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TO: Transportation Alternatives Program and Recreational Trails Program Applicants

The Arkansas State Highway Commission is pleased to announce that applications for the Arkansas Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and Recreational Trails Program (RTP) are now available. The TAP was authorized under the transportation bill, Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act. The TAP redefined the former Transportation Enhancement activities and consolidated these eligible activities with the former Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program and projects previously funded through the discretionary National Scenic Byways program. The FAST Act continued funding for the RTP for projects such as the construction and major maintenance of motorized, non-motorized, and multiple-use recreational trails, and development and rehabilitation of trailside and trailhead facilities and trail linkages.

Seminars will be held on February 23, 2018 and March 20, 2018, at the Arkansas Department of Transportation Central Headquarters building at the physical address listed on the next page to inform potential eligible sponsors of TAP and RTP requirements and responsibilities. A third seminar relaying this information will be held on April 3, 2018 at the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission Building in Springdale. If you plan to attend any of the seminars, please register at the Department's TAP webpage.

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

Eligible RTP projects include, but are not limited to:

- Construction and major maintenance of motorized, non-motorized, and multiple-use recreational trails
- Development and rehabilitation of trailside and trailhead facilities and trail linkages

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Applications are being accepted for funding during State Fiscal Year 2018 and must be completed, returned, and received by 4:00 p.m. Central Daylight Time on Tuesday, May 1, 2018 to be considered for funding. Project applications, including general project guidelines, may be obtained from:

www.ardot.gov/tap/tap.aspx
or
Arkansas Department of Transportation
c/o Program Management Division
P.O. Box 2261
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Applications may also be obtained in Room 503 of the Arkansas Department of Transportation Central Headquarters building located at 10324 Interstate 30 (Exit 130) in Little Rock. If you have any questions please contact Daniel Siskowski at Phone: (501) 569-2481 / Fax: (501) 569-2623 / Email: LFPA@ardot.gov.

Thank you for your interest in these programs.

Sincerely,



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