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### **Arkansas State Highway Commission Approves Funding for Local Federal-aid Projects**

**STATEWIDE (12-4)** – The Arkansas State Highway Commission has approved more than \$20 million in funding to applicants for Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program, and Recreational Trails Program (RTP) projects in Arkansas.

The TAP is a Federal-aid program established in 2013 that allows eligible sponsors to apply for funding to construct sidewalks and trails for pedestrians, bicyclists and other non-motorized forms of transportation, create systems that will provide safe routes for non-drivers (children, older adults and individuals with disabilities) or other similar activities. This year, the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) received 93 applications requesting more than \$21 million. Seventy-one projects were selected to receive approximately \$16 million in available funding.

The SRTS Program was established in 2005 and is used to enable and encourage children to safely walk and bicycle to school. These projects can include construction of infrastructure to improve the safety for pedestrians in the vicinity of schools or non-construction activities such as public awareness campaigns, traffic education, outreach programs and student bicycle safety training. This year, the AHTD received 39 applications requesting more than \$6 million. Eight projects were selected to receive approximately \$1.2 million in available funding.

The RTP is a very competitive Federal-aid program established in 1993 allowing cities, counties, state or federal government agencies, and non-profit groups to apply for funding for the construction or maintenance of recreational trails or trail facilities throughout the state. This year, the AHTD received 48 applications requesting almost \$9 million. Twenty-eight projects were selected to receive approximately \$3.2 million in available funding.

The AHTD will work with the successful applicants to develop their projects and see them through to completion. See attached lists detailing the projects selected for funding.

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Funding Program	Number of Projects	Total Awarded
Transportation Alternatives Program	71	\$ 15,970,981
Safe Routes to School Program	8	\$ 1,207,262
Recreational Trails Program	28	\$ 3,186,694
<b>All Programs Total</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>\$ 20,364,937</b>



## Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) 2015 Awarded Projects

County	Sponsor	Project Name	Federal Funding Award
Baxter	City of Norfolk	Highway 5 Sidewalk Improvements	\$ 102,405
Benton	Benton County	War Eagle Bridge	\$ 500,000
Benton	City of Bella Vista	Dartmoor Road HAWK Crossing	\$ 50,000
Benton	City of Bentonville	SW 41st Street Trail	\$ 49,500
Benton	City of Cave Springs	Cave Springs/Illinois River Watershed Partnership Improvements	\$ 97,160
Benton	City of Centerton	Traffic Signal and Crosswalk Installation	\$ 240,000
Benton	City of Decatur	Highway 102 Sidewalk Project	\$ 130,144
Benton	City of Rogers	New Hope Bicycle & Pedestrian Bridge-Razorback Regional Greenway Trail	\$ 500,000
Benton	City of Siloam Springs	City Lake Wildlife Trail	\$ 67,705
Carroll	City of Eureka Springs	Harmon Park - Clear Springs School Walking Trail	\$ 63,724
Carroll	City of Green Forest	Green Forest North Park Trail	\$ 83,527
Carroll	City of Green Forest	Green Forest Square Streetscaping	\$ 54,464
Chicot	City of Dermott	City of Dermott Safe Routes to School	\$ 229,191
Clark	City of Arkadelphia	Arkadelphia Streetscape Phase IV	\$ 349,930
Clark	City of Caddo Valley	Caddo Valley Curb and Sidewalk Improvements	\$ 399,640
Cleburne	City of Heber Springs	Wedding Ford Sidewalk Improvements	\$ 135,040
Cleburne	City of Quitman	Quitman Safe Routes to School Sidewalks	\$ 161,448
Columbia	City of Magnolia	Frederick Street Sidewalks	\$ 395,760
Conway	City of Morrilton	Poor Farm Road Sidewalks	\$ 117,240
Craighead	City of Bono	College Street Project	\$ 375,410
Craighead	City of Brookland	North Oak Street Sidewalks	\$ 101,660
Craighead	City of Jonesboro	Craighead Forest Trailway Phase 2 Construction	\$ 302,036
Craighead	City of Jonesboro	Race Street Sidewalks and Union Pacific Railroad Pedestrian Accessibility	\$ 72,678
Crawford	City of Alma	Alma Downtown Streetscape	\$ 213,728

