

April 18, 2023



## AGENDA ITEM 4 B

# **CRTPA FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2025 – FY 2029 TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROJECT PRIORITY LIST**

TYPE OF ITEM: Consent

### **STATEMENT OF ISSUE**

Staff is seeking approval of the CRTPA FY 2025 – FY 2029 CRTPA Transportation Alternatives (TA) Project Priority Project List (PPL), provided as ***Attachment 1***.

### **CRTPA COMMITTEE ACTIONS**

The Citizen's Multimodal Advisory Committee (CMAC) and the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) met on April 4, 2023, and recommended Board adoption of the FY 2025 – FY 2029 Transportation Alternatives PPL.

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Option 1: Adopt the CRTPA FY 2025 – FY 2029 Transportation Alternatives Project Priority List.

### **BACKGROUND**

The CRTPA TA Project Priority List is one of the annual project priority lists adopted by the agency. Unlike other PPLs adopted by the CRTPA, the TA PPL contains projects that were actively solicited from our transportation partners by the CRTPA associated with the CRTPA Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP).

### **CRTPA TAP**

The CRTPA coordinates the region's solicitation, review and ranking of federally funded TA projects and programs. Transportation Alternatives programs and projects include 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 manage the competitive grant process, necessitating the creation of the CRTPA TAP. Most recent information shows the CRTPA receiving approximately \$660,000 annually in TA funding dedicated exclusively 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.

The CRTPA'S solicitation of new TA projects occurs every two-years, with solicitation most recently occurring last year. As a result, the projects shown on this year's Draft TA PPL contain those projects that were included on last year's adopted TA PPL that did not receive funding\*. The general ranked order of the projects has remained the same as last year's list (new TA projects for inclusion on next year's TA PPL are scheduled to be solicited in December 2023).

\*Note- last year's #2 ranked project (Dr. MLK, Jr. Memorial Blvd. Multi-Use Path (1.11 miles)) was funded in the most recent FDOT FY 24 – FY 28 Work Program and, as a result, was not included in the updated TA PPL.

### **TA Projects**

The following provides information on the two (2) projects included on the TA PPL:

- [Paul Russell Road Sidewalk Project](#) (1.2 miles); funding request: \$650,000 (Sponsor: City of Tallahassee)
- [Spring Creek Multi-Use Path](#) (1.11 miles); funding request: \$729,522 (Sponsor: Wakulla County)

### **CRTPA Transportation Alternatives Program Process**

Guiding the CRTPA TAP is the CRTPA TA 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)), met on March 10, 2022\* to receive brief presentations from each of the applicants and, ultimately, provide a recommended score for each of the applications. The Subcommittee members scored each application based upon the agency's adopted evaluation criteria (below).

\*Note- as identified above, this year's TA PPL projects reflect those projects that were solicited and ranked by the subcommittee last year.

**ADOPTED CRITERIA**

CRTPA TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES 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. disadvantaged)	20
4	<b>PUBLIC BENEFIT</b> (Describe how the project improves the public travel experience and travel options)	20
5	<b>PROJECT CONSTRUCTABILITY</b> (Describe the project's constructibility related to environmental considerations, etc.)	10
6	<b>REGIONAL PLAN</b> (Describe how the project relates to the adopted plans of the region)	5
7	<b>COMMUNITY SUPPORT</b>	5
<b>Maximum Total Points</b>		<b>100</b>

**PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**

A virtual public meeting to present the DRAFT FY 2025 – FY 2029 TA Project Priority List was conducted on March 22, 2023 and included four attendees (in addition to CRTPA staff). At the meeting, staff provided a discussion of the CRTPA TA Program, the draft TA PPL and answered general questions provided by the meeting attendees.

Written comments received related to the TA Project Priority List are provided in ***Attachment 2***.

**NEXT STEPS**

Subsequent to adoption of the CRTPA FY 2025 – FY 2029 TA PPL, the list will be provided to the FDOT for consideration in the development of the FY 2025 – FY 2029 Tentative Work Program.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Option 1: Adopt the CRTPA FY 2025 – FY 2029 Transportation Alternatives (TA) Project Priority List.  
 (Recommended)

Option 2: CRTPA Board Discretion.

**ATTACHMENT**

Attachment 1: DRAFT FY 2025 – FY 2029 TA Project Priority List  
 Attachment 2: Written Comments

Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency  
**DRAFT Transportation Alternatives (TA) Project Priority List**  
 Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 - FY 2029

Priority	Project Name	Limits	Funding Sought	Phase
1	<b>Paul Russell Road Sidewalk Project</b> Sponsor: City of Tallahassee	Monday Road to Apalachee Parkway (1.2 miles)	\$650,000	Construction & CEI
2	<b>Spring Creek Highway Paved (CR 363) Paved Off Road Multi-Use Path</b> Sponsor: Wakulla County	US 98 to Parkland Drive (1.11 miles)	\$680,140	Construction & CEI

**From:** [John Outland](#)  
**To:** [Burke, Greg](#)  
**Subject:** Re: CRTPA Transportation Alternatives Public Meeting - March 22  
**Date:** Saturday, March 18, 2023 5:52:34 PM

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Should have said porous concrete or asphalt.

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**From:** John Outland <outlandjb@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 18, 2023 8:45:08 AM  
**To:** Burke, Greg <Greg.Burke@talgov.com>  
**Subject:** Re: CRTPA Transportation Alternatives Public Meeting - March 22

Found them.

