



County of Fairfax, Virginia

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# FY25 Transportation Alternatives Public Meeting

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# Meeting Agenda

TA Set-Aside Background and Overview

TA Project Requirements/Eligibility

FY 2025 Program Schedule

Projects for TA Funding Consideration

Questions and Comments



# Transportation Alternatives Program (TA) Set-Aside Overview

Started as Transportation Enhancement (TE) Program under Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) Extension Act



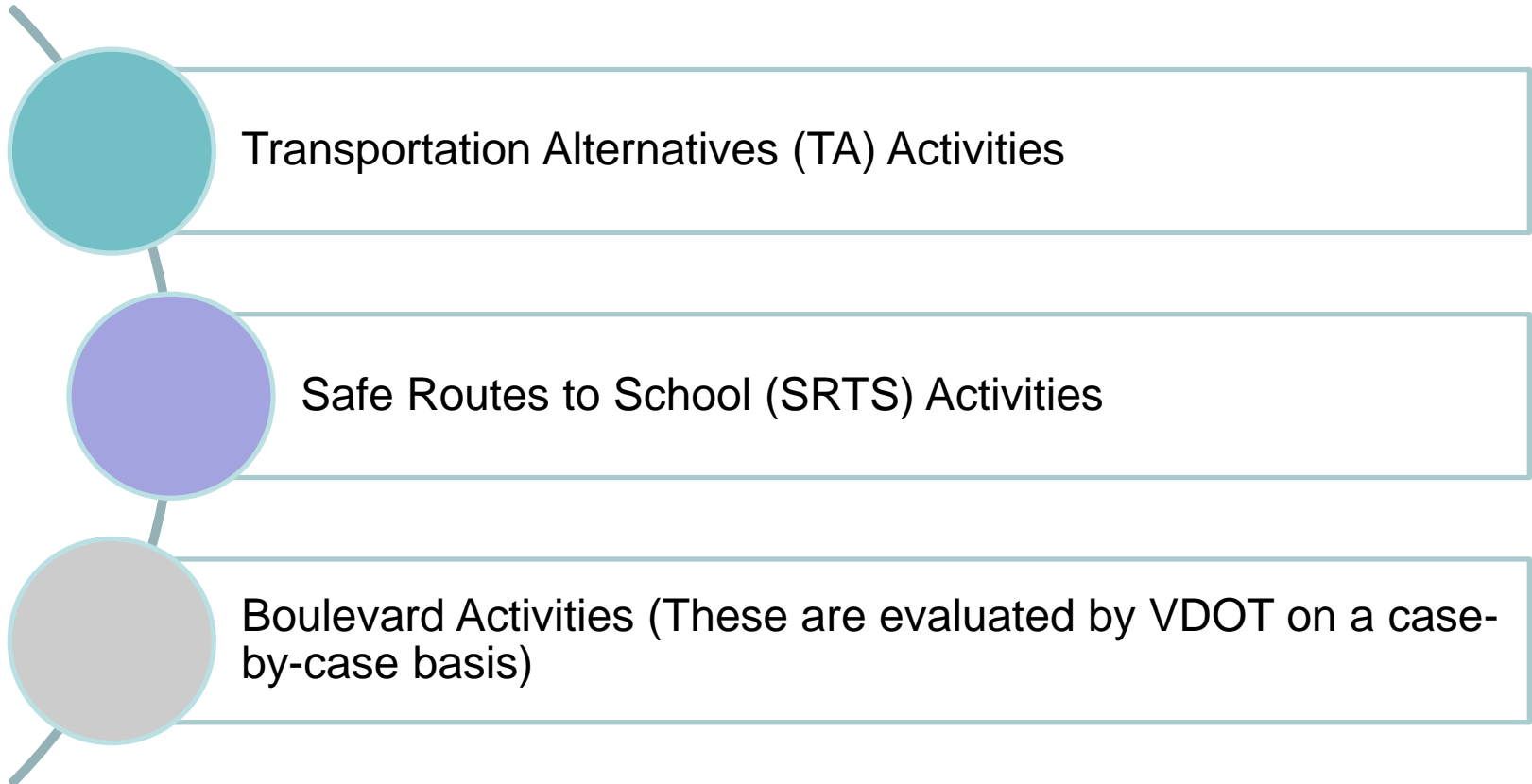
Refined as Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) in July 2012 by Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (MAP-21), and then reauthorized by the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act in 2015 and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) in 2021.



