

South Central Regional Safety Coalition (SCRSC) Infrastructure & Operations Subcommittee Meeting

September 09, 2016

11:00 am to 12:00 pm



Terrebonne Parish Library – North Branch 4130 West Park Avenue, Gray, LA 70359

- 11:00 am** **Welcome and Introductions**
- 11:05 am** **Approval of the June 9, 2016 IO Meeting Minutes**
- 11:10 am** **New and Improved: SC Regional Safety Coalition Infrastructure & Operations Plan**
Let's talk about it...
- 11:35 am** **Trainings/Workshops/Grant Opportunities**
Past or Upcoming. Let us know if there any trainings/workshops that you would like us to arrange for our region.
- 11:45 am** **Safety Concerns**
Provide input on potential improvements that can be made.
- 12:00 pm** **Next Steps/Adjournment**
SC Regional Safety Coalition Meeting: TBA
SC Regional IO Subcommittee: December 8, 2016





SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL SAFETY COALITION

Infrastructure & Operations Subcommittee

Thursday, June 9, 2016 @ 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Terrebonne Parish North Branch Library, 4130 West Park Ave., Gray LA

Minutes of the Meeting

In Attendance:

Cassie Parker, SCPDC	David Rome, TPCG/IO Team Leader
Josh Manning, SCPDC	Brigid Laborie, TPCG
Leo Marretta, SCPDC	Karian Smith, TPCG
Emma Bergeron, SCPDC	Joan Duroche, TPCG
Dawn Sholmire, LADOTD	Diana Bailly, TPCG
Archie Chaisson III, City of Thibodaux	Tameka Mart, TPCG
Joan Schexnayder, TPCG	Tyler Eaton, TPCG

Call to Order

C. Parker called the meeting to order at approximately 11:00 A.M.

It was motioned by J. Schexnayder, seconded by D. Rome to approve the minutes from the March 10th, 2016 IO Meeting. There being no objections, motion carried.

C. Parker informed partners that LADOTD and the Local Road Safety Program encourages all parishes to have a Parish Safety Plan that details data driven prioritization of safety projects in their respective areas based on crash data. She explained that the South Central Planning and Development Commission and Houma-Thibodaux MPO would like to schedule meetings with the parishes once more information is provided by our statewide leaders. C. Parker steered the subcommittee to the data provided by LADOTD for parishes that were listed in the top 20 statewide high potential for safety improvement list. She explained that through LADOTD’s Network Screening process done in 2014, Terrebonne was identified in the top 20 parishes with Lafourche Parish coming in at 21 on the statewide list. She further explained that the goal of the parish safety plan meetings is to review and analyze data provided by LADOTD to ensure information is accurate, identify high potential for safety improvement locations, identify proven effective countermeasures that can be applied to those locations along with funding sources for implementation and prioritize safety projects in your area. Lastly, write the parish safety plan that will be part of the South Central Regional Transportation Safety Plan, the MPO long range Metropolitan Transportation Plan, and the parish would also be able to employ the safety plan in their parish comprehension plans. D. Rome commented that law enforcement should definitely be present at the meetings to ensure the plan is done from a comprehensive approach. The Infrastructure and Operations Subcommittee decided that Terrebonne Parish, Lafourche Parish and the City of Thibodaux will be the first parishes to begin work on the parish safety plans. Archie Chaisson and David Rome requested C. Parker to email the Excel version of the list to review and comment on.

C. Parker informed the subcommittee members that LTAP will be conducting a Road Safety 365 Workshop on August 10, 2016 for the South Central Region. She encouraged all to participate and to share the details with any person(s) that might be interested. Registration information will be emailed soon. Discussion ensued regarding other trainings that would benefit the region. C. Parker stated that she has inquired about other trainings that Steve Strength and his team might offer that would provide education for parish officials, council members, public works, engineers and the public.

A. Chaisson III motioned to adjourn the meeting, D. Rome seconded, motion carried.



LOUISIANA STRATEGIC HIGHWAY SAFETY PLAN

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COALITION (SCRTSP)

INFRASTRUCTURE AND OPERATIONS ACTION PLAN updated as of June 6, 2016

TEAM LEADER: David Rome, TPCG



Roadway Departure Goal: Reduce roadway departures fatalities from the current average of 48 per year to 42 by 2015, which ensures the South Central Region links to the statewide goal of reducing fatalities by half by 2030.

