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AGENDA ITEM 4 F

**FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2027 – FY 2031
TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES
PROJECT PRIORITY LIST**

TYPE OF ITEM: Consent

STATEMENT OF ISSUE

This item seeks approval of the CRTPA FY 2027 – FY 2031 CRTPA Transportation Alternatives (TA) Project Priority Project List (PPL), provided as **Attachment 1**.

C RTPA COMMITTEE ACTIONS

The CRTPA's Technical Advisory Committee and Citizen's Multimodal Advisory Committee met on April 1 and both committees voted to recommend the CRTPA adopt the CRTPA FY 2027 – FY 2031 Transportation Alternatives Project Priority List.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Option 1: Adopt the CRTPA FY 2027 – FY 2031 Transportation Alternatives Project Priority List.

THE LATEST

The CRTPA solicits *new* TA projects occurs every two-years, with solicitation most recently occurring in late 2023. As a result, the projects shown on this year's Draft TA PPL contain the 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 2025).

*Note- Last year's #2 ranked project (Waverly Road Sidewalks (1.22 miles)) was funded in the most recent FDOT FY 26 – FY 30 Work Program and, as a result, was not included in the updated TA PPL. Specifically, \$1.9M of TA funds was placed on the project in FY 26.

BACKGROUND

The federal Transportation Alternatives Program was established 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 encompass a variety of smaller-scale transportation projects such as pedestrian and bicycle facilities, recreational trails, safe routes to school projects, community improvements such as historic preservation and vegetation management, and environmental mitigation related to stormwater and habitat connectivity.

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 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). As a result, the CRTPA TAP coordinates the solicitation and ranking of TA projects within the four-county CRTPA region prior to provision of the ranked projects to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for funding consideration.

The CRTPA TAP solicits *new* applications biennially (every two years), consistent with Board direction. The most recent solicitation of new applications occurred in late 2023 for the current cycle of applications that are reflected on the draft TA PPL.

Guiding the CRTPA TA Program is the CRTPA TA Subcommittee. The subcommittee, consisting of three (3) members from each of the CRTPA’s two (2) committees (Citizens Multimodal Advisory Committee (CMAC) and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)), reviews and recommends a ranking of the TA applications to the CRTPA Board.

The review of applications by the TA Subcommittee involves use of evaluation criteria that is adopted by the CRTPA Board (most recently in November 2023). Ultimately, the projects are placed in recommended priority order on the agency’s TA Project Priority List for CRTPA Board consideration and adoption (prior to submission to the FDOT).

FUNDING INFORMATION

The 2021 passage of the [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law \(BIL\)](#) included changes to the TA Program. Such changes include increased funding to the program as the [BIL](#) nearly doubled funding for the Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside (from \$850 million annually for fiscal years 2018 through 2020 to an average annual amount of \$1.44 billion from 2022 through 2026).

Within the CRTPA region, this increase amounts to an approximate annual average of \$660,000 of dedicated TA funds over the next five years pursuant to funding estimates provided to the CRTPA by FDOT District 3. Previously, the CRTPA received approximately \$330,000 annually in TA funding exclusively dedicated to the CRTPA region.

Additional changes to the TA Program associated with the BIL include new language and guidance related to *equity*. Specifically, states are required to define “high need” communities and prioritize such communities in project selection.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Due to federal changes to the TA Program from the BIL discussed above, a reexamination of the CRTPA’s adopted review criteria occurred on October 18, 2023 by the TA Subcommittee. Ultimately, the Subcommittee evaluated the existing criteria (adopted by the CRTPA in January 2020) and recommended the following evaluation criteria which were adopted by the CRTPA in November 2023:

CRTPA TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES EVALUATION CRITERIA *		MAXIMUM POINTS
1	SAFETY (Describe how the project will improve public safety for all transportation users including addressing documented safety concerns)	20
2	CONNECTIVITY (Describe how the project facilitates or improves multimodal linkages)	20
3	EQUITY (Describe how the project addresses equity by improving access to traditionally underserved communities as determined by the U.S. Census. Such communities could include low-income residents, minorities, those with limited English proficiency, persons with disabilities, children, or older adults)	20
4	PUBLIC BENEFIT (Describe how the project improves the public travel experience and travel options, including benefits to the environment)	20
5	REGIONAL PLANS (Describe how the project relates to the adopted plans of the region)	10
6	COMMUNITY SUPPORT	10
Maximum Total Points		100

TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES APPLICATIONS

In its most recent solicitation of TA projects in late 2023, the CRTPA received a total of four (4) applications for TA funding consideration. The following applications were received:

- [Spring Creek Highway \(CR 365\) Phase I - Multi-Use Path](#)/Funding Sought: \$763,081 (Sponsor: Wakulla County) (Total Project Cost: \$763,081*)
- [Dr. MLK, Jr. Memorial Road Phase II - Multi-Use Path](#)/Funding Sought: \$947,633 (Sponsor: Wakulla County) (Total Project Cost: \$947,633*)
- [Highland Drive Sidewalk](#)/Funding Sought: \$1,647,814 (Sponsor: Leon County) (Total Project Cost: \$2,554,111)
- [Waverly Road Sidewalk](#)/Funding Sought: \$ 1,320,000 (Sponsor: City of Tallahassee) (Total Project Cost: \$3,500,000)

*Note Funding request updated in 2025.

DRAFT TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROJECT PRIORITY LIST

Due to the CRTPA’s solicitation of new projects every two-years, the draft FY 27 – FY 31 TA PPL remains the same as last year’s adopted TA PPL with the exception of the removal of a recently funded project. Specifically, the **Waverly Road Sidewalk Project** (last year’s #2 ranked priority) received TA funding in FY 26. As a result, this year’s TA PPL has slightly reordered the priorities to reflect the removal of this recently funded project, as follows:

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Priority	Project Name	Limits
1	Spring Creek Highway (CR 363) (Phase 1) Multi Use Path Sponsor: Wakulla County	US 98 to Parkland Drive (1.13 miles)
2	Dr. MLK, Jr. Memorial Boulevard (Phase II) Multi Use Path Sponsor: Wakulla County	Mallard Pond Circle to Pheasant Hill Trail (1.6 miles)
3	Highland Drive Sidewalk Project Sponsor: Leon County	Buck Lake Road to Mahan Drive (0.67 miles)

NEXT STEPS

Subsequent to adoption of the CRTPA FY 2027 – FY 2031 TA PPL, the list will be provided to the FDOT for consideration in the development of the FY 2026 – FY 2030 Tentative Work Program.

The CRTPA’s solicitation of *new* TA projects is scheduled to be initiated in December 2025.

OPTIONS

- Option 1: Adopt the CRTPA FY 2027 – FY 2031 Transportation Alternatives Project Priority List.
(Recommended)
- Option 2: CRTPA Board Discretion.

ATTACHMENT

Attachment 1: Draft FY 2027 – FY 2031 TA Project Priority List

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Priority	Project Name	Limits	Funding Sought	Phase
1	Spring Creek Highway (CR 363) (Phase 1) Multi Use Path Sponsor: Wakulla County	US 98 to Parkland Drive (1.13 miles)	\$988,718	Construction & CEI
2	Dr. MLK, Jr. Memorial Boulevard (Phase II) Multi Use Path Sponsor: Wakulla County	Mallard Pond Circle to Pheasant Hill Trail (1.6 miles)	\$1,160,428	Construction & CEI
3	Highland Drive Sidewalk Project Sponsor: Leon County	Buck Lake Road to Mahan Drive (0.67 miles)	\$1,647,814	Construction