



County of Fairfax, Virginia

FY23 Transportation Alternatives Public Meeting

Fairfax County
Department of Transportation

May 27, 2021
6:00 PM



Meeting Agenda

- TA Set-Aside Background and Overview
- TA Program Project Requirements/Eligibility
- Program Schedule
- Projects Under Consideration
- Questions?



FAST Act Legislation

The Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act was signed into law in December 2015

It established the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program

Within the STBG is designated funding for Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside

The FAST Act largely maintains current program structures and funding shares between highways and transit. It is a down-payment for building a 21st century transportation system.



Transportation Alternatives (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 Acts which consolidated eligibilities with several smaller federal-aid programs



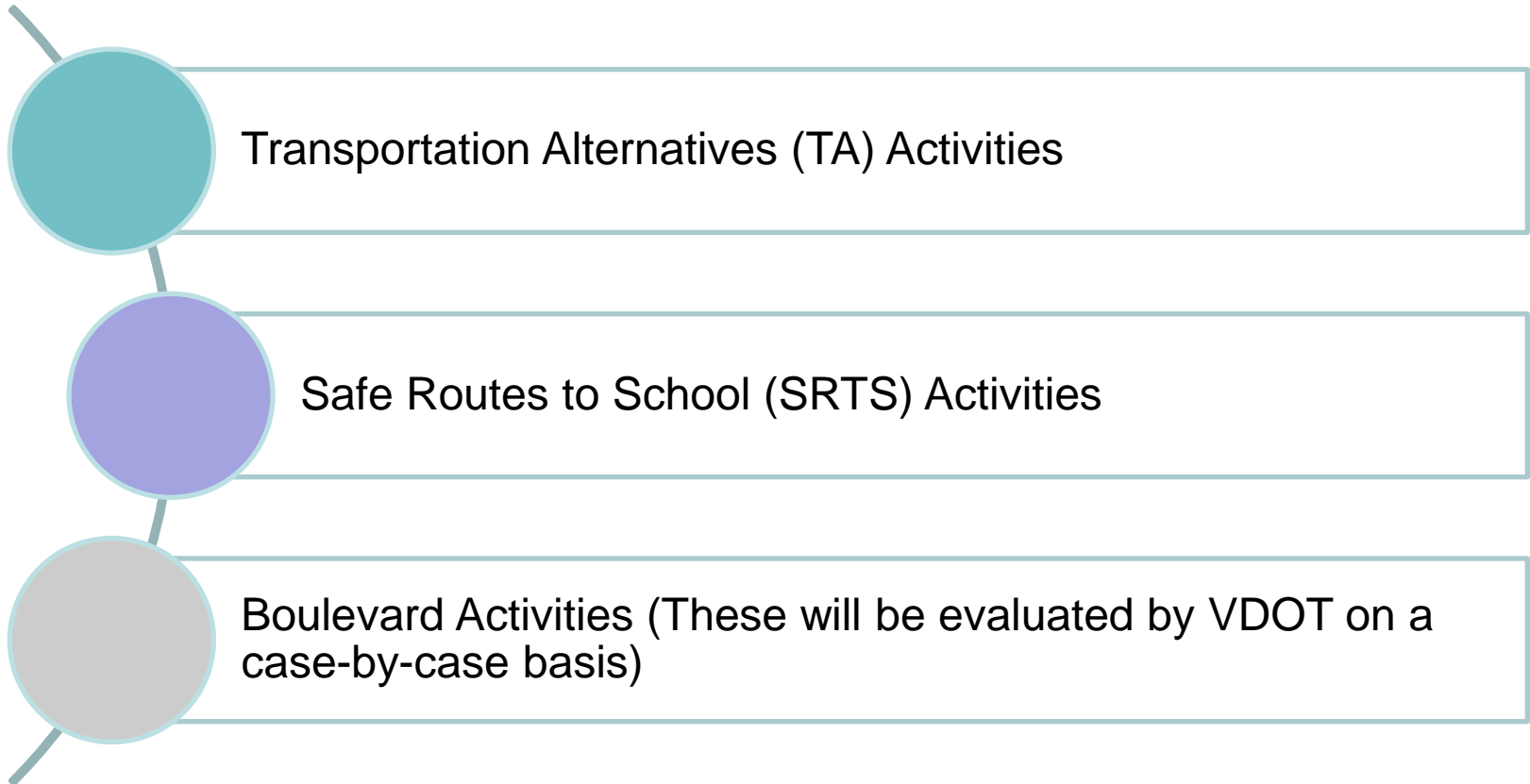
Refined as Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) signed in July 2012 created under Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century also known MAP-21