Intersection Goal: Reduce intersection fatalities from the current average of 13 per year to 11 by 2015, which ensures the South Central Region links to the statewide goal of reducing fatalities by half by 2030.

Objective 1: To identify high crash locations and/or safety concerns and develop a strategy for project implementation based on crash data findings, best practices in traffic safety, and availability of funding sources

Strategy 1.1: Collaborate with DOTD Houma Sub-district, HTMPO committees and South Central Regional Safety Coalition partners to identify safety concerns and assess data

Strategy 1.2: Collaborate with a multidisciplinary RSA Team that will work together with DOTD and consultants in implementing low-cost safety improvements in rural and urban state roads. (Include 4e's (Education, Enforcement, Engineering, & EMS) in strategy)

Objective 2: Collaborate with LADOTD Districts (02 and sub district, 61 and 62), HTMPO, Parish Public Works and Engineers, state and local law enforcement and other key stakeholders to reduce the number of roadway departure and intersection crashes

Strategy 2.1: Collaborate with key stakeholders to identify high crash intersection locations, proven effective countermeasures and potential funding sources for project implementation

Strategy 2.2: Collaborate with stakeholders to identify high crash roadway departure locations, proven effective countermeasures and potential funding sources for project implementation

Objective 3: To increase safety at roadway intersections, while improving mobility and connectivity

Strategy 3.1: *Our Regional Incident Management and ITS teams will collaborate with DOTD in responding to incidents as they occur and eventually identifying roadway concerns that need to be addressed*

Objective 4: To improve pedestrian safety by providing safe and accessible routes for pedestrians and bicyclists

Strategy 4.1: *Update South Central Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan (Assumption, Lafourche, St. Charles, St. James, St. John the Baptist and Terrebonne) on a biennial basis to ensure all routes are identified. (Next update: 2017)*

Strategy 4.2: *Conduct sidewalk and bicycle route assessments to develop good projects for bicycle and pedestrian safety*

Objective 5: To increase knowledge on transportation planning process, including best practices and new technologies for safer roads.

Strategy 5.1: *Keep abreast with safety concepts and practices by participating in all safety-related events and circulating helpful information*

Action Steps (O1/S1)	Agencies Involved	Output Measure	Outcome	Timeline	Status
Conduct RSA's and develop low-cost safety improvements intended to reduce crashes in the South Central Region	LADOTD SCPDC/HTMPO Parish Engineers RSA Team	Using crash data analysis to prioritize, complete one RSA per quarter.	Potential safety improvements will be identified for high crash roadways and placed into the respective parish safety plans.	Quarterly	0.00%
Encourage the stakeholders and the public to express their safety concerns by completing the "Safety Concern to Refer to DOTD" yellow sheets and collaborate with DOTD and parishes on addressing the concern. www.htmpto.org	SCPDC/HTMPO LADOTD Parish Public Works/Engineers	# of concerns submitted	# of safety concerns addressed with improvement	Annually	0.00%



Coordinate with the Local Road Safety Program (LRSP) team, Highway Research Safety Group and other data sources in assessing data before further recommendations for local safety projects	SCPDC/HTMPO LTAP - LRSP Parish Public Works/Engineers	# of roadway segments analyzed	# of safety improvement projects completed	Quarterly	0.00%
Action Steps (O1/S2)	Agencies Involved	Output Measure	Outcome	Timeline	Status
Collaborate with DOTD's Statewide RSA Team to hold a regional RSA workshop in our region on an annual basis	SCPDC/HTMPO LADOTD LTAP - LRSP Parish Public Works/Engineers	# of participants	# of participants compared to prior year	Annually	0.00%
Encourage participation from non-infrastructure partners such as law enforcement officers, hospitals, schools and non-profit organizations in conducting RSA's in the region	All Subcommittee Members	# of agencies contacted	Increase in participation at meetings from non-infrastructure partners	Quarterly	0.00%
Action Steps (O2/S1) Roadway Departure	Agencies Involved	Output Measure	Outcome	Timeline	Status
Partner with DOTD and agencies to identify areas that have the potential to provide low-cost solutions to reduce ROADWAY DEPARTURE crashes. (Include in the Parish Safety Plan)	ALL Partners	# of identified roadways	# of low cost solution improvements made	Quarterly	0.00%