SAFETEA-LU included 12 eligible TE Activities. MAP-21 changed the program to instead include three defined categories, which have been extended by the FAST Act and BIL. Within the Transportation Alternatives category, there are 8 qualifying activities



# Eligible Categories





# TA Eligible Activities

1. Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities
2. Systems to Improve Safety for non-drivers
3. Conversion of abandoned railroad corridors for trails
4. Turnouts, overlooks, viewing areas
5. Community Improvements: historic preservation, vegetation management, archaeological activities
6. Environmental Mitigation Activities: stormwater management, water pollution management, reduction of wildlife mortality
7. Safe Routes to School (SRTS): Infrastructure and Non-infrastructure (SRTS – IN) activities
8. Planning, Designing, Constructing of Boulevards from Divided Highways



# TA Ineligible Activities

1. Administration Costs, except as specifically allowed by Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) guidance
2. Promotional and training activities, except when permitted as SRTS-IN
3. Routine Maintenance and Operations
4. General Recreation: park facilities, playground equipment, sports fields
5. Roadway improvements: traffic signals, lighting, paving, surface treatment
6. Property acquisition beyond what is required to complete the project
7. Aesthetic Improvements



# Safe Routes To Schools (SRTS) Goals

1. Educating school aged children in safe walking and biking practices
2. Encouraging children to use an active mode of transportation
3. Enforcing traffic laws on the streets surrounding schools to provide a safe environment for walking and biking
4. Providing engineering improvements around the schools such as crosswalks, signage and sidewalks
5. Evaluating the effectiveness of the program activities and engineering improvements



# SRTS Additional Requirements

Principal Letter of Support

Title-I Status

Travel Modes

Travel Distance

Parent Survey

Barriers to Walking

Efforts to Promote Walking/Biking to School





# Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program Highlights

Federal Funding available to localities and other agencies

Reimbursement program 80% / 20%

Smaller, non-traditional transportation projects

Non-motorized improvements

District Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) members are expected to have \$2.5 million to allocate within their districts

If selected, the CTB must fund 50% of the requested amount

Time limit from receipt of the grant to reach construction completion is four years



# Selection Process

## Statewide Funds (41%)

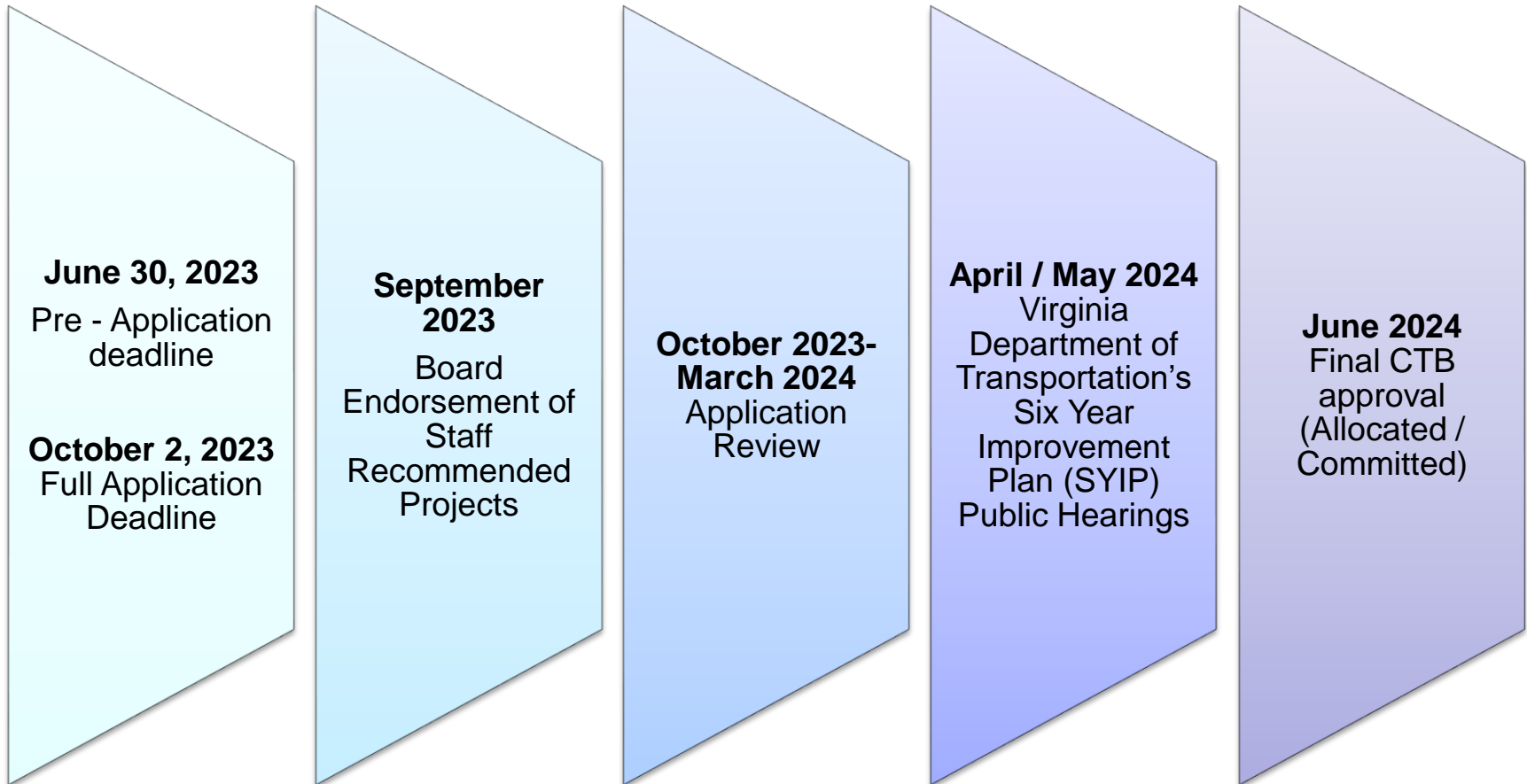
- Will be divided amongst District CTB members for project selections
- The Secretary of Transportation and the CTB At-Large members will select projects with any remaining statewide funds

## Population Based Funds (59%)

- CTB At-Large members will select projects based on other population areas funding



# VDOT FY25 TA Schedule





# FY 2023/24 TA Funding Allocations

1. Shreveview Elementary School SRTS - **\$800,000**

2. Bush Hill Elementary School SRTS - **\$640,000**

3. Vienna Metro Bike Connection - **\$640,000**

4. Mason Neck Trail – Northern Segment - **\$800,000**



# Projects for FY 2025/26 TA Consideration

## **Compton Road Walkway (Bull Run Regional Park to Cub Run Stream Valley Park):**

This project will construct approximately 550 feet of a paved Shared Use Path (SUP) on the east side of Compton Road. The SUP will connect to the existing Cub Run Stream Valley Trail with a SUP crossing to the entrance to the Bull Run Regional Events Center located on Compton Road. The existing bridge over Cub Run will be widened to accommodate the SUP.

## **Mason Neck Trail – Northern Segment (Pohick Bay Park Entrance to Route 1):**

This project will construct missing walkway links along Gunston Road from Richmond Highway (Route 1) to the existing Mason Neck Trail.



# Projects for TA Consideration

## **Shrevewood Elementary School SRTS:**

This project will add two new crosswalks across Shreve Road - one at Fairwood Lane and one at the eastern driveway of Shrevewood Elementary School. A third crosswalk across Virginia Lane at Virginia Avenue will also be added. The three crosswalks will provide neighborhood access to school amenities and the W&OD Trail, improving safety and access for students choosing to walk or bicycle to school.

## **Bush Hill Elementary School SRTS:**

This project will complete approximately 850 feet of sidewalk between Ninian Avenue and Larno Avenue. Completing this missing sidewalk link will improve safety and accessibility for children walking and bicycling to school.

## **Lake Braddock Elementary School SRTS:**

This project will construct a pedestrian signal at the intersection of Burke Lake Road and the entrance of Lake Braddock Secondary School. Crosswalks will be constructed on each side of the intersection. Approximately 250 feet of sidewalk on the southern side of Burke Lake Road connecting the two proposed crosswalks will be reconstructed. Additionally, 6 ramps are proposed to be reconstructed to ADA standards.



# TA Set-Aside Links

- CTB Selection Policy - [http://www.ctb.virginia.gov/resources/2013/july/reso/Resolution\\_Agenda\\_Item\\_2\\_FY15\\_TA\\_Policy.pdf](http://www.ctb.virginia.gov/resources/2013/july/reso/Resolution_Agenda_Item_2_FY15_TA_Policy.pdf)
- VDOT Information - [Local Assistance Division - Business | Virginia Department of Transportation \(viriniadot.org\)](#)
- Fairfax County Six Year Transportation Priorities - [Fairfax County Transportation Priorities Plan \(TPP\) | Transportation](#)
- Safe Routes to School - [Safe Routes to School - Programs | Virginia Department of Transportation \(viriniadot.org\)](#)
- FY23 and 24 TAP Allocation - [http://www.ctb.virginia.gov/resources/2020/september/resol/3\\_tap\\_attachment.pdf](http://www.ctb.virginia.gov/resources/2020/september/resol/3_tap_attachment.pdf)
- TA Guidance - [Transportation Alternatives Program Guide - DRAFT 2023-07-26.pdf \(viriniadot.org\)](#)



# Public Comments

Questions or Comments?

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