

ARKANSAS TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP) PROJECT APPLICATION -- FFY 2017

The Transportation Alternatives Program provides funding for programs and projects defined as transportation alternatives, including on and off road pedestrian and bicycle facilities, infrastructure projects for improving non-driver access to public transportation and enhanced mobility, community improvement activities and environmental mitigation; safe routes to school projects; and projects or construction of boulevards and other roadways largely in the right-of-way of former Interstate System routes or other divided highways. Agencies of city, county, state or federal government and duly incorporated private/non-profit agencies, who partner with local public agencies (LPAs), can apply for these funds if access to the project by the general public is provided throughout the life of the project.

A local sponsor must provide at least 20% of the eligible project costs. Federal funds from other sources cannot be used to match these funds. This is a reimbursable program, which means once the sponsor receives an official Notice to Proceed from the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD), up to 80% of the costs directly attributable to the construction of the project can be reimbursed. The local sponsor is responsible for maintaining records and proving that expenses are legitimate and directly related to the project. This may be in the form of receipts, time sheets, etc.

****Please Note:** A resolution from the Applicant's governing body is required to be submitted with the application. A draft resolution should have been downloaded with this application.

DEADLINE for this application is Monday, May 1, 2017 at 4:00pm (CDT). Applications received after the deadline will not be reviewed or eligible for funding.

If submitting this application via email (preferred), please remit to:

LFPA@ahtd.ar.gov

Be sure to attach the application and all additional attachments when submitting the email. Your email Subject should include "2017 TAP Application" along with your Agency Name and the Project Name. If more than one email will be required due to file sizes, include phrasing such as "Email 1 of 2" in the Subject line.

If submitting this application by mail or in person, please remit to:

**Arkansas State Highway & Transportation
c/o Program Management Division
P.O. Box 2261
Little Rock, AR 72203-2261**

Enclose one copy of the application and all necessary attachments in a manila envelope with your Agency's name and the Project Name printed on the outside.

You should be able to fill out and save this form using Adobe Reader, a free software for download.

If you are having trouble, please contact:

Daniel Siskowski at (501) 569-2261 or Daniel.Siskowski@ahtd.ar.gov.

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General Information

Project Name:	<input type="text" value="Downtown to A-State Connection"/>
Sponsor:	<input type="text" value="City of Jonesboro"/>
Applicant Agency Type:	<input type="text" value="Local Government"/>
Sponsor DUNS:	<input type="text" value="7"/> <input type="text" value="3"/> <input type="text" value="5"/> <input type="text" value="4"/> <input type="text" value="0"/> <input type="text" value="2"/> <input type="text" value="8"/> <input type="text" value="8"/> <input type="text"/>

Primary Contact

Prefix:	<input type="text" value="Mrs."/>	Name:	<input type="text" value="Kimberly Marshall"/>
Title:	<input type="text" value="Grants Administrator"/>		
Organization:	<input type="text" value="City of Jonesboro"/>		
Mailing Address:	<input type="text" value="P.O. Box 1845"/>		
	<small>Street Address and/or P.O. Box</small>		
	<input type="text" value="Jonesboro"/>	<input type="text" value="AR"/>	<input type="text" value="72403"/>
	<small>City</small>	<small>State</small>	<small>Zip Code</small>
Phone:	<input type="text" value="(870) 336-7229"/>	Fax:	<input type="text" value="(870) 933-4626"/>
Email:	<input type="text" value="kmarshall@jonesboro.org"/>		

Legislative Information

U.S. Representative District:	<input type="text" value="01"/>
State Senator District:	<input type="text" value="20"/>
State Representative District:	<input type="text" value="58"/>
(for reporting purposes only)	

Project Priority

If submitting more than one application, what priority is this project?:	<input type="text" value="1"/>
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Project Location

County: <input style="width: 600px;" type="text" value="Craighead"/>			
Metropolitan Planning Organization: <input style="width: 400px;" type="text" value="Jonesboro MPO (JATS)"/>			
Nearest Municipality: <input style="width: 500px;" type="text" value="Jonesboro"/>			
Beginning Latitude:	<input style="width: 150px;" type="text" value="35 50 31.837N"/>	Ending Latitude:	<input style="width: 150px;" type="text" value="35 50 22N"/>
Beginning Longitude:	<input style="width: 150px;" type="text" value="90 42 14.214W"/>	Ending Longitude:	<input style="width: 150px;" type="text" value="90 41 2.882W"/>

Property Ownership

Check all boxes that apply to your project.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Within City / County right-of-way / no acquisition required
<input type="checkbox"/>	Within State highway right-of-way
<input type="checkbox"/>	Within Federal lands right-of-way
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Within Railroad right-of-way - if yes, provide owner name: <input style="width: 150px;" type="text" value="UPRR"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Private Property
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other. Please describe:
<input style="width: 100%; height: 100%;" type="text"/>	

If Right of Way Acquisition is anticipated:

Please note: "The Uniform Act" must be followed for acquisition of any property for federally-funded projects.

