



New TMA TAP Application Process

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A new process has been introduced to apply for Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding allocated to transportation management areas (TMAs) through metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs). This change only affects projects seeking TMA TAP funding; the Statewide TAP process remains unchanged. Projects targeting both TMA and Statewide TAP funding will need to apply to both funding sources separately.

TAP is a competitive grant program that uses federal transportation funds designated by Congress for activities that enhance the intermodal transportation system and provide safe alternative transportation options. Congress allocates a portion of TAP funds for distribution by each state's department of transportation, as well as TMA TAP funds for distribution by the large MPOs in each state.

The changes to TMA TAP impact the application process, the software used, and the administration of TMA-funded TAP grants. The changes do not affect the funding, timeline, federal requirements, Local Agency Program (LAP) implementation, or other aspects of TAP grants.

Benefits

The benefits of the updated TMA TAP process include:

- A process that better aligns the separate programs with the individual priorities of the agencies selecting the projects.
- An earlier funding commitment, through inclusion in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), before hiring a design firm or evaluating National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) impacts.
- A process that parallels the federal-aid project selection process that MPOs use for funding road and transit capital projects.
- An opportunity to clarify the roles and responsibilities of TMA TAP and Statewide TAP staff, fostering better future collaboration.

Contacts

Contact the appropriate MPO to learn their new TMA TAP administration process:

Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission
www.gcmprc.org

Grand Valley Metropolitan Council
www.gvmc.org

Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study
www.katsmpo.org

Southeast Michigan Council of Governments
www.semco.org

Niles-Buchanan-Cass Area Transportation Study
www.swmpc.org/nats.asp

Tri-County Regional Planning Commission
www.mitcrpc.org

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