Welcome and Opening Remarks
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*Please be advised that this meeting is being recorded for future use and sharing.*
Housekeeping Items

• Questions must be entered into the chat box
  - Answers will follow at end of presentation
  - All questions will be part of a Q&A document

• Available on TA Set-Aside website after presentation
  - PowerPoint presentation
  - Recording of presentation
  - Q&A for all questions received during presentation
Webinar Overview

- TA Set-Aside Background
- Guidance and Procedures Document
- Eligibility
  - Projects
  - Sponsors
- Funding
- TA Set-Aside Website
- Application Process
  - Application/ Mapping Review
- Application Timeline
- Project Review and Selection
- Requirements for Selected Projects
• FAST Act of 2015
  – Continuation of TE/TAP Legacy Programs
  – Funding currently through 2021
• Reimbursement Program
• 100% Federal Construction Funding
  – Including Construction Inspection
TA Set-Aside Program Guidance and Procedures Document

- Revised Document For 2021 Funding Round
- Available on TA Set-Aside Webpage
- Document Provides Valuable Information
  - Project Eligibility
  - Sponsor Eligibility
  - Application Process
  - Requirements For Selected Projects
Eligible Projects

- Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Education (grades K-8 only)
- Conversion of Abandoned Railway Corridors to Trails
- Construction of Turnouts, Overlooks, and Viewing Areas
- Outdoor Advertising Management
- Historic Preservation and Rehab of Historic Transportation Facilities
- Vegetation Management
- Archaeological Activities
- Stormwater Management
- Wildlife Mortality Mitigation
For projects that do not clearly fit guidance

NOT required in order to submit an application

Must be submitted by August 16th, 2021

To submit an eligibility determination, the sponsor must compose an email to RA-pdTASA@pa.gov and provide an overview of the proposed project activities and describe how they align with an eligible project category (or categories). Supporting attachments should be provided, if applicable.
Eligible Project Sponsors

- Local governments
- Regional transportation authorities
- Transit agencies
- Natural resource or public land agencies, including Federal agencies
- School districts, local education agencies, or schools
- Tribal governments
- A nonprofit entity responsible for the administration of local transportation safety programs
- Any other local or regional governmental entity with responsibility for oversight of transportation or recreational trails
Available Funding

- **Statewide**
  - ~$18 million in TA Set-Aside Funds
  - SRTS funds also available, based upon eligible projects

- **Large MPO Areas**
  - ~$8 million – Large MPO areas
  - 6 participating MPOs
  - See Large MPO Program Guidance
Large MPO Funding

- HATS: $464,700
- DVRPC: $3,931,510
- LLTS: $398,863
- SVTS: $41,273
- Lancaster: $420,298
- SPC: $1,812,755
- Lehigh Valley: $660,978
- Reading: $278,370
- York: $242,605
• Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside
  – [TA Set-Aside Webpage](https://www.penndot.gov)
  – Search “TA Set-Aside” on penndot.gov
  – Google search “PennDOT TA Set-Aside”
Application Process

- Registration via PDAuth
  - Must be a registered user in PDAuth in order to complete application (registration information available on Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Website)

- TA Set-Aside Application
  https://gis.penndot.gov/tasa/home
  - Log in
  - Create New Item
  - Create 2021 Draft Application
Sponsor begins application

Sponsor creates map within TA Set-Aside application and completes draft application

Sponsor submits pre-application to District for review

District holds meeting with sponsor and Planning Partner and provides feedback

District determines if Connects proposal is required

District returns application to sponsor

Sponsor finalizes application, signs the signature block and submits application to the Program Administrator
Review

Program Administrator reviews eligibility and chooses one of 3 categories:

- Eligible
- Needs more information
- Ineligible

- Program Administrator sends eligible application list to reviewers
  - All Statewide Committee Members provide comments and scores
  - District contact representatives provide comments
  - Planning Partner representatives provide comments and rankings

- Store application for future reference
Selection

1. Statewide Committee Chair prepares presentation materials for review meeting.
2. Statewide Committee meets to make preliminary selection.
3. Selections reviewed by Deputy Secretary and Governor’s Office.
4. Selected applications are approved.
Application Timeline

- Application cycle opens 6/28/2021
- Optional TA Set-Aside eligibility determinations due 8/16/2021
- Large MPO guidance/ selection processes due 8/16/2021
- Pre-applications due to Districts by 4:00 PM 8/16/2021
- Pre-application meetings held 8/17-10/14/2021
- All project applications due by 4:00 PM 10/15/2021
GENERAL CRITERIA
• Network connectivity
• Consistency with land use, community context and planning
• Collaboration with stakeholders
• Leveraging of other projects or funds
• Cost estimating
• Project value
• Economic impact
• Teachability

AREAS OF EMPHASIS
• Safety always and maybe safety only
• Project delivery
• PennDOT Connects environmental screening
• Environmental justice
Review and Selection Process

- **October – December** – Application Review
  - MPOs/RPOs
    - Comments/Rankings for Statewide Projects
    - Large MPOs Select Projects
  - Districts – Comments
  - Statewide Selection Committee – Comments/Scores

- **January 2022** - Project Selection
  - Statewide Selection Committee Meets
    - Reviews application scores and comments
    - Recommends projects
Requirements For Selected Projects

- Environmental Clearance
- Right-of-Way Clearance
- Utility Clearance
- Railroad Clearance
- Applicable Permits
- Reimbursement Agreement
- Advertise for bids in PennDOT’s ECMS System
- Must have contract documents that are ready to be advertised by August 31, 2023
Questions?

- Enter questions into the chat window

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