

Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program

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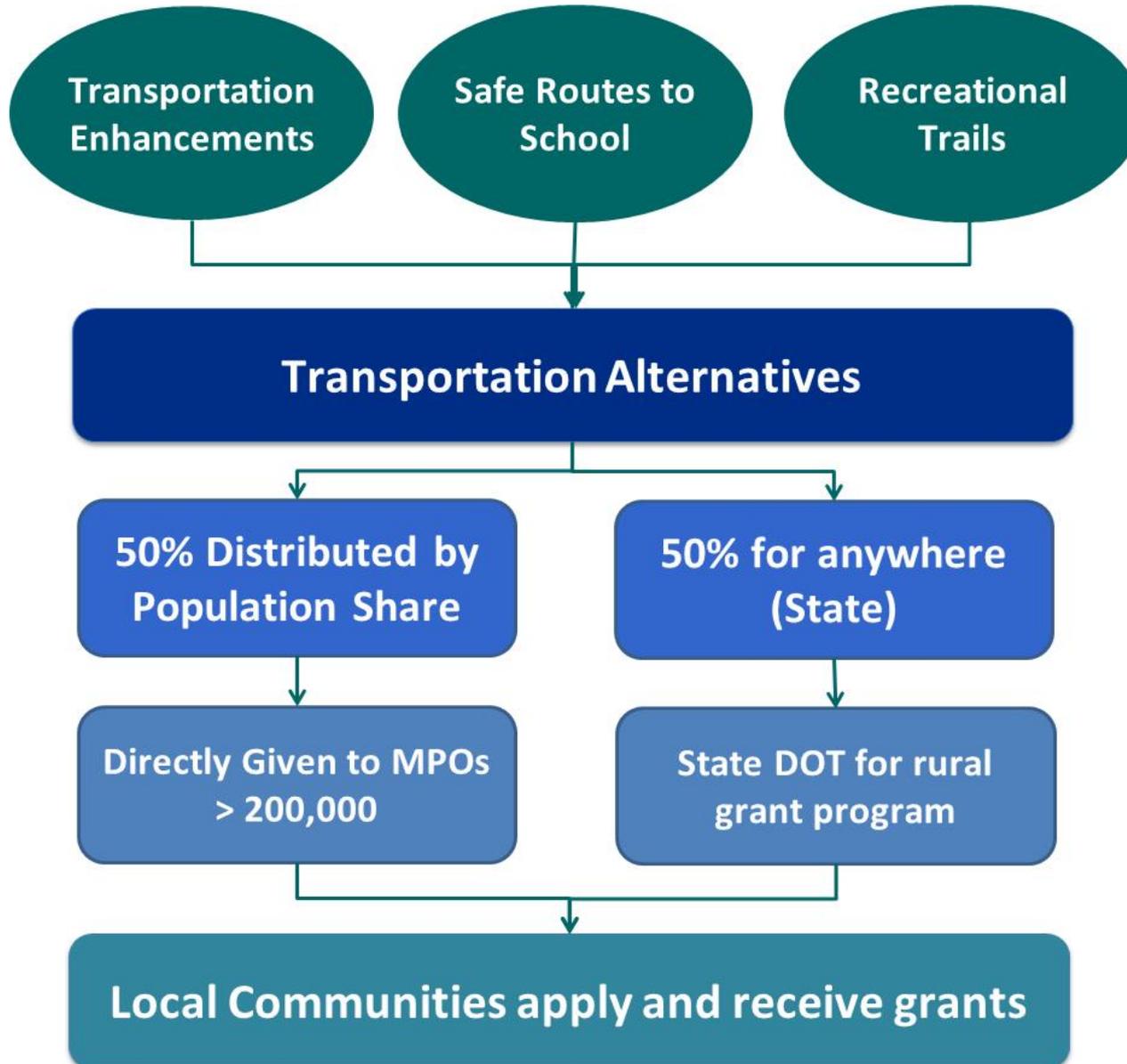


Agenda

- MAP-21
- TA Survey Results
- MAG TA program DRAFT Goals and Objectives
- Evaluation Team
- Upcoming Schedule



MAP-21



MAG's TA Funds

FY 2013 and 2014 Funds – Programmed for current MAG SRTS and TEA committed projects. Increased their funding to the maximum federal share