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Donation Expected | <input type="checkbox"/> Appraisal Completed |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Purchase Option | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Willing Seller |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Purchase Agreement | |

Project Length/Width

Project Length (if applicable):	<input style="width: 150px;" type="text" value="7,540"/>	<input style="width: 150px;" type="text" value="Linear Feet"/>
Project Width (if applicable):	<input style="width: 150px;" type="text" value="10"/>	<input style="width: 150px;" type="text" value="Linear Feet"/>

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Project Location Map(s)

Applicants must submit legible maps of the project location with this application. The map(s) should be good enough quality to be easily-reproducible and should include the following:

- Project path. The map should clearly show where the project will be located.
- North arrow
- Pertinent landmarks
- If appropriate, a Legend identifying any other items on the map (i.e. existing paths or sidewalks, previous phases of the project, etc.)

An example of a legible sketch delineating a project is shown below.



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Project Category **Check all boxes that apply to best depict your project.**

Trails, Bicycles, and Scenic

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 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, traffic calming techniques, lighting and other safety-related infrastructure, and transportation projects to achieve compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Construction 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 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Conversion and use of abandoned railroad corridors for trails for pedestrians, bicyclists, or other non-motorized transportation users |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Construction of turnouts, overlooks and viewing areas |

Community Improvement Activities

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Inventory, control, or removal of outdoor advertising |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Historic preservation and rehabilitation of historic transportation facilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Vegetation management practices in transportation rights-of-way to improve roadway safety, prevent against invasive species, and/or provide erosion control |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Archeological activities relating to impacts from implementation of another eligible transportation project |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Streetscaping, corridor landscaping, or junk yard removal and screening |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Other. Please explain: |
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Project Category (cont.) Check all boxes that apply to best depict your project.

Environmental

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Any environmental mitigation activity, including pollution prevention and pollution abatement activities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Mitigation to address storm water management, control, and water pollution prevention or abatement related to highway construction or due to highway runoff |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Mitigation to reduce vehicle-caused wildlife mortality or to restore and maintain connectivity among terrestrial or aquatic habitats |

Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Projects

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <u>Infrastructure</u> - Sidewalk improvements/traffic calming and speed reduction improvements, Pedestrian and bicycle crossing improvements, on-street bicycle facilities, off-street bicycle and pedestrian facilities, secure bicycle parking facilities, and traffic diversion improvements in the vicinity of schools |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <u>Non-infrastructure (anywhere)</u> - public awareness campaigns and outreach to press and community leaders, student sessions on bicycle and pedestrian safety, health, and environment, and funding for training, volunteers, and managers of safe routes to school programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <u>Non-infrastructure (close to school)</u> - traffic education and enforcement within approximately two miles of a primary or middle school (grades K-8), walking school bus |

Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Eligible Projects

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Permissible uses as listed in 23 U.S.C. 206. Maintenance and restoration of existing recreational trails, construction of new recreational trails, development and rehabilitation of trail side and trail head facilities and trail linkages, etc. |
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1. Please provide a detailed project overview. Identify the project limits, including street/facility name and dimensions of the project. This overview should concisely describe the project such that someone could follow along on a map. (600 character limit)

The general public has requested the City to provide a connection between Downtown Jonesboro and the University for students and families to have safe accessible path. This project will start on the corner of Cate Ave. and S. Church St. and run north of Cate Ave until ending at S. Patrick St. Then the trail will go down on the northeast side of S. Patrick to Hope St. along the north portion then it will run into a dirt path that runs under an UPRR Bridge. After the path continues on the dirt path running northeast toward to Red Wolf Trail and connect under Marion Berry Parkway Overpass.

2. What is the purpose of this project? (250 character limit)

This project will provide an safe route for A-State students and families pedestrians and bicyclists to travel without having to walk along a busy city street. In addition, there are large housing complexes being built along Aggie Rd needing access.

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3. If a planning process has been utilized to develop this project, please describe what actions were performed (i.e. public involvement/outreach, establishment of need and demand, review process, etc.) (600 character limit)

The City hosted two public hearings requesting residents to vote on the project they like to see put in place to meet their needs. Over 109 individuals came to the meetings and overwhelmingly votes for this trail to be built in the City. Their outreaching concern was for the safety of their families walking, jogging and biking along city streets to get to point A to point B on busy city streets. This project would mitigate the safety concern greatly by distancing the vehicle traffic from walkers and bicyclists. City officials concurred this project as a high priority for the area.

4. Please describe how this project will benefit the affected community(ies). If this is a Safe Routes to School (SRTS) eligible project, include what schools will benefit. (400 character limit)

Several communities would be positively affected by the building this trail. The A-State campus would have a direct access as well would North Jonesboro residents which are considered very low income area. We believe this would provide more economic development to those living within the area.

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5. Are construction plans currently available for this project? (if Yes, please include copy with application)

Yes No

If Yes, what level of plans?