Collaborate with local parishes in conducting curve analysis on roads identified through the Network Screening Process and placed on the statewide top 20 list. (Include in the Parish Safety Plan)	LTAP Parish/Municipalities HTMPO/SCPDC	# of curve analysis identified	# of curve analysis completed	Quarterly	0.00%
Partner with DOTD's Local Roads Safety Program to assist agencies in seeking resources to implement safety projects on horizontal curves on local roads, including improved signing and striping, rumble strips, lane and shoulder widening, and lighting.	LADOTD LRSP Parish/Municipalities HTMPO/SCPDC	# of projects submitted	# of projects accepted by the LRSP	Quarterly	0.00%
Action Steps (O2/S2) Intersections	Agencies Involved	Output Measure	Outcome	Timeline	Status
Partner with DOTD and agencies to identify areas that have the potential to provide low-cost solutions to reduce INTERSECTION crashes.	ALL Partners	# of identified intersections	# of low cost solution improvements made	Quarterly	0.00%
Collaborate with local parishes in conducting intersection analysis on roads identified through the Network Screening Process and placed on the statewide top 20 list. (Include in the Parish Safety Plan)	LTAP Parish/Municipalities HTMPO/SCPDC	# of intersection analysis identified	# of curve analysis completed	Quarterly	0.00%



Work with DOTD, LRSP and city/parish planners in implementing effective strategies (e.g. turning lanes, rumble strips) based on the intersection analysis/feasibility study findings	LADOTD LTAP/LRSP Parish/Municipalities HTMPO/SCPDC	# of projects submitted	# of projects accepted by the LRSP	Quarterly	0.00%
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Action Steps (O3/S1)	Agencies Involved	Output Measure	Outcome	Timeline	Status
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Collaborate with statewide ITS Team in forming alternative route development including infrastructure (arterial DMS's, traffic adaptive signals, black out signs, etc.)				Bi-Annual	-
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Collaborate with statewide ITS Team in developing Cars-Routes & Cars Alert D – traveler information				Bi-Annual	-
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Action Steps (O4/S1)	Agencies Involved	Output Measure	Outcome	Timeline	Status
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Collaborate with local and state partners to update the South Central Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan (Assumption, Lafourche, St. Charles, St. James, St. John the Baptist and Terrebonne) on a biennial basis to ensure all routes are identified. (Next update: 2017)	LADOTD Parish/Municipalities HTMPO/SCPDC	# of applications submitted	# of projects applications accepted	Quarterly	0.00%
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Action Steps (O4/S2)	Agencies Involved	Output Measure	Outcome	Timeline	Status
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This document is provided solely for the purpose of identifying, evaluating and planning safety improvements on public roads; and is therefore exempt from discovery or admission under 23 U.S.C. 409.1.



Provide assistance to city or parish planners in their efforts to do sidewalk assessments for the purpose of developing a winning project proposal for bike and pedestrian safety improvements	LADOTD Parish/Municipalities HTMPO/SCPDC	# of applications submitted	# of projects applications accepted	Quarterly	0.00%
Partner with DOTD program coordinators to assist agencies in seeking resources to implement pedestrian safety improvement projects, such as; Safe Routes to Schools and Transportation Alternative Program.	LADOTD Parish/Municipalities HTMPO/SCPDC	Provide resources to subcommittee for SRTS, TAP, Recreational Trails, etc.	Increase number of partners that are aware of funding sources	Annual	0.00%
Action Steps (O5/S1)	Agencies Involved	Output Measure	Outcome	Timeline	Status
Participate or send a representative from different parishes to attend DOTD's safety- related workshops, lectures, trainings and meetings to keep abreast with best practices and new technologies in transportation world.	ALL Partners	# of workshops	# of representatives attends	Bi-Annual	0.00%
Provide regional workshops, lectures, trainings and meetings to subcommittee partners in an effort to keep abreast with best practices and new technologies in transportation world.	ALL Partners	# of regional workshops held	# of representatives attends	Bi-Annual	0.00%



COURSE TIMES:

7:30 a.m.....Registration/Check-in
8:00 a.m.—3:00p.m.Class

LOCATIONS:

August 10, 2016 — Houma
South Central Planning & Development
Commission — Pelican Room
5058 West Main St
Houma, LA 70360

August 16, 2016 — Lake Charles
SEED Center
4310 Ryan Street
Lake Charles, LA 70605

August 17, 2016 — Alexandria
Public Works Complex — Bldg. A
2021 Industrial Park Rd
Alexandria, LA 71303

