



CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AGENCY

CRTPA **Transportation Alternatives Program** **Evaluation Criteria Update**

March 21, 2016



CRTPA TAP

- The CRTPA TAP funds nine (9) eligible activities (largely alternative transportation types of projects)
 - Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities; Safe Routes for Non-Drivers; Conversion of Abandoned Railway Corridors for Trails (“Rails to Trails”); Scenic Turnouts and Overlooks; Community Improvement Activities: Outdoor Advertising Management, Historic Preservation and Rehab of Historic Transportation Facilities, Vegetation Management; Environmental Mitigation: Stormwater/Pollution Control, Wildlife Mortality Mitigation; Recreational Trails Program projects; Safe Routes to School projects and the Planning, Designing or Constructing Boulevards or other roadways
- Applications solicited every 2 years (most recently in 2014)
- January 15 CRTPA opened the application period for 2016
- CRTPA TAP guided by the TA Subcommittee (6 members from the 2 committees) tasked with:
 - Evaluates and recommends a ranked order of projects to the Board
 - Project evaluation process utilizes adopted TA Evaluation Criteria...



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- Current CRTPA Evaluation Criteria evaluated by the committee in February
 - Adopted by CRTPA Board in November 2013 (used in evaluation of 2014 TA)
 - Contain 10 criteria for a maximum of 100 points

EVALUATION CRITERIA	RECOMMENDED MAXIMUM POINTS
Project Constructability (is right-of-way required, etc.)	15
Qualifying Activities (how many of the nine (9) TA eligible activities does the application meet?)	15
LAP Certification (Is the application sponsor LAP certified; capable of being certified)	15
Project Improves safety for users (e.g. reduces hazards for pedestrians, cyclists, motorists)	15
Project facilitates/improves multimodal transportation linkages	10
Contributes to enhanced mobility options for the transportation disadvantaged	5
Project identified in a plan of the region	10
Project demonstrates leveraging of other funds	5
Project has community/public support	5
Public benefit versus project cost (To what extent will the project benefit the community or region?)	5
MAX TOTAL = 100	

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Based on evaluation, TA Subcommittee has recommended the following update to the criteria:

- Maintain 8 of the 10 existing criteria
- Maintain a maximum of 100 points

Proposed changes:

- Focus maximum points on four (4) key areas:
 - **Safety**
 - **Connectivity**
 - **Accessibility**
 - **Public Benefit**



Action Sought

RECOMMENDED ACTION

- Option 1: Approve the updated evaluation criteria developed by the CRTPA Transportation Alternatives (TA) Subcommittee.
(Recommended)
- Option 2: Provide other direction.



