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Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Project Proposal Application

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Application Instructions

Columbus-Phenix City Metropolitan Planning Organization's (C-PCMPO) Transportation Alternatives project proposal process begins with the submission of C-PCMPO's *Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Project Proposal Application Form*. The following form consists of seven (7) required sections that must be completed in order to be considered for a given proposal cycle. Each section has required sections highlighted in gray.

It is expected that each application will require supplementary and supporting documents such as studies, analyses, financial budgets, references, etc. For all supplementary and supporting documents and materials, please include these documents in the Attachment Section of the Transportation Alternatives webpage. More information will be given as to how to properly submit supplementary and supporting documents in the *Attachment Section* of this document. Required or highly suggested supplementary and supporting materials will be highlighted in yellow as a reminder to the applicant to add these materials/documents to the final submission of this application.

Lastly, before submitting this document, please ensure all statements and information are accurate. The entirety of this application process will require transparency and the cooperation of all applicants, sponsors, and entities required throughout the Transportation Alternatives Project Proposal Process. To ensure a strong application, please include all pertinent and required information and supporting documents before submitting final application.

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A. Contact Information

Applicant Name:

Date:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Primary Phone Number:

Phone Type:

Secondary Phone Number:

Phone Type:

Email:

Contact Preference (Home/Work/Mobile):

List all additional sponsoring organizations:

1. Name of Organization (Applicant's Organization):

Point of Contact's Full Name:

Title:

Primary Phone Number:

Email:

2. Name of Organization:

Point of Contact's Full Name:

Title:

Primary Phone Number:

Email:

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3. Name of Organization:

Point of Contact's Full Name:

Title:

Primary Phone Number:

Email:

4. Name of Organization:

Point of Contact's Full Name:

Title:

Primary Phone Number:

Email:

5. Name of Organization:

Point of Contact's Full Name:

Title:

Primary Phone Number:

Email:

6. Name of Organization:

Point of Contact's Full Name:

Title:

Primary Phone Number:

Email:

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B. Project Description

Name of Proposed Project:

Project Location:

Length & Termini (i.e. where does proposed project begin and end, if applicable):

City:

County:

State:

Zip Code:

Project Description:

Does the project support the implementation of local, regional, and/or state strategic and comprehensive plans and/or other goals outlined by these entities?

Yes No

Does the project utilize Complete Streets policies and/or other best practices in design for active transportation infrastructure and programming?

Yes No

Have any studies (feasibility, environmental, etc.) been conducted for the proposed project?

Yes No

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Have any permits been submitted on behalf of the applicant's proposed project?

Yes No

Will the proposed project require the purchase, donation, and/or other form of property transfer (ownership)?

Yes No

Identify ownership of all property involved in the proposed project. If additional property must be acquired to complete the project, identify ownership and value of property, either purchased or donated:

Has your proposed project been presented to the public through community outreach initiatives, public meetings, and/or other forums that allow for accessible and inclusive discussions with the public?

Yes No

Is the proposed project identified in the region's Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)?

Yes No

Is the proposed project identified in the region's Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)?

Yes No

Is the proposed project identified in the region's Alternative Transportation Plan (ATP)?

Yes No

Please attach all supporting documents (maps, permits, studies, strategic/comprehensive plans, and all other materials that support the applicant's responses in this section in the Attachment Section of this document)

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C. Project Eligibility

Does the project meet the requirements outlined within the FAST Act?

Yes No

Does project conform to applicable requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and any other local, state, or federal laws concurring accessibility?

Yes No

Does your proposed project meet at least one of the following requirements for TA Set-Aside fund eligibility? (Mark all that apply):

Construction, planning, and design 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, traffic calming techniques, lighting and other safety-related infrastructure, and transportation projects to achieve compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq);

Construction, planning, and design of infrastructure-related projects and systems that will provide safe routes for non-drivers, including children, older adults, and individuals with disabilities to access daily needs;

Conversion and use of abandoned railroad corridors for trails for pedestrians, bicyclists, or other non-motorized transportation users;

Construction of turnouts, overlooks, and viewing areas;

Community improvement activities, which include but are not limited to:

- Inventory, control, or removal of outdoor advertising
- Historic preservation and rehabilitation of historic transportation facilities
- Vegetation management practices in transportation right-of-ways to improve roadway safety, prevent against invasive species, and provide erosion control
- Archaeological activities relating to impacts from implementation of a transportation project under title 23;

Any environmental mitigation activity, including pollution prevention and pollution abatement activities and mitigation to:

- Address stormwater management, control, and water pollution prevention or abatement related to highway construction or due to highway runoff, including activities described in section 23 U.S.C. 133 (b)(3) [as amended under the FAST Act], 328(a), and 329 of title 23