In SAFETEA-LU there were 12 eligible TE Activities. Under MAP-21 and now FAST Act there are four defined categories. Within the Transportation Alternatives category there are 9 qualifying activities



Eligible Categories





TA Qualifying Activities - 9

1. Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities

2. Conversion of Abandoned Railroad Corridors for Trails

3. Systems to Improve Safety for Non-Drivers

4. Turnouts, overlooks, viewing areas at historic transportation structures

5. Safe Routes to School

6. Inventory, control and removal of outdoor advertising

7. Vegetation management within transportation rights-of-way

8. Archaeological activities related to implementation of a transportation projects

9. 1. Environmental mitigation: Erosion and pollution control;

9. 2. Environmental mitigation: Wildlife mortality and habitat connectivity



Safe Routes To Schools (SRTS) Goals

Educating school aged children in safe walking and biking practice

Encourage children to use an active mode of transportation

Enforcing traffic laws on the streets surrounding schools to provide a safe environment for walking and biking

Providing engineering improvements around the schools such as crosswalks, signage and sidewalks

Evaluating the effectiveness of the program activities and engineering improvements



SRTS – Infrastructure Grants

Eligible Activities

- ✓ Sidewalk improvements
- ✓ Traffic calming and speed reduction improvements
- ✓ Pedestrian and bicycle crossing improvements
- ✓ On-street bicycle facilities
- ✓ Off-street bicycle and pedestrian facilities
- ✓ Shared-use paths/trails
- ✓ Secure bicycle parking facilities
- ✓ Traffic Diversion improvements
- ✓ Other projects that improve pedestrian/bike safety and access

Ineligible Activities

- × Bus stop improvements
- × Improvements to traffic flow/kiss and ride for motorized vehicles
- × Others not related to walking or biking



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
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- District CTB member have \$2 million to allocate (\$1M per fiscal year)
 - 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 (50%)