August 23, 2016 — Bossier City
Bossier Parish Community College
6220 E Texas St
Bossier City, LA 71111

August 24, 2016 — West Monroe
West Monroe Convention Center —
East Conference Hall
901 Ridge Ave
West Monroe, LA 71291

September 14, 2016 — New Orleans
Regional Transportation Management Building
10 Veterans Memorial Blvd
New Orleans, LA 70124

September 20, 2016 — Covington
St. Tammany Parish Public Works Complex
620 N Tyler St
Covington, LA 70433

September 21, 2016—Baton Rouge
TTEC Building
4099 Gourrier Ave
Baton Rouge, LA 70808

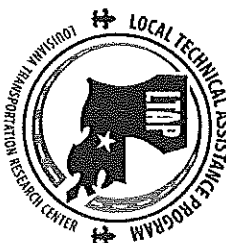
September 22, 2016 — Lafayette
Rosa Parks Transportation Center —
Downstairs Multi-Purpose Room
101 Jefferson St.
Lafayette, LA 70502

Local Technical Assistance Program

Louisiana Transportation Research Center

4099 Gourrier Avenue

Baton Rouge LA 70808-4443



THE
LOUISIANA
LOCAL TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM
(LTAP)

Presents

**ROAD SAFETY 365:
A SAFETY WORKSHOP
FOR LOCAL
GOVERNMENTS**

(6 PDHs)

***A Practical Everyday
Approach to Improve
Road Safety and
Save Lives***

The Louisiana Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) is a cooperative effort between the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, the Federal Highway Administration, and Louisiana State University. LTAP serves the needs of local transportation agencies and is a part of the Louisiana Transportation Research Center.

ROAD SAFETY 365 WORKSHOP

Registration Form

Registration required one week in advance of location. Please indicate the workshop for which you are registering:

- August 10, 2016..... Houma
- August 16, 2016..... Lake Charles
- August 17, 2016 Alexandria
- August 23, 2016 Bossier City
- August 24, 2016..... West Monroe
- September 14, 2016 New Orleans
- September 20, 2016 Covington
- September 21, 2016..... Baton Rouge
- September 22, 2016..... Lafayette

Name: _____

Title: _____

Agency: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email: _____

- Registration Fee: \$25.00 Public Agencies
\$50.00 Private Agencies

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About the Course

This one-day training session is designed to provide local and rural agencies with practical and effective ways to incorporate safety solutions in their day-to-day activities and in the project development process.

The workshop focuses on processes for incorporating safety into all aspects of local and rural road activities, and on making safety a priority through inclusion in the traditional decision-making process, 365 days a year. The course illustrates how safety can be integrated into rural/local transportation project development at all stages, including planning, programming, design, construction, operations, and maintenance, and offers an overview of the network screening process using available local crash data. Through practical exercises and facilitator-led discussions, emphasis is placed on operations and maintenance to reflect the predominant, day-to-day responsibilities of rural/local transportation agencies. The benefits and potential cost savings of safety initiatives are discussed using examples from rural/local agencies.

Who Should Attend

This program is designed for all public works directors, road and highway supervisors and foremen, transportation engineers, planners, and other safety professionals. Participants will learn practical ways to "read the road" to improve safety and save lives! **All recipients of Local Road Safety Program funds or future applicants to the LRSP are strongly encouraged to attend.**

Enrollment, Registration, and Cancellation Policy

You can register online at www.louisianaltrap.org.

Registration is required one week in advance of the class date. Registrants will receive a confirmation of their reservation. Registration by mail is available if postmarked before the deadline. Registration is \$25.00 for municipal or public sector personnel and \$50.00 for all others, which covers all materials, breakfast and lunch. **Failure to cancel at least 72 hours prior to the class date will result in your registration fee being forfeited.**

Instructor:

Steven C. Strength, PE, PTOE

Steven serves as Program Manager for the Local Technical Assistance Program at LSU overseeing training, technical assistance, and outreach activities that benefit the local public agencies in Louisiana. Prior to joining LTAP in 2013, he spent 31 years with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, District 02 in New Orleans, including 22 years as District Traffic Operations Engineer. During this time he managed or participated in a variety of programs and projects involving Traffic Engineering, Highway Safety, Roadway Maintenance, Work Zone Operations, Incident and Special Events Management, and Intelligent Transportation Systems. He is also active in the Strategic Highway Safety Program process, serving as Co-chair of the SHSP Infrastructure and Operations statewide implementation team.