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Crawford	City of Mountainburg	Mountainburg Safe Routes to School Infrastructure	\$ 135,940
Crawford	City of Mulberry	Mulberry Sidewalk Improvements	\$ 249,145
Crawford	City of Van Buren	Rena Road Sidewalk Project	\$ 294,016
Dallas	City of Fordyce	Fordyce City Park Multi-Use Trail	\$ 196,000
Desha	City of McGehee	McGehee - Adams Street Safe Routes to School	\$ 85,756
Garland	City of Hot Springs	Hollywood Avenue Healthy Trails Connection	\$ 400,400
Garland	City of Hot Springs	Hot Springs Creek Greenway Trail Phase V, Utility Services Center Trail Phase III	\$ 363,800
Greene	City of Paragould	Paragould Streetscaping	\$ 250,000
Hot Spring	City of Donaldson	Donaldson Sidewalk Walking Trail Phase 1	\$ 154,272
Hot Spring	City of Rockport	Rockport Sidewalk - Walking Trail Plan	\$ 203,240
Howard	City of Nashville	4th Street Sidewalks	\$ 190,240
Jefferson	City of Pine Bluff	Pine Bluff Downtown Streetscape	\$ 500,000
Jefferson	City of Pine Bluff	Southwood Elementary Connection	\$ 80,377
Jefferson	City of Redfield	Hardin Elementary Sidewalks	\$ 87,120
Jefferson	University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff	Pedestrian Crossing, Drop-off and Campus Entry for UAPB	\$ 383,186
Lafayette	City of Stamps	Stamps Triangle Sidewalk Improvements	\$ 132,800
Little River	City of Ogden	Ogden Sidewalk Improvements	\$ 109,300
Lonoke	City of Cabot	City of Cabot Hwy 89 Phase 2	\$ 362,248
Madison	City of Huntsville	College Avenue Sidewalk Enhancement	\$ 363,250
Marion	City of Flippin	Alford St. & 2nd St. Sidewalks	\$ 96,640
Miller	City of Texarkana	Nix Creek Trail Extension (East 42nd Street to NW of Nix Creek)	\$ 66,353
Miller	City of Texarkana	Pinson Sidewalks (Arkansas Blvd. to East 42nd Street)	\$ 35,589
Miller	City of Texarkana	Pinson Sidewalks (East 42nd Street to East 47th Street)	\$ 48,810
Ouachita	City of Bearden	Bearden Sidewalk Improvements	\$ 51,200

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County	Sponsor	Project Name	Federal Funding Award
Ouachita	City of Camden	Camden Streetscape Phase 2	\$ 318,208
Ouachita	City of Camden	Rail Corridor Phase 1	\$ 500,000
Perry	City of Perryville	Perryville Middle School Sidewalk	\$ 86,120
Pike	City of Glenwood	Glenwood Sidewalk Improvements	\$ 399,892
Pope	City of Russellville	Knoxville & 19th Street Sidewalks	\$ 180,740
Pulaski	Central Arkansas Transit Authority	CATA Solar Powered Bus Shelter Replacement Program	\$ 360,000
Pulaski	City of Jacksonville	Sidewalks on John Harden Drive & North First Street	\$ 80,000
Pulaski	City of Little Rock	City of Little Rock's Riverfront Drive Project	\$ 325,000
Pulaski	City of Little Rock	Dunbar School/Gibbs School Safe Routes to School	\$ 71,602
Pulaski	City of North Little Rock	Safe Routes to School - Amboy Elementary and Boone Park Elementary	\$ 150,508
Pulaski	City of Sherwood	Raywood - Autumnbrook Sidewalk Extension	\$ 106,380
Pulaski	Pulaski County	Arkansas River Trail - Pinnacle Valley Road Extension	\$ 282,236
Pulaski	Shorter College	Shorter College Streetscape and Pedestrian Walks	\$ 432,472
Saline	City of Bryant	Boswell Road Sidewalk	\$ 172,000
Saline	City of Shannon Hills	Healthy Alternative Transportation	\$ 397,664
Saline	Saline County	Old River Bridge	\$ 500,000
Searcy	City of Marshall	Marshall Sidewalk and Trail Enhancements	\$ 466,940
Sevier	City of Lockesburg	Lockesburg Sidewalk Improvements	\$ 353,560
Union	City of El Dorado	South Lions Club Park Trail	\$ 272,220
Union	City of Smackover	Lisbon Street Sidewalks	\$ 40,920
Washington	City of Springdale	Pride of Springdale Trail	\$ 500,000
Washington	City of West Fork	Riverside Park Connection and Safe Routes to School	\$ 179,231
Yell	City of Dardanelle	Dardanelle Front Street Enhancements Phase II	\$ 163,216
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 15,970,981</b>

