TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

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- Federal “set aside” program for projects above and beyond the typical transportation project
- 12 eligible activities (11 in AZ)
- Projects must relate to “surface transportation”
TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

- Distribute about 16M/year
- Reimbursement program
- Most awarded through a competitive application process
- 50% spent on local government rights of way
PROJECTS OF OPPORTUNITY

• 50% of funds spent on ADOT right of way

• 1.5 million for ADOT Projects of Opportunity

• TE activities that can be added to ADOT roadway construction projects currently under development

• $300,000 funding limit
COMPETITIVE APPLICATION PROCESS: WHO CAN APPLY?

- Any federal, state, tribal or local government, or individual may apply for enhancement funding.
- However, a governmental body must sponsor the project.
STATE VERSUS LOCAL PROJECTS

- State projects are associated with the state highway system
- The federal funding cap for individual state projects is one million dollars
- Local projects are located outside of the ADOT right-of-way
- The federal funding cap for individual local projects is $500,000
HOW TO APPLY?

• Interested sponsors are required to fill out a project application

• The applicant must work with their local Metropolitan Planning Organization/Council of Governments (MPO/COG)

• Each MPO/COG has their own due date for the applications
State Project Applications

- Can be submitted by a Local Government Sponsor OR by ADOT
- Must be submitted through the MPO/COG
- District must sign the Application
- Application cost estimate requires signature of knowledgeable person
- TE On Call Consultants develop the project
- ADOT bids and administers
Program part of State law since 1982 (ARS 41-512 through ARS 41-518)

Receive $100,000/year for program costs & signing (State funds)

Program administered by ADOT

TERC (TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE)

Comprised of representatives of MPOs/COGs, FHWA, State agencies

Reviews Transportation Enhancement program applications

Selects and recommends projects for funding to the Arizona State Transportation Board
ELIGIBLE PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

1. Provision of facilities for pedestrians and bicycles
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2. Provision of safety and educational activities for pedestrians and bicyclists

PROJECT ACTIVITIES
3. Acquisition of scenic easements or historic sites
- NOT ELIGIBLE IN ARIZONA
Program part of State law since 1982 (ARS 41-512 through ARS 41-518)

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2. Provision of safety and educational activities for pedestrians and bicyclists

3. Acquisition of scenic easements or historic sites

4. Scenic Highway Programs including the provision of Tourist and Welcome Center Facilities

PROJECT ACTIVITIES
5. Landscaping and other scenic beautification
-About 80% of bicycle and pedestrian projects include landscaping
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Program administered by ADOT

2. Provision of safety and educational activities for pedestrians and bicyclists
3. Acquisition of scenic easements or historic sites
6. Historic preservation
   - Must be “surface transportation” related

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7. Rehabilitation of historic transportation buildings, structures, or facilities (including historic railroad facilities and canals)
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Receive $100,000/year for program costs & signing (State funds)

Program administered by ADOT

2. Provision of safety and educational activities for pedestrians and bicyclists

3. Acquisition of scenic easements or historic sites

8. Preservation of abandoned railway corridors (including the conversion and use thereof for pedestrian or bicycle trails)

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9. Control and removal of outdoor advertising
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2. Provision of safety and educational activities for pedestrians and bicyclists.

10. Archeological planning and research -Must be “surface transportation” related.
PROJECT ACTIVITIES

11. Environmental mitigation to address water pollution due to highway runoff or reduce vehicle-caused wildlife mortality while maintaining habitat connectivity

-not for required project mitigation
12. Establishment of transportation museums
- Very specific requirements
- May be a new facility
CONSTRUCTION / CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION

- ADOT administers entire project
- ADOT administers bidding and construction on behalf of local sponsors
- Local agency administers under Certification Acceptance procedures
- Local agency administers under TE self-administration procedures
LOCAL SELF-ADMINISTRATION CRITERIA

- Per FHWA DG-42A
- District Engineer, TE Section and FHWA approval required
- Approved on project-by-project basis
- JPA Process required
PROJECT CONCLUSION

- Final inspection by FHWA and ADOT
- Celebration
TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT WEBSITE

- Contains guidance on application and development, links to related sites.
- Contains downloads including TE Handbook, application, project assessment format, forms, and maps.
- Website address: www.adotenhancement.com
- Additional link - FHWA Website: Fhwa.dot.gov/environmental/te
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QUESTIONS?
TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT/SCENIC ROADS SECTION

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