The Louisiana Transportation Research Center is a Louisiana State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, approved Sponsor/Provider of Continuing Professional Development. Professional Development Hour (PDH) credit will be awarded as follows: **fifty (50) contact minutes of instruction or attendance = one (1) PDH.**

For additional information about the seminar, to pre-register, or if you have questions concerning registration, contact the LTAP Center at (225) 767-9117, or e-mail bbreaux@ltrc.lsu.edu.



LOUISIANA TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH CENTER

Louisiana Local Technical Assistance Program



Louisiana LTAP works closely with Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) Highway Safety Section in administering the Local Road Safety Program (LRSP). The LRSP Team at LTAP conducts outreach to Local Public Agencies (LPA) and facilitates the submission and review of LRSP project applications.

What is the Local Road Safety Program?

In an effort to increase local community participation in highway safety, approximately \$5 million dollars is allocated annually for local road safety improvements in Louisiana. LRSP is one of DOTD's LPA programs that provides an opportunity for local governments to utilize federal-aid funds for safety improvements on locally owned and maintained roads. Click here to learn more information about DOTD's LPA Program.

Further, the LRSP is a mechanism used to implement the infrastructure component of the DOTD's statewide Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) at the local level. The SHSP's mission is Destination Zero Deaths. Visit the DZD website.

Who is eligible to apply?

Consider the **Nine Proven Safety Countermeasures** when developing a project to address your local safety issues.

A Parish or municipality is eligible to apply for safety-related improvement projects that are located only on locally owned roads. LRSP Projects may be funded up to 100%, when eligible. However, LPAs must provide funding upfront as this is a cost disbursement program.

LATEST NEWS

As of January 4, 2016, the LRSP is administered back at LTAP. The program guidelines and policies are being revised. New guidance document will be available soon.

Portable changeable message signs are no longer eligible for funding. Please check back for more details.

LRSP Funding Changes: DOTD issues memo on Local Road Safety Program changes.

2015 Local Road Safety Peer Exchange: Local stakeholders exchange best practices, discuss innovations at road safety peer exchange. [Read More](#)

Funding:

LRSP Applications Accepted Year-Round

Proposals submitted by the following cutoff dates will be given priority for quarterly project selection:

- December 31, 2015
- March 31, 2016
- June 30, 2016
- September 30, 2016

Application Documents

- Project Application (Rev. Jan 2016) - PDF
- Project Application (Rev. Jan 2016) - Word
- Program Guidelines & Policies 2015 (Rev. Dec 2014) Revised 2016 document coming soon!
- Sample Funding Commitment Letter
- Responsible Charge Form
- Quarterly Status Reporting Form

Safety Improvement Resources

- LRSP Intersection Standard Plans
- LRSP Roadway Departure Standard Plans
- MUTCD Sign Height Requirement

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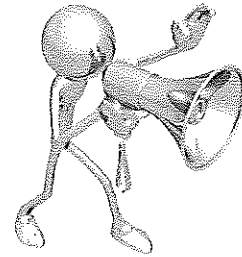


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TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM

The Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development is pleased to announce the “Call for Applications” for the DOTD Transportation Alternatives Program. Applications for projects will be accepted between September 1, 2016 and 3:30pm, October 31, 2016. No applications will be accepted outside these dates and applications must be stamped into DOTD Headquarters Room 501D before 3:30 pm or they will be rejected.



The 2016 DOTDTAP Application and Application Guide may be obtained electronically or through the mail. The documents may be downloaded from the LaDOTD website at www.dotd.la.gov, click on “Inside LaDOTD”, then “Administration”, then “Local Public Agencies”, then “Transportation Alternatives Program”, then “TAP Announcements”. Documents may also be obtained through the mail by writing or e-mailing the following:

Ms. Laura Riggs
LaDOTD
PO Box 94245
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9245
Laura.Riggs@la.gov

You may also e-mail Steve Meek, Steve.Meek@la.gov, to request the documents.

If using an express delivery provider, the physical address is DOTD Room 501D, 1201 Capitol Access Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70802. The Entity will be required to show proof of receipt (time and signature) by DOTD if delivery within the deadline is in question.

Entities should note that DOTD takes applications on a bi-annual basis. Applications will be accepted during even numbered years only.

