

November 19, 2019



## AGENDA ITEM 7 D

### **BLOUNTSTOWN STREET SIDEWALK FUNDING**

TYPE OF ITEM: Action

#### **STATEMENT OF ISSUE**

This item seeks approval of use of CRTPA Urban Attributable (SU) funding to assist with construction of sidewalks on Blountstown Street (US 90 to Tharpe Street) in Tallahassee, the agency's number one ranked Transportation Alternatives (TA) project.

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Option 1: Approve the use of \$450,000 of SU funding to assist in the construction of sidewalks on Blountstown Street.

#### **HISTORY AND ANALYSIS**

The construction of sidewalks on Blountstown Street (US 90 to Tharpe Street), a distance of approximately .56 miles, is ranked number one (#1) on the CRTPA's FY 2021 – FY 2025 TA Priority Project List, adopted on April 16, 2019. Furthermore, this project was also ranked number one on last year's TA PPL subsequent to project submittal in 2018 for CRTPA TA Program funding.

The project's need has been well documented including through the identification of worn pedestrian paths on the side of the roadway and, as noted in the TA application:

"The sidewalk provides access along the third busiest StarMetro route in the city. There are seven transit stops within the project limits. As described in the narrative, a trail has been worn into the shoulder by the high volume of pedestrian traffic and there is an additional need to provide connectivity for physically challenged individuals who live and work in the immediate area."

As a background, the CRTPA's TA Program receives approximately \$310,000 annually in TA funding explicitly dedicated to the CRTPA region. Due to the cost of the Blountstown Street project (\$1.287 million), documented need and high ranking on the agency's TA PPL, the CRTPA has actively sought to facilitate project funding through contact with FDOT District 3. Based upon such conversations, funding outside the TA program will be required for the project to be fully funded for constructed.

To that end, a proposal has been identified between the FDOT, the applicant (City of Tallahassee) and the CRTPA, to fund the project through use TA (“TALU”) funds, local (City of Tallahassee) funds (“LF”) and CRTPA Urban Attributable (“SU”) funds. Specifically, the following is proposed to fund the construction of sidewalks on Blountstown Street in Fiscal Year 21:

TALU	\$335,000
LF	\$502,500
SU	\$450,000
Total	\$1,287,500

With regards to the proposed use of the CRTPA’s SU funding, the Blountstown Road sidewalk project is consistent with the general guidelines for use of the CRTPA’s annual receipt of Urban Attributable funding adopted by the Board on November 21, 2017, as follows:

Congestion Management Plan Implementation	40%
Bicycle/Pedestrian Projects	30%
Safety Projects	10%
Complete Streets Implementation	10%
Planning Studies	10%

As a background, as a Transportation Management Area, the CRTPA receives an annual allocation of approximately \$3 - \$4 million of SU funds. Unlike other funding available to the CRTPA, SU funds provide more flexibility in their use and may be used on different types of transportation projects with the requirement that they be used on projects on the Federal-aid urban system.

**OPTIONS**

Option 1: Approve the use of \$450,000 of SU funding to assist in the construction of sidewalks on Blountstown Street.  
(Recommended)

Option 2: CRTPA Board Discretion.