

# Transportation Alternatives (TA) Competitive Process Infrastructure

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# TA Infrastructure Funds

- FY 2015 - \$4 million
- FY 2016 - \$4 million
- FY 2017 - \$4 million





# MAG TA Program Objectives

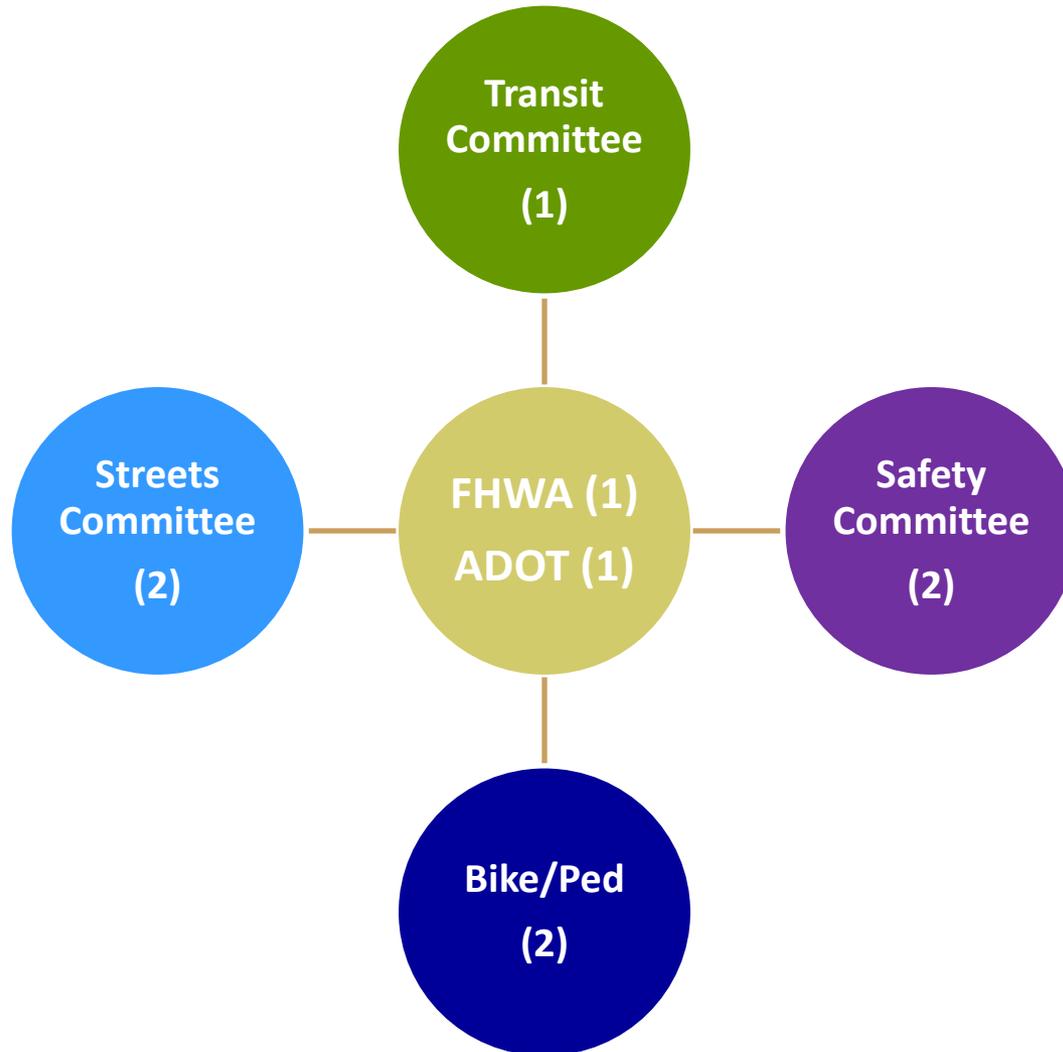
- Fund **eligible Transportation Enhancement and Safe Routes to School (SRTS)** projects
- Fund **bike and pedestrian improvement** projects that provide a safe route for (K-8) students to schools.
- Fund bike and pedestrian improvement projects that address a **perceived or observed problem/safety issue**:
  - unsafe street crossings;
  - missing, narrow or poorly maintained sidewalks;
  - adding/improving bike lanes (restriping, widening, colored pavement);
  - disconnected/inaccessible bike or pedestrian facilities, while connecting residents to transit stops/centers or other destinations.