If you have any further questions or need additional information, please send an e-mail to the personnel listed above.



LaDOTD TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES GUIDE

*Please note that this is a portion of the guide. Full guide can be located
http://wwwsp.dotd.la.gov/Inside_LaDOTD/Divisions/Engineering/Project_Management/TAP/Pages/Announcements.aspx*

May 2016

FOREWORD

The Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) was eliminated and replaced with a set-aside of Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) program funding under the FAST Act (Fixing America's Surface Transportation), the most recent federal transportation funding law enacted on December 4, 2015. These set-aside funds include all projects and activities that were previously eligible under TAP, encompassing 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 storm water and habitat connectivity. For the purposes of this manual, only the activities specifically stated as eligible in this manual will qualify for DOTDTAP funding. The DOTDTAP will continue to support at the heart of its philosophy to "leave the world a better place than we found it."

This manual describes the eligible activities for new projects and how to apply for inclusion in DOTDTAP. Potential entities should be aware that this is not a grant program, but a cost-reimbursable, pay-as-you-go federal program. The development of DOTDTAP will be a joint effort between LaDOTD, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Entity. At the very beginning of the process, LaDOTD project managers will be assigned to help guide successful entities through project completion. Entities are encouraged to understand the responsibilities as described in this manual before applying and attend the Local Public Agency educational seminars made available by the Louisiana Technical Assistance Program. Please contact us should you need assistance in any way; LaDOTD is committed to serving the public and "Enhancing Louisiana."

Laura M. Riggs, P.E.
DOTDTAP Manager

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE FACILITIES

SAFE ROUTES FOR NON-DRIVERS

CONVERSION OF ABANDONED RAILWAY CORRIDORS TO TRAILS

CONSTRUCTION OF SCENIC TURNOUTS, OVERLOOKS AND VIEWING AREAS

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ACTIVITIES

OUTDOOR ADVERTISING MANAGEMENT

HISTORIC PRESERVATION & REHAB OF HISTORIC TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES

VEGETATION MANAGEMENT

ARCHAEOLOGICAL ACTIVITIES

ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION ACTIVITIES

STORMWATER MITIGATION

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

PROJECT RELATIONSHIP TO SURFACE TRANSPORTATION

The project must have a direct relationship to surface transportation (excluding aviation) as exhibited by one or more of the following linkages:

1. **FUNCTION** – The project serves a purpose relating to the existing transportation system.

Facilities that serve recreational uses only are not appropriate for this program.

2. **IMPACT** – The project substantiates the relation to the surface transportation system in that it creates a beneficial effect on the existing transportation system.

Please note that since DOTDTAP projects must have a direct relationship to transportation, park improvements such as park benches, park landscaping and pure recreational trail loops are not eligible, although the same elements would be eligible in a streetscape setting. DOTDTAP projects that may provide an ancillary recreational experience may be eligible as bicycle or pedestrian facilities if the projects also provide through access from one point to another.

ELIGIBLE PROJECT ENTITIES

The following is a listing of eligible entities who can receive TAP funds:

- ☐ Local governments (any unit of local government below a State government agency, except for a Metropolitan Planning Organization)
- ☐ Regional transportation authorities (same as the Regional Transportation Planning Organization defined in the statewide planning section (23 USC 135(m))
- ☐ Transit agencies (Any agency responsible for public transportation that is eligible for funds under the Federal Transit Administration)
- ☐ Natural resource or public land agencies (includes any Federal, Tribal, State, or local agency responsible for natural resources or public land administration; examples, State or local park or forest agencies, State or local fish and game or wildlife agencies, Department of the Interior Land Management Agencies, US Forest Service)
- ☐ School districts, local education agencies, or schools (includes any public or nonprofit private school. Projects should benefit the general public, and not only a private entity)
- ☐ Tribal governments
- ☐ Any other local or regional governmental entity with responsibility for oversight of transportation or recreational trails (other than a metropolitan planning organization or a State agency) that the State determines to be eligible, consistent with the goals of subsection (c) of section 213 of title 23.
- ☐ Nonprofit organizations are only eligible as direct grant recipients for TAP funds when they qualify through one of the eligible entity categories (e.g., where a nonprofit organization is a designated transit agency or a school).

Please note that LaDOTD, MPOs and nonprofit organizations (except as stated above) are not eligible entities; however, they may partner with an eligible entity project entity to carry out the project.