Need to Program

- FY 2015 - \$4.4 million
- FY 2016 - \$4.4 million
- FY 2017 - \$4.4 million

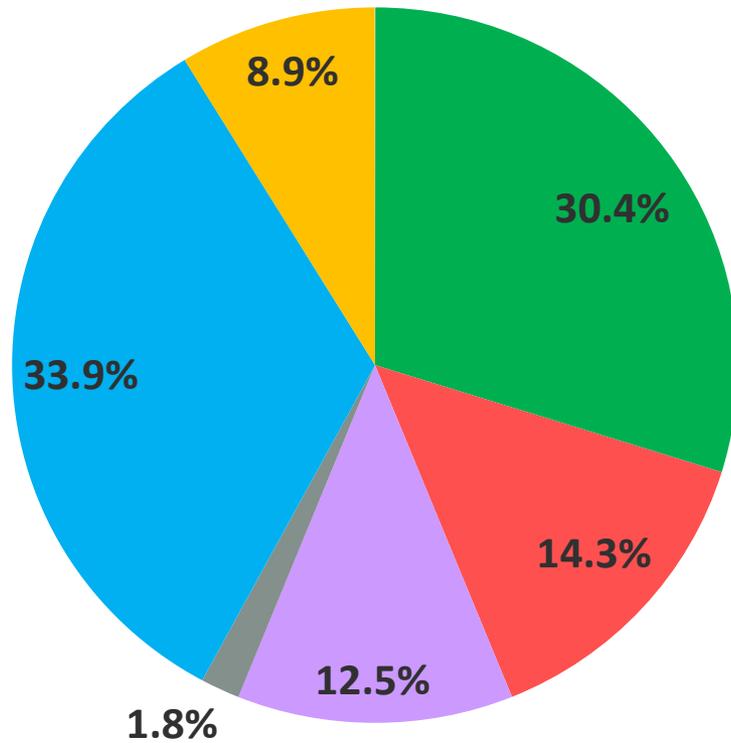


TA Survey

- Survey sent to committees on June 20, 2013
 - Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee
 - Safety Committee
 - Street Committee
 - Transit Committee
 - TRC
- 60 responses



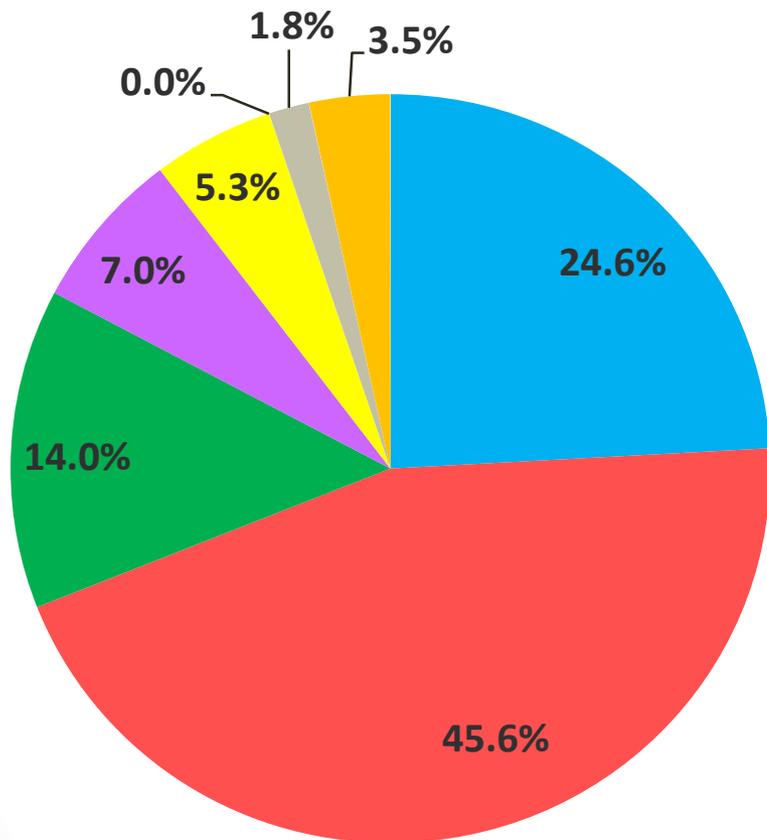
What is the most critical issue that people face while walking? (select one)



