

# Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)



TAP projects are community based projects that expand travel choices and enhance the transportation experience by integrating modes and improving the cultural, historic, and environmental aspects of our transportation infrastructure. The TAP provides for the implementation of a variety of projects, with examples of projects that include pedestrian and bicycle facilities for non-drivers, scenic turnouts and overlooks, mitigation of water pollution from highway runoff, and improvements to historic transportation facilities.

## The Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2017 and FFY 2018 solicitation process taking place in 2013-2014

This year’s process began October 1, 2013 with the announcement of the Letter of Intent (LOI) form being open for submittal. To assist potential applicants, the Northeast Minnesota Area Transportation Partnership (ATP) is hosting two workshops that will be facilitated by the Arrowhead Regional Development Commission (ARDC) and the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT). These workshops will be offered in the northern portion of the region (Virginia) and in the southern part of the region (Duluth) and are designed to explain the TAP and answer questions related to applying and delivering projects. The LOI is due November 15 and will be accompanied by a regional/ statewide discussion with the LOI applicant to ensure all TAP requirements are understood. Eligible project applicants will be provided with the final application that will be due January 31, 2014. The applications will be reviewed and selected for recommendation by the ATP and its sub-groups in February, March, and April. Applicants will be notified if their project was selected by April 15, 2014.

### Timeline

October 1, 2013	Letter of Intent (LOI) Available
October 29, 2013	TAP Workshop: Virginia MnDOT District 1 Office
October 31, 2013	TAP Workshop: Duluth MnDOT District 1 Office
November 15, 2013	LOI Submission Deadline
November 15– December 1, 2013	LOI review– applicants will be contacted
December 1, 2013	Applicants notified whether or not to proceed to the full application
January 31, 2014	TAP Final Application Submission Deadline
February 2014	TAP Task Force reviews and ranks projects
March 2014	RTAC reviews the Task Force recommendations
April 2014	ATP reviews recommended projects
April 15, 2014	Grant Recipients Announced

The Arrowhead Regional Development Commission (ARDC) provides facilitation and staff services to the ATP TAP Task Force, which is a working group that recommends projects for funding under the TAP. ARDC also communicates the priorities of the ATP to local officials and transportation stakeholders, and provides staffing to the Regional Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) and the ATP. If you have questions regarding the TAP or the TAP process, please contact:

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