



September 2, 2025

COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM 5 B

CRTPA TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES SUBCOMMITTEE

TYPE OF ITEM: Presentation/Discussion/Action

STATEMENT OF ISSUE

This item seeks the appointment of three (3) members of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to serve on the CRTPA's Transportation Alternatives (TA) Subcommittee associated with the upcoming solicitation of TA applications for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2028 – FY 2032 funding cycle.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Option 1: Approve three (3) members of the Technical Advisory Committee to serve on the CRTPA's TA Subcommittee.

BACKGROUND

The CRTPA Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) was established in 2013 following the creation of the federal Transportation Alternatives Program under P.L. 112-141, the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21), signed into law on July 6, 2012, by President Obama. For Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) with populations greater than 200,000—including the CRTPA—the legislation requires management of the competitive grant process, which necessitated the establishment of the CRTPA TAP.

Through the CRTPA Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program, the agency coordinates the solicitation and ranking of TA projects within the four-county capital region before submitting them to FDOT for funding consideration. As outlined below, the process includes a biennial (every two years) solicitation of new applications, consistent with Board direction. The most recent solicitation occurred in late 2023; accordingly, the CRTPA is scheduled to formally initiate the next round of applications in December 2025.

The CRTPA TA Program is guided by the CRTPA TA Subcommittee, which is composed of members from both CRTPA committees. The subcommittee reviews the submitted TA applications and recommends a ranking to the CRTPA Board. These projects are then placed in priority order on the agency's TA Project Priority List for the Board's consideration and adoption.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

The biennial solicitation of Transportation Alternatives (TA) applications is scheduled for late 2025, necessitating the reconstitution of the CRTPA TA Subcommittee. As in years past, the subcommittee reviews and recommends the scoring criteria to be used in the application review process, evaluates received applications using adopted criteria, and, ultimately, recommends a ranking of projects to the CRTPA Board.

The most recent changes to the TA programs came with the 2021 passage of the [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law \(BIL\)](#). Such changes included increased TA funding as the [BIL](#) nearly doubled funding for the Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside.

Within the CRTPA region this increase amounted to an approximate annual average of \$660,000 of TA funds over the next five years pursuant to funding estimates provided by FDOT District 3.

Funds associated with the TA Program may be used for a variety of projects including pedestrian and bicycle facilities, recreational trails, Safe Routes to School projects, road safety assessments, community improvements such as historic preservation and vegetation management, and environmental mitigation related to stormwater and habitat connectivity.

CRTPA TAP Process

The CRTPA TA Program is guided by the CRTPA TA Subcommittee. The subcommittee is comprised of 6 members (3 members each from both the Citizen's Multimodal Advisory Committee (CMAC) and the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)). The subcommittee's purpose is to review and recommend a ranking of the TA applications to the CRTPA Board. Ultimately, the projects are placed in recommended priority order on the agency's TA Project Priority List for CRTPA consideration and adoption prior to being provided to the FDOT.

The review and ranking of eligible applications by the subcommittee is based upon the adopted CRTPA's TAP Evaluation Criteria (most recently approved at the [November 2023 CRTPA meeting](#)), as provided on the following page:

ADOPTED CRITERIA

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

Adopted at the November 21, 2023 CRTPA Meeting

NEXT STEPS

The following provides the anticipated general timeline associated with the CRTPA's 2025/2026 TA Solicitation Cycle:

October 2025	TA Subcommittee meets to discuss program and review criteria
November 2025	Potential TA Criteria changes provided to CRTPA Board & Committees for approval (if required)
December 2025	CRTPA initiates call for new TA applications for FY 2028 – FY 2032
December 2025	TA Informational Public Meeting
Feb/Mar 2026*	TA applications DUE
Feb/Mar 2026	TA applicant interviews with TA Subcommittee
March 2026	TA Subcommittee application ranking meeting
April 2026	CRTPA adopts FY 2028 – FY 2032 TA Priority Project List

*NOTE: Awaiting FDOT TA schedule. Also **highlighted** dates reflect anticipated TA Subcommittee meetings