Preliminary Plans Partially Complete Plans Complete Final Plans

If No, provide a brief time line from approval of funds to signed construction contract:

Once the City has been informed regarding award of funds, the construction contract will be executed in 13 months of notification:

- Selection of engineering firm within 2 months of notification
- Submission of 30% plans in the 5th month
- Submission of 60% plans in the 7th month
- Submission of 90% plans in the 9th month
- ROW will be acquired in 10th month of the year
- Request advertise to bid in the with 21 day advertise in 12th month
- Select the contractor in 12th month
- AHTD approval with execution of contract in 13th month

6. All TAP infrastructure projects will require design by a Registered Professional Engineer. Who will develop plans, specifications and cost estimates for the construction of this project? (100 character limit)

The City will hire an engineering firm to develop plans for project.

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7. State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) clearance will be required on all construction projects utilizing these Federal funds. What is the current status of SHPO clearance for this project?

- Approved Requested Have Not Requested

8. A statement from the party having maintenance jurisdiction should be submitted with the application. In the statement, describe how maintenance will be accomplished after project completion. Include who will perform maintenance, a maintenance schedule and checklist, and an inspection schedule.

9. Please describe how this project will connect to existing infrastructure; or if this is the first phase of a larger project, describe how this will connect to future infrastructure. If the proposed project is in an existing bicycle pedestrian plan, street plan, master plan or other long range plan, please identify this as well.
(600 character limit)

This trail has been identified through several planning studies for the Downtown Jonesboro District to A-State. The local MPO (JATS) has conducted several studies with the last one being March 2015 with Lose & Associates in conjunction with the City of Jonesboro Engineering Department. The goals derived from the study were (1) improving bicycle and pedestrian movement within the area; (2) appropriate bicycle connection, and (3) measures to reduce negative traffic impacts within the area. This project will achieve the goals outlined in the latest study performed by the JATS.

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10. If the entire requested amount of funding is not available and only partial funding is received, will the sponsor still be able to move forward with this project by either providing the additional funding or reducing the scope of the project?

Yes

No

11. If this project (or a phase of this project) has received Federal TAP funds previously, please describe the current status of the project(s). (250 character limit)

No, this project has not received any federal funds or TAP funding.

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Known Environmental Impacts

Check all boxes that apply to your project.

- Endangered Species
- Lakes / Rivers / Streams
- Relocatees
- Wetlands
- Floodplain / Floodway
- Landfills
- State Park / National Forest Property
- Public Recreational Lands
- Historic Structures
- Other, please explain

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Project Construction Estimate

This form is limited to 20 items. If you will have more than 20 items, please utilize the provided Excel Sheet to submit the Project Construction Estimate.

	Item of Work	Quantity	Units	Unit Cost	Item Cost
1	See attached spreadsheet				
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Total Estimated Project Construction Cost

Requested TAP Funds

Local Match (20% minimum)

% Federal (80% maximum)

What is the source of your matching funds?
(i.e. sales tax, turnback, bonds, etc.)

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Sponsor Authorization and Certification

(To be completed by the chief elected official of the City, the County Judge, or the CEO/CAO of the State or Federal Agency.)

By checking the box below, I attest that the information contained in this application is truthful and correct to the best of my knowledge and that the provision of false or misleading information can lead to the withdrawal of Transportation Alternatives Program funding. I do hereby certify that I will comply with all federal, state, and AHTD regulations for submittal of plans and specifications. Additionally, I certify that local matching funds are available for the project.

I AGREE

Authorized Signatory:

Prefix:	<input type="text" value="Mr."/>	Name:	<input type="text" value="Harold Perrin"/>	
Title:	<input type="text" value="Mayor"/>			
Phone:	<input type="text" value="(870) 932-1052"/>	Fax:	<input type="text" value="(870) 933-4619"/>	
Email:	<input type="text" value="hperrin@jonesboro.org"/>			

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COMPLETION CHECKLIST

- General, Primary Contact, Legislative, and Project Priority Information
- Project Location, Property Ownership Checklist, and Project Length
- Project Category Checklist

Application Questions

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Question 1 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Question 7 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Question 2 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Question 8 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Question 3 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Question 9 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Question 4 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Question 10 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Question 5 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Question 11 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Question 6 | |

- Known Environmental Impacts Checklist

Estimated Project Budget

- Quantities (Reviewed)
- Units (Reviewed)
- Unit Costs (Reviewed)
- Item Cost (Reviewed)
- Total (Reviewed)
- Requested TAP Funds (Reviewed)
- Local Match (20% min.) (Reviewed)

- Sponsor Authorization and Certification

Attachments

- Resolution (required)
- Project Map(s) (required)
- Maintenance Statement and Schedule (required)
- Property Ownership Verification (deeds, plats, etc.)
- Proof of Community Support, if available (letters of support, petitions, surveys, etc.)
- Project Construction Plan Sheets, if available