



# INFORMATION RELEASE

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### **Transportation Alternatives Program and Recreational Trails Program Applications Now Available**

**LITTLE ROCK (3-1)** – The Arkansas State Highway Commission is pleased to announce that applications for the Arkansas Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and the Arkansas Recreational Trails Program (RTP) are now available.

A seminar will be held on **March 31, 2016** and another on **April 14, 2016** at the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department Central Office building (address listed below) to inform potential eligible sponsors of TAP and RTP requirements and responsibilities. Registration for these seminars can be found at the web address listed below.

Eligible TAP projects include, but are not limited to:

- Construction of on-road and off-road trail facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists, and other non-motorized forms of transportation, including sidewalks, bicycle infrastructure, pedestrian and bicycle signals, lighting and other safety-related infrastructure
- Construction of infrastructure related projects and systems that will provide safe routes for non-drivers
- Conversion and use of abandoned railroad corridors for trails for pedestrians, bicyclists, or other non-motorized transportation users
- Any environmental mitigation activity, including pollution prevention and abatement activities
- Infrastructure related SRTS projects:
  - Sidewalk improvements, traffic calming and speed reduction improvements
  - Pedestrian and bicycle crossing improvements
- Non-infrastructure related SRTS projects:
  - Public awareness campaigns and outreach
  - Enforcement, encouragement and evaluation programs
  - Bicycle and Pedestrian education or a walking school bus program in the vicinity of a K-8 school

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Eligible RTP projects include, but are not limited to:

- Construction and major maintenance of motorized, non-motorized and multiple-use trails
- Construction of rehabilitation of trailside and trailhead facilities and trail linkages

The TAP was authorized by the last Federal transportation funding act, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act (MAP-21). The TAP redefined the former Transportation Enhancement activities and consolidated these eligible activities with the former Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program and projects previously funded through the discretionary National Scenic Byways program. MAP-21 also continued funding for the Recreational Trails Program.

Beginning today, March 1, 2016, project applications for both programs, including general project guidelines, can be obtained from [www.ArkansasHighways.com/tap/tap.aspx](http://www.ArkansasHighways.com/tap/tap.aspx) or

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Applications must be received at the address shown above by June 1, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. Central Daylight Time to be considered for funding.

Applications can also be obtained in Room 503 of the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department Central Headquarters building located at 10324 Interstate 30 (Exit 130) in Little Rock, or by calling 501-569-2261, faxing 501-569-2623 or emailing [LFPA@ahtd.ar.gov](mailto:LFPA@ahtd.ar.gov).

Also at this time, the Department will continue the open application cycle for Arkansas Recreational Trails Program Motorized projects. These applications may be submitted year round and will be reviewed on a first come, first served basis.

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