Paul Russel - Sidewalk planned on the west side of the PR road. Anticipated minor impacts to wetlands and flood prone area I note also. Only one tree, a dead oak, will be removed. I suggest that permeable concrete be used to reduce runoff and that appropriate native plants be used revegetate disturbed areas rather than sod.

Spring Creek Highway (CR 365) - Paved Off-Road Mutli-Use Path - Seems the multi-use trail will not have adverse effects on natural features. However, I did not find any reference to impacts to existing trees. Suggest that pervious pavement (assume asphalt will be used) to reduce runoff and that appropriate native plants be used to revegetate disturbed areas rather than sod.

Thanks,

John

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**From:** Burke, Greg <Greg.Burke@talgov.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 18, 2023 7:11 AM  
**To:** outlandjb@hotmail.com <outlandjb@hotmail.com>  
**Subject:** Re: CRTPA Transportation Alternatives Public Meeting - March 22

Good morning John. The links to the applications are towards the bottom of the TA page under "2023 Applications".

Hope this helps.

Greg

On Mar 17, 2023, at 2:57 PM, John Outland <outlandjb@hotmail.com> wrote:

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I could not get to the link describing the projects. [crtpa.org/projects/transportation-alternatives-program-tap/](http://crtpa.org/projects/transportation-alternatives-program-tap/)

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**From:** Burke, Greg <Greg.Burke@talgov.com>

**Sent:** Friday, March 17, 2023 12:32 PM

**To:** outlandjb@hotmail.com <outlandjb@hotmail.com>

**Subject:** RE: CRTPA Transportation Alternatives Public Meeting - March 22

Thank you for your comment related to the CRTPA's Draft Transportation Alternatives (TA) Project Priority List. As you are aware, the list contains two (2) proposed projects that were submitted by the sponsoring local governments (City of Tallahassee and Wakulla County).

The applications detailing each of the 2 proposed projects may be viewed at the bottom of the [[crtpa.org/projects/transportation-alternatives-program-tap/](http://crtpa.org/projects/transportation-alternatives-program-tap/)]CRTPA's TA page. With regards to the City of Tallahassee's **Paul Russell Road Sidewalk Project**, the application for this much needed pedestrian safety project includes the project's design.

The design identifies the location of the proposed 1.2-mile sidewalk along Paul Russell Road and appears to reflect that most of the sidewalk is proposed to be constructed close to the roadway (and includes construction of a related curb). As noted in the application, "Currently, pedestrians are using the unimproved shoulder, existing drainage swales and in some places the roadway to traverse this corridor. In some areas there are existing drainage structures in the pedestrian pathway that are difficult to see in the daylight hours and nearly impossible to see after dark."

The application for the Wakulla County submitted project, **Spring Creek Road Multi-Use Path**, reflects that the path is proposed to be constructed within right-of-way on the east side of the roadway. The application notes that the project will provide a connection to the Capital City to the Sea Trail along US 98 (the southern limits of the proposed project).

Thank you again for your interest in the projects. Based on what we know it appears that both projects will seek to avoid impacts to trees, however, you are welcome to reach out to the project sponsors for more details on their respective projects (contact information is provided on page 1 of each application).

Sincerely,

**Greg T. Burke, AICP**  
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**Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency**  
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**From:** John Outland <outlandjb@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 15, 2023 5:07 PM  
**To:** Burke, Greg <Greg.Burke@talgov.com>  
**Subject:** Re: CRTPA Transportation Alternatives Public Meeting - March 22

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How many trees will be lost to these projects?

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**From:** Burke, Greg <[Greg.Burke@talgov.com](mailto:Greg.Burke@talgov.com)>  
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**To:** Burke, Greg <[Greg.Burke@talgov.com](mailto:Greg.Burke@talgov.com)>  
**Subject:** CRTPA Transportation Alternatives Public Meeting - March 22

The CRTPA is hosting a *virtual* public meeting to briefly present and receive comments on the [CRTPA's Draft Fiscal Year \(FY\) 2025 – FY 2029 Transportation Alternatives \(TA\) Project Priority List](#). The meeting is scheduled to occur on **Wednesday, March 22 at 4 p.m.**

The draft list contains those projects included on last year's (FY 24 – FY 28) TA Project Priority List that did not receive funding in the most recent FDOT Work Program.

To attend the virtual meeting, please [contact the CRTPA](#) and a link to attend the meeting will be provided.

The CRTPA is scheduled to adopt the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 – FY 2029 Transportation Alternatives Project Priority List at its April 18 meeting. Written comments related to the Draft TA PPL are requested to be provided to the [CRTPA](#) by Tuesday, April 12.

More information on the CRTPA's TA Program is available on the [CRTPA's website](#).

Sincerely,

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**From:** [Burke, Greg](#)  
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**Subject:** RE: Draft TA PPL  
**Date:** Friday, March 17, 2023 8:52:00 AM

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Thank you for your input Mr. Diamond!

Sincerely,

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-----Original Message-----

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Subject: Draft TA PPL

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Name: Craig  
Last: Diamond  
Email: [cjdiamond@comcast.net](mailto:cjdiamond@comcast.net)  
Subject: Draft TA PPL  
Message: I support both the Paul Russell Road Sidewalk Project and the Spring Creek Highway Paved Off Road Multi-Use Path. I trust there is budget for both -- but if not, then I endorse the Priority 1 project.