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- Reduce vehicle-caused wildlife mortality or to restore and maintain connectivity among terrestrial or aquatic habitats (Former 23 U.S.C. 213 (b)(2)-(4);
- The recreational trails program (RTP) under 23 U.S.C. 206 of title 23;
- The safe routes to school (SRTS) program eligible projects and activities listed at section 1404 (f) of the SAFETEA-LU:
 - Infrastructure related projects
 - Non-infrastructure related projects
 - SRTS Coordinator. SAFETEA-LU section 1404 (f) (2) (a) lists “managers of safe routes to school programs” as eligible under the non-infrastructure projects;
- Planning, designing, or constructing boulevards and other roadways largely in the right-of-way of former Interstate System routes or other divided highways; and/or
- Transportation projects that will be conducted and performed by youth workforce development, youth conservation corps, and other youth services, which can be defined under section 1524 of the MAP-21 Act.

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D. Monies Match

Does the applicant and/or sponsoring organization(s) have the funds for the 20% local match requirement?

Yes No

Will the applicant and/or sponsoring organization(s) be partnering with the Columbus Consolidated Government or another governmental entity or authority within Muscogee County, GA (i.e. METRA, Columbus Housing Authority, etc.) to meet the requirements for the local match and cost reimbursement eligibility?

Yes No

If Yes, please complete the *Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the TA Set-Aside Cost Reimbursement Procedure* which can be found on the Transportation Alternatives webpage.

If No, please explain how the applicant and/or sponsoring organization(s) intend on meeting the initial upfront cost (100% of project costs) for their proposed project:

Please attach all documentation that supports the applicant and/or sponsoring organization(s) claim that the 20% local match is secured and ready for use if the proposed project is selected in the *Attachment Section* of this application.

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E. Environmental Justice Area Survey

Environmental Justice – which is the equitable treatment and meaningful inclusion of all people, regardless of any or all minority statuses, during the planning, development, implementation, and enforcement of any environmental laws, regulations, and policies, is an important component to the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside program, as well as a general concept that is implemented in all of C-PCMPO's transportation planning documents such as the Metropolitan Transportation (MTP).

In order to ensure yearly TA Set-Aside funds are being dispersed evenly and/or where there is a significant need for alternative transportation infrastructure and facilities, the C-PCMPO's TA process will include an Environmental Justice Analysis, which can be accessed on the Transportation Alternatives webpage.

1. Is your project within an Environmental Justice area, according to the C-PCMPO's Environmental Justice Analysis?

Yes No

If your project is not in an Environmental Justice area, please continue to **section F**. If your project is within an Environmental Justice area, please **answer all the questions in this section**.

2. How will your proposed project mitigate and/or lower the incidences of excessive exposure to hazardous, unhealthy, and/or disproportionately degraded environments?

3. Could your proposed project be replicated and used in other Environmental Justice areas within the C-PCMPO region? Why or why not?

Please provide all supplementary materials (maps, pictures, studies, and other documents) at the *Attachment Section* of this application.

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F. Community Impact

How will your proposed project effect the populations you have identified above?

How will your proposed project increase users' access to bike/ped and other active transportation infrastructure?

Why are you, the applicant and/or sponsoring organization(s), interested in alternative modes of transportation and the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside program?

In your own words, please describe the longevity of your proposed project:

In your own words, please describe why your proposed project would be a benefit to the community and MPO region at large?

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G. Attachments and Supporting Documents

When attaching all of your proposed projects supporting documents, please make sure to clearly label each file by including the **applicant's first and last name, the proposed project's title, and the corresponding section** (i.e. Project Description, Environmental Justice Area Survey, etc.) in which said documents should be attributed to for scoring purposes. Below are reminders of sections that would benefit from the submission of supporting documents:

1. Please attach all studies/analyses conducted for your proposed project
2. Please attach all pictures of the site (current conditions, proposed project renderings, historical/archive images, etc.) of your proposed project
3. Please attach all maps (current and proposed) of the site of your proposed project
4. Please attach all supporting research and other materials for your proposed project
5. Please attach all financial reports/spreadsheets and other documents that support the applicant(s) and the sponsor(s) ability to have access to the required 20% local match and/or the entire project cost amount (if in jurisdictions outside of Muscogee County, GA)
6. Please attach all other miscellaneous supporting documents and materials

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G. Certification

The undersigned has authority to sign on behalf of the applicant and/or sponsoring organization(s) and certifies that the applicant and/or sponsoring organization(s) has legal authority to enter into contract to implement the proposed project and that all information provided is complete and accurate to their best knowledge.

Full Name:

Title/Organization:

Signature:

Date:

Witness's Full Name:

Title/Organization:

Signature:

Date:

MPO Staff Full Name:

Title:

Signature:

Date: