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Subject: Revision to August 22, 2019 TPO Agenda Item #9
Attachments: Revision to FY20-21 TA Application Endorsements.pdf

TO: Policy Board Members, Roanoke Valley Transportation Planning Organization

Revision of 8/22/19 RVTPO Agenda Item #9: Endorsement of Candidate Projects Seeking Transportation Alternatives Funding and Supporting Resolution

Following the August 16th release of the August 22 RVTPO meeting agenda packet, staff received new information requiring a revision. Upon guidance from VDOT, staff has revised the initial staff report, TA project endorsement requests, and supporting resolution to include consideration of the Roanoke River Greenway – Blue Ridge Parkway Crossing along Highland Road project from Roanoke County (See Attached Revised Items). On March 22, 2018, the Policy Board allocated \$366,606 in FY19 and FY20. During this application cycle, staff received an endorsement request for the same project, seeking an additional \$200,000 due to an anticipated budget deficit. This is not a new project, which would require a TPO endorsement, however, due to the increase VDOT would be looking for the TPO's continued endorsement of the project.

If you have questions, contact Bryan Hill at bhill@rvarc.org or 540-343-4417.

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STAFF REPORT

RVTPO Policy Board Meeting August 22, 2019

SUBJ: Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Block Grant Applications Endorsement

The Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program was created by the 2012 Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) by combining what had previously been known as the Transportation Enhancements (TE), Safe Routes to School and other programs into one category. The Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act was signed into law on Dec. 4, 2015, is the first long-term transportation bill passed since SAFETEA-LU and will run through Fiscal Year 2020. This legislation converts the long-standing Surface Transportation Program (STP) into the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG), aligning the program's name with how the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has historically administered it.

Project applications that have not previously been endorsed in prior years and that fall within the Roanoke Valley Transportation Planning Organization Study Area Boundary, must be formally endorsed by the Policy Board of the Roanoke Valley Transportation Planning Organization prior to submittal to the Virginia Department of Transportation by October 1, 2019.

Staff has received two requests for project endorsement, which are as follows:

Applicant	Project Title	TA Funds Requested
Town of Vinton	Glade Creek Greenway Phase 2B	\$500,000
City of Roanoke	9 th Street Multimodal Improvements	\$380,800

On March 22, 2018, the Policy Board allocated \$366,606 in FY19 and FY20 to the Roanoke River Greenway – Blue Ridge Parkway Crossing along Highland Road project from Roanoke County (UPC# 113356). In the current TA application cycle, staff received an endorsement request from Roanoke County for the same project. In the attached request, the new estimated total project cost is \$630,000, an increase of 28%, and Roanoke County is seeking an additional \$200,000 in Transportation Alternatives funding due to the anticipated budget deficit. For purposes of this request, the Policy Board is asked to review the additional \$200,000 TA request and consider endorsing the project at the higher cost.

The Board will consider each project for endorsement, following short presentations from each applicant.

NOTES:

Pete Peters, Town of Vinton

Lindsay Webb, Roanoke County

Mark Jamison, City of Roanoke Transportation Division

Selected in the order in which they were received

TPO POLICY BOARD: Cities of Roanoke and Salem; Counties of Bedford, Botetourt, Montgomery and Roanoke; Town of Vinton; Greater Roanoke Transit Company (*Valley Metro*); Roanoke-Blacksburg Regional Airport; Virginia Department of Rail & Public Transportation; Virginia Department of Transportation

Following any subsequent RVTPO endorsements and application submittals, staff will bring scored the scored applications to the TTC and Policy Board in February 2020 for allocation of TA Funds.

Staff Recommendation: Adoption of supporting resolution endorsing the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Block Grant applications for the Glade Creek Greenway Phase 2B and 9th Street Multimodal Improvements projects; endorsement of the 2019 Roanoke River Greenway – Blue Ridge Parkway Crossing along Highland Road project's intent to apply for an additional \$200,000 in TA funding above the original \$366,606 TA funds previously endorsed and allocated.

Request for Project Endorsement

Please submit this request to Bryan Hill, bhill@rvarc.org

Request Date:

08/09/19

Funding Program:

Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside

Project Name:

UPC 113356 East Roanoke River Greenway, Blue Ridge Parkway Crossing along Highland Road

Project Description:

The Roanoke River Greenway is a regional 31-mile bicycle and pedestrian trail proposed through the Roanoke Valley, linking the Cities of Roanoke and Salem, the Town of Vinton, and Roanoke County. For eastern Roanoke County, this greenway is the primary non-motorized transportation facility linking the downtown urban area to the Blue Ridge Parkway, Explore Park, and Virginia's Blue Ridge. Roanoke County has already secured funding for the eastern sections of the Roanoke River Greenway between Roanoke City and Explore Park.

This application requests Transportation Alternatives funding for construction of 0.30 miles of the East Roanoke River Greenway along Highland Road that will cross beneath the Blue Ridge Parkway through an existing overpass. This section of the greenway will be an 8-10 foot wide, paved, shared use path along the northern side of Highland Road that is supported by VDOT and the National Park Service/Blue Ridge Parkway.

This section of the greenway received TA funding in FY 19-20 for construction of the project (UPC 113356). Engineering, design and environmental reviews are already underway for this section, through funded provided by Roanoke County. Based on the 30% design plans, there is an anticipated budget deficit for the construction phase of the project; therefore, Roanoke County is requesting additional TA funding to complete the project.

Limits of the Project:

Western Terminus: 3204 Highland Rd; Parcel 080.00-01-35.00

Eastern Terminus: 3404 Rutrough Rd; Parcel 080.00-05-02.01

Estimated Total Project Cost:

\$ 630,000.00

Amount Requested via the Funding Program above:

\$ 200,000

The 22nd day of August, 2019

RESOLUTION

SUBJ: Endorsement of Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA) Grant Applications

WHEREAS, the Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program was created by the 2012 Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) by combining what had previously been known as the Transportation Enhancements (TE), Safe Routes to School and other programs into one category; and

WHEREAS, the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act was signed into law on Dec. 4, 2015, is the first long-term transportation bill passed since SAFETEA-LU, and will run through Fiscal Year 2020; and

WHEREAS, the legislation converts the long-standing Surface Transportation Program (STP) into the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG), aligning the program's name with how the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has historically administered it; and

WHEREAS, within the STBG funding is a set-aside amount called the TA Set-Aside as set forth in 23 U.S.C. 133(h). These set-aside funds include all activities that were previously eligible under TAP (Transportation Alternatives Program per MAP-21), encompassing a variety of smaller-scale, non-traditional transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, Virginia has chosen to set aside funds for TA activities; and

WHEREAS, the following two TA Set-Aside grant applications submitted are new projects and did not have previous resolutions and/or have expanded their scope:

Applicant: *City of Roanoke*
Project: *9th Street Multimodal Improvements*
TA Funds Requested: *\$500,000*

Applicant: *Town of Vinton*
Project: *Glade Creek Greenway Phase 2B*
TA Funds Requested: *\$380,800*

WHEREAS, project applications that have not previously been endorsed in prior years and that fall within the Roanoke Valley Transportation Planning Organization Study Area Boundary, must be formally endorsed by the Policy Board of the Roanoke Valley Transportation Planning Organization prior to submittal to the Virginia Department of Transportation by October 1, 2019;

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WHEREAS, on March 22, 2018, the RVTPO Policy Board allocated \$366,606 in FY19 and FY20 to the Roanoke River Greenway – Blue Ridge Parkway Crossing along Highland Road project from Roanoke County (UPC# 113356); and

WHEREAS, Roanoke County is currently seeking a second grant application endorsement for the following project, due to an anticipated budget deficit:

Applicant: *Roanoke County*

Project: Roanoke River Greenway – Blue Ridge Parkway Crossing along Highland Road

Additional TA Funds Requested: \$200,000

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Roanoke Valley Transportation Planning Organization Policy Board endorses the three Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside grant applications, listed herein, for the purpose of applying for TA Set-Aside funds, and if federal money is awarded to these projects, will be included in the appropriate fiscal year Transportation Improvement Program.

Billy W. Martin, Sr., Vice-Chairman
Roanoke Valley Transportation Planning Organization