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A message from SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments

SEMCOG Call for Projects: Transportation Alternatives Program

$5 million available through TAP for FY-2017

SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, has issued a call for projects for the fiscal year (FY) 2017 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). TAP is a competitive grant program that funds projects such as bicycle facilities, shared-use paths, and streetscape improvements that improve pedestrian safety, transportation-related environmental mitigation (including green infrastructure), and safe routes to school. SEMCOG is expected to receive **$5 million for FY-2017.**

Projects can be submitted now through Monday, May 2, 2016, at 5 p.m. through SEMCOG's TAP webpage.

SEMCOG University on the Transportation Alternatives Program

To learn more about this program and how to apply, please consider attending the February 25 SEMCOG University: Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). Applicants interested in applying for TAP funds will learn about:

- eligibility and competitiveness criteria;
- submitting a TAP application through MDOT's MGS system;
- project selection process;
- successfully selected and implemented projects; and
- best practices and guidance for applying and implementing projects.

Registration is required for this SEMCOG University. Please **register here**.

Additional details about applying for TAP funds

- **Available Funding:** $5 million in fiscal year 2017 (10/1/16 - 9/30/17) in the seven-county SEMCOG region.
- **Eligible Projects:** Pedestrian and bicycle facilities, including shared-use paths and safe routes for non-drivers; streetscape improvements; transportation-related environmental mitigation activities; historic preservation projects; and projects to encourage K-8 students to walk or bike to school. See theSEMCOG TAP webpage for more details on eligible projects.
- **Eligible Applicants:** Public entities eligible to receive Public Act 51 funds, including incorporated cities, and villages, county road commissions, and public transit agencies. Other organizations can apply, but they must be sponsored by an Act 51 agency at the time of application.

- **Matching Requirement:** A minimum 20 percent cash match from non-federal sources is required. Higher match may be given more weight/consideration during review.
- **Application Procedure:** Applicants must submit applications electronically through the Michigan Department of Transportation's (MDOT) grant system (MGS). Sponsored agencies must also submit a sponsorship agreement form and upload it as part of the grant application. Access the MGS system, and the sponsorship agreement form through the SEMCOG TAP webpage.
- **Application Deadline:** Applications for fiscal year 2017 TAP funding must be submitted through the MGS system **no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, May 2, 2016**.
- **Award Procedure:** Applications will be evaluated by SEMCOG's Regional Clearinghouse Review Committee with award announcements made in late June or early July 2016. **Note:** All awarded fiscal year 2017 projects must be obligated no later than July 1, 2017.

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