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AGENDA ITEM 3 C

CRTPA FISCAL YEAR 2019 – FY 2023 TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PRIORITY PROJECT LIST

Type of Item: Consent

STATEMENT OF ISSUE

Staff is seeking approval of the CRTPA Fiscal Year 2019 – FY 2023 CRTPA Transportation Alternatives (TA) Priority Project List (PPL), provided as *Attachment 1*.

CRTPA COMMITTEE ACTIONS

The CRTPA's two (2) committees (Citizen's Multimodal Advisory Committee (CMAC) and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)) recommended the CRTPA approve the TA Priority Project List at their March 7, 2017 meetings.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Option 1: Adopt the CRTPA FY 2019 – FY 2023 Transportation Alternatives (TA) Priority Project List.

HISTORY AND ANALYSIS

The CRTPA Transportation Alternatives Program guides the solicitation and prioritization of approximately \$310,000 of federal TA funding explicitly dedicated annually to the CRTPA region. Consistent with Board direction, the CRTPA actively solicits new projects every two (2) years, with the most recent solicitation occurring last year (2016).

The Draft FY 2019 – FY 2023 TA Priority Project List is comprised of projects previously included on the CRTPA's most recently adopted TA PPLs. This year's list provides an update of last year's list using the following process:

• Projects with existing funded phases were ranked higher on the list in order to ensure project funding completion. As a result, project's #1 & #2 on the draft list are both currently funded for design in the FDOT Work Program and are seeking further (construction) funding.

 Projects with constructability issues (as identified by the FDOT) such as drainage and right-ofway were removed from the draft list. In light of this, this year's TA PPL is comprised of fewer projects than last year's list.

The following projects, included on last year's TA PPL, have received funding in the most recent (FY 2018 – FY 2022) FDOT Work Program subsequent to adoption of last year's TA PPL:

- N. Monroe Street Sidewalk This was the #1 ranked project on last year's TA PPL; project has
 received funding for design and construction in FY 18 & FY 19, respectively. The funding
 received was Safe Routes to School funding.
- <u>Atlanta Street Sidewalk</u> This was the #6 ranked project on the TA PPL. The project received design funding in FY 17.

Program Background

The CRTPA Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) was established in 2013 subsequent to the creation of the Transportation Alternatives Program associated with the July 6, 2012 signing of Public Law 112-141, the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) by President Obama. Note: New federal legislation ("Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act") was passed in December 2015 resulting in a change of the program's name to "Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside". Although eligible activities remain the same, the program is now funded with a set-aside of funds under the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program.

Transportation Alternatives are federally funded programs and projects, including 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 (Transportation Management Areas, which includes the CRTPA), the agency must run the competitive grant process, necessitating the creation of the CRTPA TAP.

In addition to the approximately \$310,000 of TA funding explicitly dedicated annually to the CRTPA region, other TA funding is available for placement on TA projects within the CRTPA region. This funding, which does not include the annual dedicated amount to the CRTPA, is placed on projects at the discretion of the Florida Department of Transportation.

As noted previously, the CRTPA solicits new projects biennially, with the most recent solicitation occurring in 2016. As a result, this year's TA PPL reflects projects that were previously solicited and included on previously CRTPA TA PPL's.

Guiding last year's (2016) solicitation of TA projects was the CRTPA's TA Subcommittee. The subcommittee, comprised of 5 members (2 from the CRTPA's Citizen's Multimodal Advisory Committee (CMAC) and 3 from the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)), reviewed and recommended a ranking of the TA applications that were received in 2016.

The applications received were reviewed and ranked based upon the CRTPA's TAP Evaluation Criteria (approved at the March 21, 2016 CRTPA):

ADOPTED CRITERIA

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

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

A public meeting to present the DRAFT FY 2019 – FY 2023 TA Priority Project List (held in conjunction with DRAFT FY 2019 – FY 2023 Transportation Regional Incentive Program Priority Project List) was held on February 27, 2017 in Tallahassee City Hall.

NEXT STEPS

Subsequent to adoption of the CRTPA FY 2019 – FY 2023 TA PPL, the list will be provided to the FDOT for use as the agency proceeds with development of the Draft FY 2019 – FY 2023 State Work Program.

CRTPA solicitation of *new* TA projects (for funding consideration in the FY 2020 – FY 2024 State Work Program) is scheduled to be initiated towards the end of 2017.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

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Project List.

(Recommended)

Option 2: Board Discretion.

ATTACHMENT

Attachment 1: DRAFT FY 2019 - FY 2023 TA Priority Project List

Attachment 2: TA Projects Map

Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency DRAFT Transportation Alternatives Priority Project List

Fiscal Year 2019 - Fiscal Year 2023

Pric	ority	Project	Limits	Notes
•	1	Havana Milddle School Sidewalk (Sponsor: Lown of Havana)	11th Ave (4th St to Iron Bridge Rd); Iron Bridge Rd (CR 12A to 11th Ave)	Design funded (FY 18); seeking construction funds
2	2	Atlanta Street Sidewalk (Sponsor: Gadsden County)	Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard to Ben Bostic Road	Design funded (FY 17); seeking construction funds
;	3	Dogwood Street Pedestrian Crossing (Sponsor: City of Monticello)	US 19/Dogwood Street Intersection	No funded phases
4	4	Mound Street Sidewalk (Sponsor: Wakulla County)	US 98 to Woolery Park	No funded phases