**Safe Routes to School Program (SRTS)  
2015 Awarded Projects**

<b>County</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Federal Funding Award</b>
Ashley	City of Hamburg	Cherry Street Sidewalk Completion Project	\$ 266,250
Carroll	City of Green Forest	Arkansas Safe Routes to School Outreach	\$ 182,800
Garland	City of Hot Springs	Hot Springs School Pedestrian Connectors	\$ 149,500
Lonoke	City of Ward	Ward Safe Routes to School Phase III	\$ 220,000
Pulaski	City of Little Rock	MacPark Connections	\$ 96,329
Saline	City of Shannon Hills	Shannon Hills Safe Routes to School Phase II	\$ 120,000
Washington	City of West Fork	McKnight Street Safe Routes Connection	\$ 94,995
Washington	Prairie Grove Schools	Prairie Grove Comes Together Sidewalks	\$ 77,388
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 1,207,262</b>

**Recreational Trails Program (RTP)  
2015 Awarded Projects**

<b>County</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Federal Funding Award</b>
Arkansas	City of DeWitt	DeWitt City Park Walking Trail Widening and Overlay	\$ 75,000
Ashley	City of Wilmot	Phase 2: City Park Trail	\$ 74,112
Benton	City of Bentonville	Community Center Fitness Trail	\$ 75,000
Cleburne	City of Greers Ferry	Greers Ferry Walking Trail Rehabilitation	\$ 35,000
Cleburne	City of Heber Springs	South Broadway Trail Extension	\$ 45,000
Craighead	City of Jonesboro	Greenway Pedestrian Bridge at Turtle Creek Mall	\$ 79,996
Crittenden	Crittenden County	Crittenden County Eco-Park Trail	\$ 200,000
Desha	Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism	Delta Heritage Trail: Rohwer to Watson	\$ 500,000
Faulkner	City of Conway	Dave Ward Drive Pedestrian Overpass	\$ 400,000
Faulkner	City of Holland	City of Holland Wildlife Observation Trail	\$ 30,000
Independence	City of Batesville	Batesville Greenway Walking Trail Phase III Section II	\$ 50,000
Jefferson	City of Pine Bluff	Lake Saracen Trail Phase 8	\$ 30,000
Lincoln	Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism	Cane Creek Boardwalk & Trail	\$ 157,266
Logan	Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism	Mount Magazine Cabin & Lodge Barrier Free Trail	\$ 103,962
Miller	City of Texarkana	Jackson Street Trail & Bridge Connection	\$ 76,500
Mississippi	City of Osceola	Osceola Park Trail Rehabilitation	\$ 50,000
Newton	Arkansas Backcountry Horsemen	Cecil Cove Trail Rehabilitation	\$ 29,332
Ouachita	City of Camden	Riverfront Parks Connector	\$ 56,600
Pike	City of Murfreesboro	City Park Walking & Lighting Trail Project	\$ 40,000
Pope	Arkansas Tech University	Arkansas Tech Connect Trail	\$ 150,000
Pulaski	City of Maumelle	Maumelle Wetland Trail	\$ 32,000
Pulaski	City of North Little Rock	Levy Trail, Phase 3	\$ 271,696
Saline	City of Benton	Benton Riverside Park Trail	\$ 150,000
Sebastian	City of Fort Smith	Rice Carden Walking Trail - West Riverfront Trail	\$ 224,000

**Recreational Trails Program (RTP)  
2015 Awarded Projects**

County	Sponsor	Project Name	Federal Funding Award
Sebastian	City of Greenwood	Greenwood Lake Trail South Loop Extension	\$ 125,000
Sebastian	City of Mansfield	Constitution Park Trail	\$ 35,000
Various	Friends of the Ouachita Trail	Ouachita Trail Shelter Project	\$ 35,230
Washington	City of Fayetteville	Lake Fayetteville Nature Trail Boardwalk and Realignment	\$ 56,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 3,186,694</b>