

April 16, 2019



## AGENDA ITEM 6 A

# **CRTPA FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2021 – FY 2025 TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PRIORITY PROJECT LIST**

TYPE OF ITEM: Action

### **STATEMENT OF ISSUE**

Staff is seeking approval of the CRTPA FY 2021 – FY 2025 CRTPA Transportation Alternatives (TA) Priority Project List (PPL), provided as **Attachment 1**.

### **CRTPA COMMITTEE ACTIONS**

The CRTPA's two (2) committees (Citizen's Multimodal Advisory Committee and Technical Advisory Committee) recommended the CRTPA approve the TA Priority Project List at their April 2, 2019 meetings.

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Option 1: Adopt the CRTPA FY 2021 – FY 2025 Transportation Alternatives Priority Project List.

### **BACKGROUND**

The CRTPA annually adopts priority project lists that identify the ranked order of projects for which the agency is seeking transportation funding. Once adopted, the lists are provided to the Florida Department of Transportation as that agency develops the Annual Work Program. One of these lists, the Transportation Alternatives PPL, is proposed for adoption at today's meeting and contains projects that were solicited and reviewed as part of the CRTPA Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP).

As a background, the CRTPA TAP was established in 2013 subsequent to the creation of the Transportation Alternatives Program associated with the July 6, 2012 signing of P.L. 112-141, the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) by President Obama.

Transportation Alternatives are federally funded programs and projects, including on- and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities, infrastructure projects for improving non-driver access to public transportation and enhanced mobility, community improvement activities, and environmental mitigation; recreational trail program projects; safe routes to school projects; and projects for the planning, design or construction of boulevards and other roadways largely in the right-of-way of former Interstate System routes or other divided highways.

Fifty percent (50%) of the TA funding received by each state is to be distributed by population. For those Metropolitan Planning Organizations with a population greater than 200,000 (which includes the CRTPA), the agency must run the competitive grant process, necessitating the creation of the CRTPA TAP.

The CRTPA receives approximately \$310,000 annually in TA funding explicitly dedicated to the CRTPA region. In addition, other TA funding is available for placement on TA projects within the CRTPA region at the discretion of the Florida Department of Transportation.

Consistent with CRTPA Board direction, solicitation of new TA projects occurs biennially with the CRTPA most recently soliciting new applications last year (2018). As a result, this year’s TA PPL reflects the projects that were previously solicited, ranked and placed on last year’s FY 2020 – FY 2024 TA PPL.

**The Latest**

As noted above, the CRTPA solicits new applications every two (2) years and, therefore, this year’s FY 2021 – FY 2025 TA PPL reflects the two projects (and proposes maintaining the same ranked order) contained on last year’s TA PPL which was adopted on March 19, 2018, as follows:

Priority	Project	Limits	Funding Sought	Phases
1	<b>Blountstown Street Sidewalk Improvements</b> (Sponsor: City of Tallahassee)	US 90 to Tharpe Street (CR 158)	\$910,149	Seeking Construction & CEI funding
2	<b>Spring Creek Hwy (CR 365) Paved Off Road Bike Path</b> (Sponsor: Wakulla County)	US 98 to Shadeville Rd (CR 61)	\$1.4 million	Seeking Design, Construction & CEI funding

**CRTPA Transportation Alternatives Program Process**

Guiding the CRTPA TAP is the CRTPA TAP Subcommittee. The subcommittee, comprised of 6 members (3 from the CRTPA’s Citizen’s Multimodal Advisory Committee (CMAC) and 3 from the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)), reviewed and recommended a ranking of the TA applications that were received by the CRTPA on February 22, 2018.

**Project Ranking Process**

The received applications reflected on the draft priority project list were reviewed and ranked based upon the adopted CRTPA’s TAP Evaluation Criteria (approved at the March 21, 2016 CRTPA meeting), as follows:

**ADOPTED CRITERIA**

PROPOSED EVALUATION CRITERIA		MAXIMUM POINTS
1	<b>SAFETY</b> (Describe how the project will improve public safety for all transportation users)	20
2	<b>CONNECTIVITY</b> (Describe how the project facilitates or improves multimodal linkages)	20
3	<b>ACCESSIBILITY</b> (Describe how the project contributes to enhanced mobility options for transp. disadv.)	20
4	<b>PUBLIC BENEFIT</b> (Describe how the project improves the public travel experience and travel options)	20
5	<b>REGIONAL PLAN</b> (Describe how the project relates to the adopted plans of the region)	5
6	<b>PROJECT CONSTRUCTABILITY</b> (Is right-of-way required?)	5
7	<b>LEVERAGING OF FUNDS</b> (Is there a commitment of local funding?)	5
8	<b>COMMUNITY SUPPORT</b>	5
Maximum Total Points		100

The CRTPA DRAFT FY 2021 – FY 2025 TA Priority Project List is the culmination of the following actions associated with the CRTPA 2018 TAP calendar:

- December 1, 2017 – Announcement of CRTPA TAP application solicitation\*
- December 19, 2017 (3 PM) – CRTPA TAP Informational Meeting (Location: Tallahassee City Hall, Tallahassee Room, 2nd Floor)
- February 16, 2018 – TAP applications DUE to CRTPA
- February 22, 2018 – TAP applicant interviews & recommended ranking by TA Subcommittee

\*The CRTPA is scheduled to solicit new project applications in late 2019

**PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**

A public meeting to present the DRAFT FY 2021 – FY 2025 TA Priority Project List was held on February 21 at the Tallahassee Senior Center.

## **NEXT STEPS**

Subsequent to adoption of the CRTPA FY 2021 – FY 2025 TA PPL, the list will be provided to the FDOT for consideration in the development of the FY 2021 – FY 2025 Tentative Work Program, scheduled to be presented to the CRTPA Board in the fall of 2019.

After the release of the Draft State Work Program, CRTPA staff will initiate development of the CRTPA FY 2021 – FY 2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) incorporating those transportation projects in the CRTPA region that have received state and federal funding.

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Option 1: Adopt the CRTPA FY 2021 – FY 2025 Transportation Alternatives (TA) Priority Project List.  
(Recommended)

Option 2: CRTPA Board Discretion.

## **ATTACHMENT**

Attachment 1: DRAFT FY 2021 – FY 2025 TA Priority Project List

Attachment 2: CRTPA TA Project Map