

TCRPC COMPETITIVE CRITERIA FOR EVALUATING POTENTIAL TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM PROJECTS

TCRPC uses the following competitive criteria in evaluating the merits of proposed Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) projects. Proposed projects go to the TCRPC committees for action, including the Commission. Approved projects are placed in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Financial factors

- Realistic expectations and cost.
- A high level of overmatch (40 percent and higher, ability to pay is considered).
- Non-participating work that is determined to be a benefit to the TAP project.

Public input

- Project identified as a result of a community's Complete Streets stakeholder involvement process.
- Project receiving a high level of public input from multiple partners.

Coordinated efforts

- Project supporting a community's Complete Streets policy, is on a designated state or national scenic byway, or is part of a statewide initiative, such as placemaking, statewide trail connectivity, or tourism efforts.
- Paired with other infrastructure work.
- Part of an economic development or community improvement initiative.

Constructability

- Project design will use industry design standards and can obtain all necessary permits and approvals.

Maintenance factors

- Strong maintenance plan that includes tasks, schedule, cost, source of maintenance funding, and responsible parties.

Previous Transportation Enhancement (TE) and TAP funding

- Lower-than-average per capita TE and TAP investment in prior years.
- Timely implementation and appropriate maintenance on previous projects.