- Unsafe Street Crossing
- Unsafe intersections/crossings with off-street paths (canals, etc.)
- Lack of shade
- Lack of personal safety
- Missing, narrow, or poorly maintained sidewalks
- Other (please specify)



What is the most critical issue that people face while biking? (select one)



- Bike facilities ending/dead end without connections
- Lack of bike lanes on street
- Lack of bike paths off street
- Unsafe intersections/crossings
- Unsafe intersections/crossings with off-street paths (canals, etc.)
- Access to bicycle parking
- Information signage/wayfinding
- Other (please specify)



MAG TA Program Goals

- Improve pedestrian and bicyclist accessibility and connectivity on the transportation network.
- Assist in providing a safe environment for the bicyclists and pedestrians on both the on-street and the off-street transportation networks.
- Make bicycling and walking to K-8 schools a safer and more desirable transportation alternative to motorized vehicles.



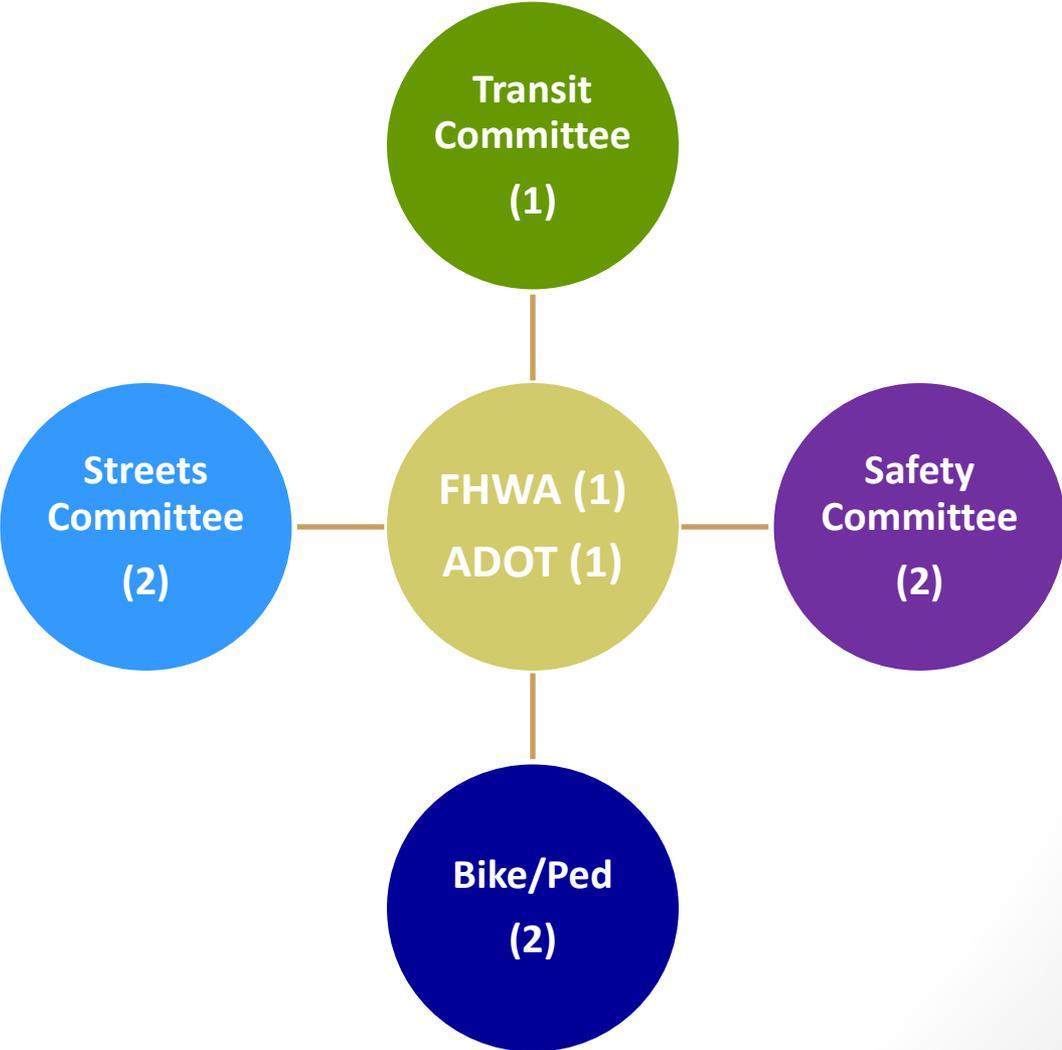
MAG TA Program Objectives

- Fund Safe Routes to School non-infrastructure projects that educate and encourage K-8 students, parents, and school resources officers/staff on bicycle and walking options.
 - GUIDELINE - Set aside \$400,000.
 - GUIDELINE – Data collection & Reporting
- Utilize evaluative tools based on quantitative and qualitative performance measures to inform project rankings in the application process.



