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TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM AND RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

LITTLE ROCK (12-2) – The Arkansas State Highway Commission is pleased to announce the first application cycle for the Arkansas Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and a call for the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) applications.

TAP was authorized by the most recent Federal transportation funding act, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21). TAP redefines the former Transportation Enhancement activities and consolidates these eligible activities with the former Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program and projects previously funded through the discretionary National Scenic Byways program.

A seminar will be held on January 22, 2015, and another on February 19, 2015, at the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) Central Office Building at the address listed below to inform potential eligible sponsors of TAP and RTP requirements and responsibilities. Notices for the seminars can be found at www.arkansashighways.com.

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.

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- 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 evaluations programs.
 - Bicycle & Pedestrian education or a walking school bus program in the vicinity of a K-8 school.

MAP-21 provides RTP funds for projects such as the construction and major maintenance of motorized, non-motorized and multiple-use recreational trails, development and rehabilitation of trailside and trailhead facilities and trail linkages.

Project applications, including general project guidelines, can be obtained from

www.arkansashighways.com/tap/tap.aspx

or

Arkansas Transportation Alternatives Program
c/o Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department
Program Management Division
P.O. Box 2261
Little Rock, AR 72203-2261

Applications can also be obtained in Room 501 of the AHTD Central Office Building located at 10324 Interstate 30 (Exit 130) in Little Rock, or by calling, faxing or emailing to the following:

Telephone: (501) 569-2261

Telefax: (501) 569-2623

Email: LFPA@ahtd.ar.gov

Applications must be received at the address shown above by April 1, 2015, at 4:00 p.m. Central Daylight Time to be considered for funding.

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