement (TE) Activities under SAFETEA-LU:
  - FY 2013: \$808,760,000
  - FY 2014: \$819,900,000
  - FY 2015: \$545,851,233: 243/365 of FY 2014 thru May 31
- TAP funds are to be distributed using competitive processes at the State and large MPO (over 200,000) level.
- **Federal Share:** In general, Federal share for TAP is the same as the Federal-aid highway program: 80%, with Sliding Scale.

# TAP: Suballocation of Funds

- TAP funds are suballocated by formula



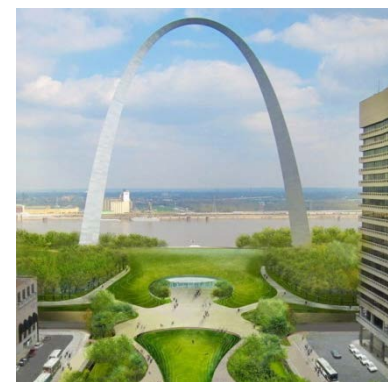
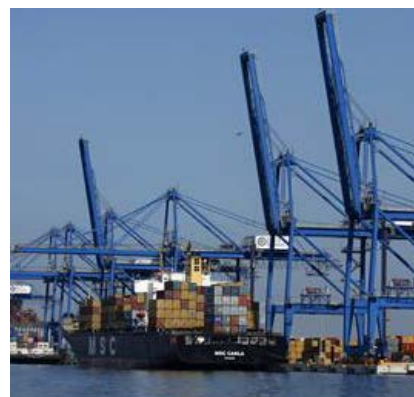
# TAP: Transfer of Funds

- States may transfer up to 50% of TAP funds to other FHWA programs.
  - After RTP set-aside.
  - No transfers from funds suballocated by population.
- States may transfer funds from other FHWA programs into TAP.
  - TAP projects are eligible under STP without a transfer.
- States may transfer funds to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for TAP-eligible projects.

# TAP: Project Sponsor Eligibility

- **Eligible Project Sponsors**
  - Local governments, regional transportation authorities, transit agencies
  - Natural resource/public land agencies, tribal governments
  - School districts/schools, local education agencies
  - Entities with oversight of transportation or recreational trails (other than an MPO or a State agency) that the State determines to be eligible
- **Project Sponsors Not Eligible**
  - State DOTs, Metropolitan Planning Organizations, nonprofit organizations

# TIGER Grant



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- The Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant program, provides a unique opportunity for the DOT to invest in road, rail, transit and port projects that promise to achieve critical national objectives
- \$4.1 billion appropriated since 2009
- Multimodal, merit-based discretionary grant program
- \$120 million set aside for rural areas per year
- Strong focus on creating ladders of opportunity



# TIGER Grant

- Highly competitive program
  - 6,100 applications received, \$125 billion requested, 342 awards
- Open to any government entity
- Outcome based, strict time limits on funding
- Additional information on TIGER website:  
[www.dot.gov/tiger/](http://www.dot.gov/tiger/)

# Ladders of Opportunity

*“Through transportation, we can help ensure that the rungs on the ladder of opportunity aren’t so far apart—and that the American dream is still within reach for those who are willing to work for it.” – Secretary Anthony Foxx*



- **Connectivity Measures** enable state and local decision makers to choose transportation investments and policies that connect people safely to jobs, education, and health care and other essential services.
- **LADDERsTEP (Transportation Empowerment Pilot)** provides technical assistance to mayors related to major infrastructure investments.
- **Ladders Street Design: Safer People Safer Streets** address transportation planning conventions that shut out consideration of the needs of road users who are traveling by foot, bicycle, or transit. Encourage adoption of a complete streets approach and better coordination between transit providers and highway agencies.



# Ladders of Opportunity: Funding Examples

- **TIGER:** (\$600 m, 72 Projects) In selecting projects, Secretary Foxx prioritized the extent to which the proposed project strengthens access to opportunities through transportation improvements. (Richmond and Omaha BRT, St. Louis Light Rail infill, Dahlenega Complete Streets)
- **FTA Ladders Bus:** (\$100 m, 24 Projects) to significantly improve bus service and bus facilities in urban and rural communities where residents depend heavily on public transportation
- **FRA Ladders:** (\$36 m) Intercity passenger rail grade crossing improvement projects, PTC implementation, and Passenger Rail Corridor Investment Plan

# Transit Programs

- FTA Discretionary Program
  - New Starts/Small Starts
- FTA Formula Programs
  - Fixed Guideway Capital Investment Grants (5309)
  - Urbanized Area Formula Program (5307)
  - Formula Grants for Rural Areas (5311)

# Additional DOT Programs

- Surface Transportation Program
- Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) program
- Transit-Oriented Development Pilot (TOD)
- Bus and Bus Facilities
- Tribal Transit Program/Tribal Transportation Program
- Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities
- Passenger Ferry Grant Program
- Airport Improvement Program (AIP) and Passenger Facility Charge (PFC)
- Rail Line Relocation and Improvement Capital Grant Program
- High Speed Rail/ Intercity Passenger Rail Investment
- America's Marine Highway
- Small Shipyard Grant Program

# Information Resources

- MAP-21
  - <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/map21/>
  - <http://www.fta.dot.gov/map21/>
- TAP resources
  - Additional information: <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/map21/guidance/guidetap.cfm>
  - State TAP Manager contacts: [www.pedbikeinfo.org/data/state.cfm](http://www.pedbikeinfo.org/data/state.cfm)
- TIGER resources
  - Additional information: [www.dot.gov/tiger/](http://www.dot.gov/tiger/)
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