Proposed Evaluation Team

Infrastructure Projects



Proposed Evaluation Team

Non-Infrastructure SRTS Projects

MAG Safety Committee



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Safe Routes To School

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Our goal is to get more children traveling safely to school on foot or bike, with greater frequency.

Safe Routes to School Programs

look different from community to community. Yet they all share the common goal to improve the health of kids and the community by making walking and bicycling to school safer, easier and more enjoyable.

- **WHO?** These programs involve parents, community members, school staff, traffic engineers, city planners, law enforcement officers, community leaders and many others.
- **HOW?** They work to assess the safety of school travel routes; make changes such as building crosswalks or adding crossing guards; educate students and drivers about safe travel and encourage walking and biking to school. Some programs expand to promote safe walking and bicycling throughout the community.

2013 MAG Regional School Crossing Guard Training Workshops

We would like to invite the school crossing guards and interested school officials that serve in your school district to attend one of three half-day Regional School Crossing Guard Training Workshops that will be held prior to the start of the next school year. The first workshop will be held on July 30, 2013 in Phoenix, the second will be held on August 1, 2013 in Mesa, and the third will be held on August 6, 2013 in Peoria. These workshops are part of a regional effort to help improve road safety. The workshop content was developed in partnership with a number of cities in the Phoenix metropolitan region. We hope to see participation by crossing guards from schools in your district. Following the workshops we plan to distribute safety vests to all workshop participants via their School Districts. **There is no cost to attend these workshops.**

As the regional planning agency for the Phoenix metropolitan region, we are working with all the cities and towns in this region to improve road safety. Improving Safety on Access Routes to Schools, is identified as a goal in the MAG Strategic Transportation Safety Plan. The support of School Districts is essential to address this issue effectively. Providing education and training to school crossing guards in the region is a basic, but an essential step to ensure that crossing guards do not compromise their own safety nor that of children while performing their duties.

All three workshops will have identical content. We will be providing Spanish translation services for those who need it. Many cities in the region recommend this workshop for all K-8 schools within their city limits. Please note that the City of Phoenix will not be holding a separate training event this year.

For event planning purposes we would like to request that interested schools, organizations and individuals register for the workshops indicating the number of attendees requiring Spanish translation services. Please distribute this announcement to all K-8 schools in your district, requesting them to use the enclosed registration form and have it faxed to reach us by July 22, 2013. You may also mail the form to us OR [download it from our website at this link and submit via email.](#)

If you have any questions please contact the event coordinator, Margaret Boone (602) 254-6300 or [via email at this link](#). Thank you.

Workshop #1	Workshop #2	Workshop #3
Tuesday, July 30, 2013 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Sunnyslope High School - Auditorium 35 W. Dunlap Ave Phoenix, AZ 85021	Thursday August 1, 2013 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Mesa Education Center - Auditorium 855 W. 8th Ave Mesa, AZ 85210	Tuesday, August 6, 2013 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Rio Vista Recreation Center 8866-A W. Thunderbird Rd. Peoria, AZ 85301



Next Steps

- **September 26, 2013:** Applications for Infrastructure released (day after Regional Council)
- **Late October, 2013:** Application due
- **Nov & December, 2013:** Review and recommendation for infrastructure projects
- **January 2014:** Applications for Non-infrastructure



Call to Action

- **Need one person from each MAG member agency to list as a local contact for these projects**
- Non-Infrastructure projects are funded at schools
- The lead applicant will be a MAG member agency
 - Schools will work through you



Agenda Action

Recommend approval of the draft goals, objectives, and process for the Transportation Alternatives (TA) program and modification of the MAG Federal Fund Programming Guidelines and Procedures, October 26, 2011.

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