# Evaluation Team

## Infrastructure Projects



# Schedule for Infrastructure Projects

## October 22 - 10 a.m. Applications Due

October 29 <sup>th</sup>	Proposals sent to Evaluators
November 14	Project Presentation Schedule
November 18	Questions about Project/Application sent to Applicant
December 2	<b><u>Due Date</u></b> - Applicant Responses to questions
December 4 & 5	Presentations by Applicants
December 12	TRC committee approval
January 2014	Management Committee, Transp.Policy Comm., and Regional Council Approval
February 2014	To ADOT for implementation



# Application and Process

## Application **(no incomplete applications will be accepted)**

- 12 printed, signed copies due to MAG
- One electronic copy of the Excel application
- One pdf copy of the whole application including appendices
- There is a CHECKLIST for all application components
- Each applicant will receive a receipt indicating completeness

## Questions/Answers/Presentation

- Answers to the evaluators questions are due December 2
- Presentations: 3-5 minutes to explain why your project should be funded. **No handouts, boards or powerpoints.**



# Eligible Activities

## A. Construction of on-road and off-road trail facilities

- including sidewalks,
- bicycle infrastructure,
- pedestrian and bicycle signals,
- traffic calming techniques,
- lighting and other safety-related infrastructure
- and transportation projects to achieve compliance with the ADA

## B. The safe routes to school (SRTS) program infrastructure eligible projects and activities

## C. Conversion and use of abandoned railroad corridors for trails for pedestrians, bicyclists, or other nonmotorized transportation users.

**Non infrastructure activities will have a separate MAG application.**



# Eligible Sponsors

- Every project application **MUST** be submitted by a MAG Member agency.
- Eligible entities who are not MAG Member Agencies may partner with a MAG Member Agency to submit a project, but the MAG Member Agency must be the primary project applicant.
  - Local governments
  - Regional transportation authorities
  - Transit agencies



# Application

The excel application form includes:

- **General Instructions**
- **Cover Sheet**
- **Part A - Contact and Project Description**
- **Part B - Segment Description and Improvements**
- **Part C - Required and Optional Attachments**
- **Part D - Cost Estimate Spreadsheet**
- **Part E - Project Budget Summary and Schedule**
- **Part F - Checklist and Signature Page**
- **Transmittal Instructions and Schedule**

Each part is a separate tab of this excel file.  
Complete the Cover Sheet and Parts A - F.



# Attachments

## REQUIRED:

- 1) A **map with streets labeled** showing the location(s) of the proposed project, including a north arrow.
- 2) **Up to four photos** indicating existing conditions in the project area (two 4x6 photos per page).
- 3) **A simple diagram of the current typical cross section**, including widths, of the segment that shows the right of way limits, sidewalks and shoulders (if any), and the lanes of travel.

## OPTIONAL :

- **Up to two photos** showing what the completed project will look like, if available (these can be **photoshop, renderings**, etc.).
- **Any crash report(s)** referenced in Part B, Section 2, #6.
- A **GIS coverage (shapefile** or geodatabase), please see the tab labeled "GIS Transmittal Instructions"



# Project Evaluation

- Quantitative – 30% All related to application questions
  - Population
  - # of safety improvements
  - Length of facility connect by elimination of gap
  - On street/off street
  - # of K-8 Schools, Activity Centers, Commercial/Emp., transit stops
  - % low income
  - Speed Limit
  - # of Shade structures/trees
- Presentation – 40%



# Project Evaluation

- Qualitative – 30% All related to application questions
  - Connectivity: destinations, schools
  - Access: short distance destinations and transit
  - Safety to K-8 school
  - Project reduces bike/vehicle or ped/vehicle conflicts
  - Project addresses crash risk/safety problem
  - Project will change the street appearance and impact drivers visually
  - Included in local plans
  - Any ROW, Environmental or utility issues
  - Improves ADA facilities
  - Includes education, marketing, and performance measures of project



# Resources



The following **information** is available on the MAG Transportation Alternatives Website at: <http://www.azmag.gov/transportation/TAP/default.asp>

- **MAG Transportation Alternatives Program Overview**
- **MAG Transportation Alternatives Goals and Objectives**
- **Transportation Alternatives Schedule**
- **TA City/Town/Agency Contacts**
- **Transportation Alternatives Infrastructure Application**
- **Transportation Alternatives Frequently Asked Questions**
- **Transportation Alternatives Information and Resources**



# Next Steps



- **October 22, 2013:** Infrastructure Application due
- **Nov & December, 2013:** Review and recommendation for infrastructure projects
- **January 2014:** Applications for Non-infrastructure



# Schedule for Non-infrastructure Safe Routes to School Projects

- \$400,000 available per year: FY2015, 2016, and 2017
- Non-infrastructure project applications will be available in January 2014
- The process will be carried out through the MAG Safety Committee
- Check the MAG website:  
<http://www.azmag.gov/transportation/TAP/default.asp>
- Schools must work with the local city for their application to be accepted. The list of city contacts is on the website.



# Personal Assistance

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