

c. Eligible Projects and Activities

To be eligible for TA funds, a project must meet one or more of the TA project definitions listed below and must relate to surface transportation.

1. Pedestrian & Bicycle Facilities – sidewalks, walkways or curb ramps; bike lane striping, wide paved shoulders, bike parking and bus racks; traffic calming; off-road trails; bike and pedestrian bridges and underpasses; ADA compliance.
2. Safe Routes for Non-Drivers – infrastructure and accommodations for children, older adults, and individuals with disabilities to access daily needs.
3. Safe Routes to School (SRTS) – planning and programming of non-infrastructure projects; the planning, design, and construction of infrastructure-related projects that will substantially improve the ability of students to walk and bicycle to school, including:
 - Non-Infrastructure (Phase 1)
 1. Development of a Safe Routes to School Master Plan
 2. Traffic education and enforcement
 3. Student sessions on pedestrian and bicycle safety curriculum
 4. Funding for training, volunteers, and managers of SRTS programs
 - Infrastructure-Related (Phase 2)
 1. Sidewalk improvements
 2. Traffic calming and speed reduction improvements
 3. Pedestrian and bicycle crossing improvements
 4. On-street bicycle facilities
 5. Off-street bicycle and pedestrian facilities
 6. Secure bicycle parking and facilities
 7. Traffic diversion improvements within the vicinity of schools

All SRTS projects must be within approximately two miles of a school for kindergarten through eighth grade.

4. Conversion of Abandoned Railway Corridors to Trails – acquisition of railroad rights-of-way; planning, design, and construction of multiuse trails and rail-with-trail projects.
5. Scenic Turnouts and Overlooks – construction of scenic turnouts, overlooks, and viewing areas.
6. Outdoor Advertising Management – billboard inventories and removal of illegal and non-conforming billboards.
7. Historic Preservation & Rehabilitation of Historic Transportation Facilities – preservation of buildings and facades in historic districts; restoration of historic buildings for transportation-related purposes; access improvements to historic sites.
8. Vegetation Management – improvement of roadway safety; prevention of invasive species; providing erosion control.
9. Archaeological Activities – projects related to impacts from implementation of highway construction projects.
10. Stormwater Mitigation – pollution prevention and abatement activities to address stormwater management; water pollution prevention related to highway construction or due to highway runoff.
11. Wildlife Management – reduction of vehicle-caused wildlife mortality; restoration and maintenance of connectivity among terrestrial or aquatic habitats.

Project proposals must be for a complete, identifiable, and usable facility or activity. Funds will not be awarded for partial projects that cannot function as a complete and useful facility or activity. However, funding may be awarded to a specific phase of a project if that phase, when completed, can function as a stand-alone project. Proposals with multi-phase projects must clearly identify each phase and funding needs for each of the phases.



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TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES (TA) PROGRAM

2017 and 2018 Awarded projects [announced](#).

The 2017 and 2018 Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program Call for Projects is closed. See the awarded projects announcement in the link above.

KDOT is pleased to announce the Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program Call for 2020 Projects.

KDOT's TA Program provides funding for a variety of alternative transportation projects. These include the construction of pedestrian and bicycle facilities and infrastructure for non-driver access to public transportation, projects that enhance safety and mobility for pedestrians, bicyclists and transit riders, projects that improve scenic or environmental assets in our state, Safe Routes to School projects, and more. An estimated \$7 million in federal funds are anticipated to be available to award for Federal Fiscal Year 2020. All selected projects will be required to meet a minimum 20% local cash match.

All submitted applications will go through the same competitive, multi-phase selection process. More details can be found in the [2020 TA Program Guide](#). The [Guide](#) provides guidance on the program to assist eligible Project Sponsors in compiling and completing your applications. This guidance includes descriptions of eligible projects, project sponsors, MPO requirements (as applicable), funding, local match requirements, and the project scoring, review and selection process. Please be sure to read the Guidance in its entirety.

KDOT will host two TA Application workshops for eligible Project Sponsors to cover the parameters of the TA Program. At the workshop, applicants will review program requirements and eligibilities, changes since the last Call for Projects and an open Q&A session. Immediately following, subject matter experts answered project-specific questions based on the Project Category being applied for.

Important Dates:

Tuesday, June 12, 2018 – Call for 2020 Projects announced, and website will be live with program guidance materials and the project application form. **TA Program Workshops** – KDOT will host two workshops to inform applicants about program requirements and expectations. Attendees will also review a demo application packet, cover any changes from previous rounds of TA funding, and participate in open and one-on-one Q&A session. Space is limited so please RSVP by 4 pm on Friday, July 6, 2018 to Matthew.Messina@ks.gov or (785) 296-7448 and indicate which workshop you would like to attend.

Topeka: Tuesday, July 10, 2018 – 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm – TA Workshop at Eisenhower State Office Building's 4th Floor Auditorium, 700 SW Harrison, Topeka, KS 66603.

Salina: Wednesday, July 11, 2018 – 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm – TA Workshop at KDOT's District 2 Headquarters' conference room, 1006 N. Third, Salina, KS 67401.

Monday, September 10, 2018 at 4:00pm local time – Applications are due. Please submit 1 paper copy and 1 digital copy in PDF format on a USB flash drive, mailed to KDOT headquarters:

Attn: Matthew Messina, 700 SW Harrison St. 2nd Floor, Topeka, KS 66603.

October 2018 – November 2018 – KDOT staff will conduct Site Visits for all eligible projects.

December 2018 – Project selections and public announcement of awards.

Please view and download the following items and use them to guide you through the development of your project--from application to completion:

[2020 TA Program Guide](#)

[2020 TA Project Application Form](#)

[Example Resolution of Support](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\) \(updated 06/11/2018\)](#)

[Site Visit Guide and Scorecard](#)

[KDOT District Maps](#) and [Area Office Contacts](#)

More information on the Transportation Alternatives Program can be found on the Federal Highway Administration's [TA Program website](#).

****Please note that some changes were made specific to this KDOT Call for Projects, and that we will be ranking your applications based on the criteria and eligibility outlined in our Guidance.****

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