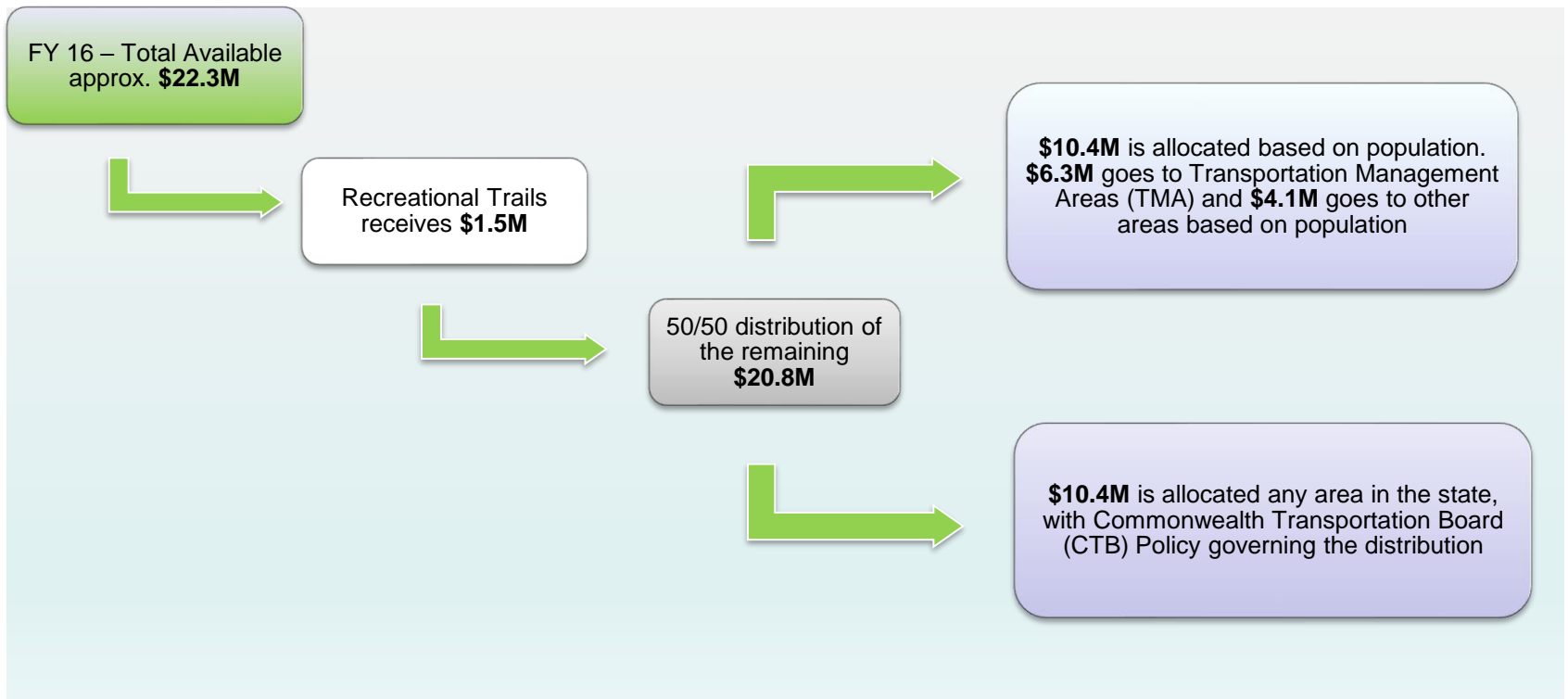
- Will be divided amongst District CTB members for project selections – maximum \$1M per member (up to \$9M)
- The Secretary of Transportation and the CTB At-Large members will select projects with any remaining statewide funds (any funds over the \$9M)

Population Based Funds (50%)

- Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) will make selections in the 4 TMAs
- CTB At-Large members will select projects based on other population areas funding

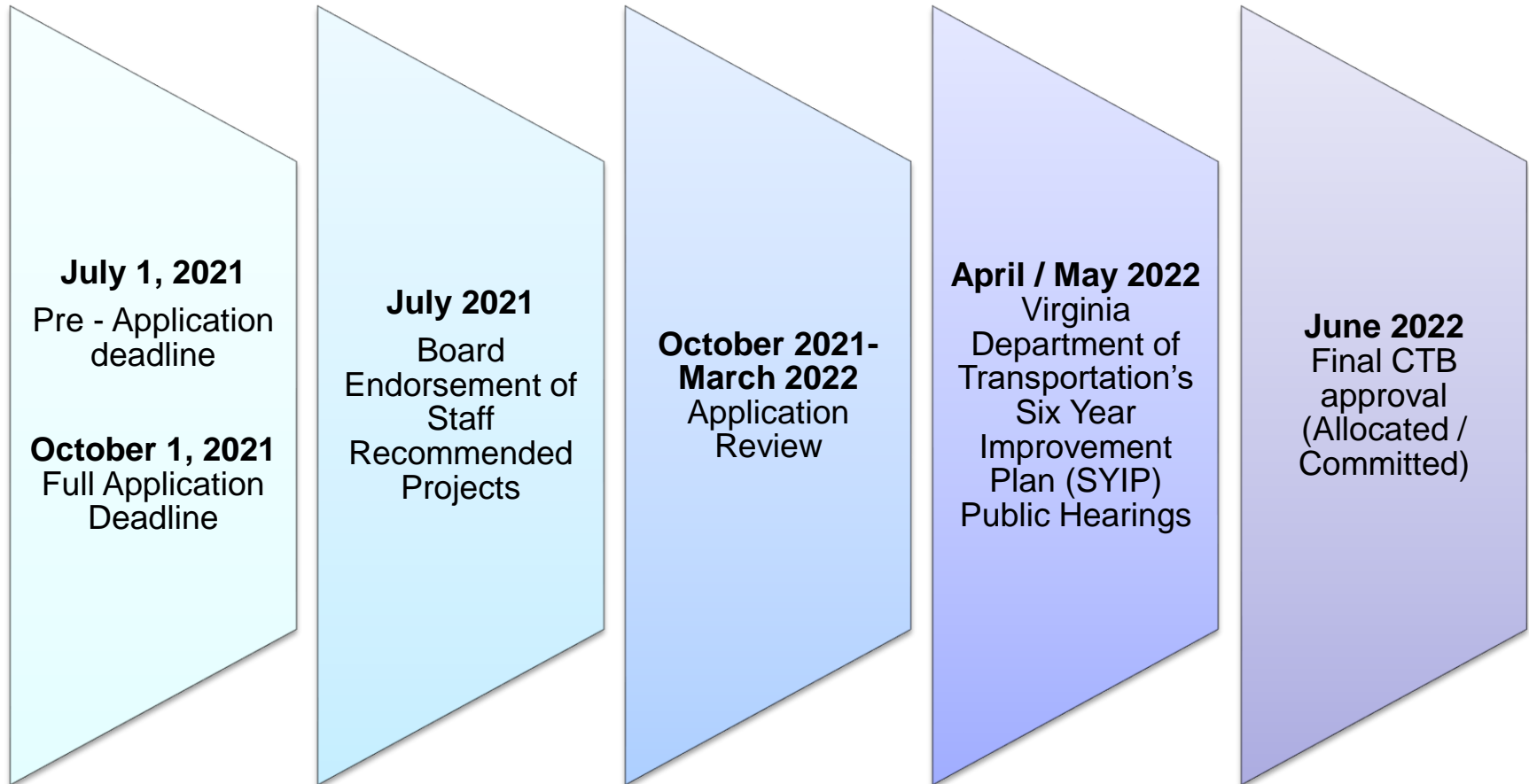


State Allocation Formula – FY16 Example





VDOT FY23 TA Schedule





FY23 Application




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FY 21/22 FINAL ALLOCATIONS

Shrevewood Elementary School SRTS- \$560,000

Orange Hunt Elementary School SRTS - \$160,000

Fairfax County Bikeshare Expansion - \$500,000

Columbia Pike Complete Street – Phase I - \$780,000



Projects for Transportation Alternatives Consideration

Vienna Metro Bike Connection Improvement:

This project will add dedicated bicycle facilities to Virginia Center Boulevard and Country Creek Road from Nutley Street to Sutton Road. The project will also include a connection to the I-66 Trail that is being planned with the Transform 66 Outside the Beltway project.

Mason Neck Trail (Pohick Bay Park Entrance to Route 1):

Construct missing walkway links along Gunston Road from Richmond Highway (Route 1) to existing trail.



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Shrevewood Elementary School SRTS:

The Shrevewood Elementary School (Safe Routes to School) project will add two new marked crosswalks across Shreve Road, one at Fairwood Lane to the west with a pedestrian refuge island and one at the eastern driveway of Shrevewood Elementary School, in addition to a third crosswalk across Virginia Lane at Virginia Avenue.

Bush Hill Elementary School SRTS:

Pedestrian connection to Bush Hill Elementary School



Questions?



Public Input

- Recommendations for Projects
- Support or Dissent on Projects
- Other Comments on TA Set-Aside Program

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TA Set-Aside Links

- CTB Selection Policy - 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 \(virginiadot.org\)](http://www.virginiadot.org)
- Fairfax County Six Year Transportation Priorities - <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/cdot/projects/approved.htm>
- Safe Route to School - [Safe Routes to School - Programs | Virginia Department of Transportation \(virginiadot.org\)](http://www.virginiadot.org)
- FY21 and 22 TAP Allocation - http://www.ctb.virginia.gov/resources/2020/september/resol/3_tap_attachment.pdf
- [Transportation Alternatives program guide - interim 2017](#)