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Re: Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program Request for Applications

Dear Prospective Applicant:

On behalf of Governor Phil Murphy, I am pleased to announce that applications are now being accepted for the 2023 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA Set-Aside) Program. This solicitation is administered by the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), in partnership with the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA), the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC), and the South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization (SJTPO).

The TA Set-Aside program provides federal funds for community based non-traditional surface transportation related projects designed to strengthen the cultural, aesthetic, and environmental aspects of the nation's surface transportation intermodal system. The TA Set-Aside program is funded through a set-aside of the Federal-aid Highway Program. This has been maintained and increased under the new Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL).

For this solicitation, eligible projects must fall into one the following 7 categories:

- Design and construction of on-road and off-road trail facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists, and other nonmotorized forms of transportation
- Conversion and use of abandoned railroad corridors for trails for pedestrians, bicyclists, and other nonmotorized transportation users
- Construction of scenic turnouts, overlooks, and viewing areas
- Historic preservation and rehabilitation of historic transportation facilities both land and water such as buildings, structures and canals
- Community improvement activities, specifically: Streetscaping and corridor landscaping
- Environmental mitigation to address stormwater management, control, and water pollution prevention or abatement related to highway construction or due to highway runoff
- Reduce vehicle-caused wildlife mortality or to restore and maintain connectivity among terrestrial or aquatic habitats

Applicants may apply for Design, Right-of-Way (ROW) and construction funds. The eligible entities to receive TA Set-Aside funds are: local governments (municipalities and counties); regional transportation authorities; transit agencies; natural resource or public land agencies; and tribal governments. Nonprofit entities are eligible to partner with any eligible entity on an eligible project, if State or local requirements permit. The NJDOT has final authority to make a determination on the eligibility of an applicant.

Applications should provide benefits to underserved communities, including low-income residents, minorities, those with limited English proficiency, persons with disabilities, children and older adults. Census data for these categories will be used to determine if a project meets the equity criteria. Information regarding equity is available through NJDOT's Local Aid Resource Center web site at:

<https://www.njdotlocalaidrc.com/equity>

Participation in a one-on-one pre-application meeting is required. Your local public agency should schedule this meeting as soon as possible through the NJDOT Local Aid Resource Center website:

<https://njdotlocalaidrc.com/transportation-alternatives-set-aside-application-resources.php>

As with all federally funded programs, funds will be disbursed on a reimbursement basis. The award of TA Set-Aside grants will be contingent upon the recipient's ability to comply with all applicable federal financial management, project implementation and oversight regulations. Before applying, applicants should assess their capability to comply with state and federal requirements for the administration of federal-aid highway grants set forth in Title 23 – Highways and OMB requirements related to administrative rules (2 CFR Part 200) and cost principals (2 CFR Part 1201) requirements.

Public rights-of-way and facilities are required to be accessible for all users through the statutes regardless of funding source. Recipients of federal and state grants will be required to comply with the provisions of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Applications for the TA Set-Aside Program are due on or before **November 3, 2022**. Applications must be submitted online through SAGE at: <https://njsage.intelligrants.com/>

Information on the TA Set-Aside Program is available at:

<https://www.njdotlocalaidrc.com/federally-funded-programs/transportation-alternatives>

Please consult with your Local Aid District Office and your corresponding Metropolitan Planning Organization for assistance in preparing applications for this program. Contact information is included.

The Division of Local Aid and Economic Development offers a TA Set-Aside Design Assistance Program which provides consultant engineering services to assist Local Public Agencies (LPAs) with the development of plans, specifications, and estimates for their TA Set-Aside projects. Recipients of the 2023 TA Set-Aside grant solicitation will be eligible to participate in the program. Consultant costs are paid by NJDOT and are not part of the grant amount if your LPA chooses to participate.

Please take advantage of this opportunity to improve safety and enhance New Jersey's communities. Good luck with your application.

Sincerely,



Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti
Commissioner

Enclosure

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New Jersey's Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs)

North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA)

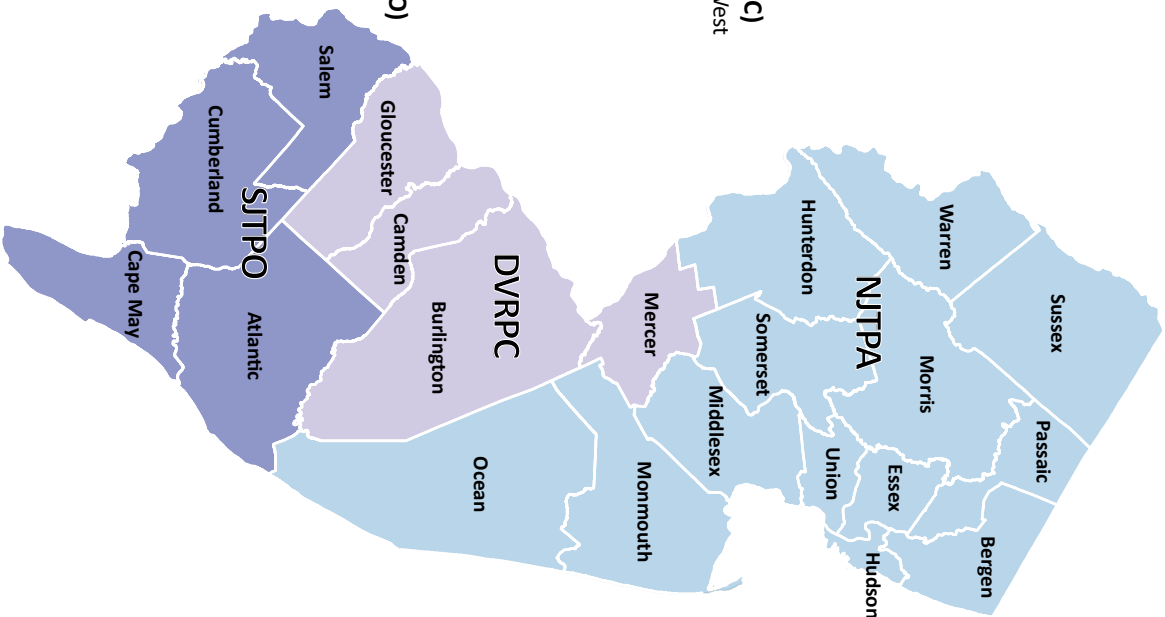
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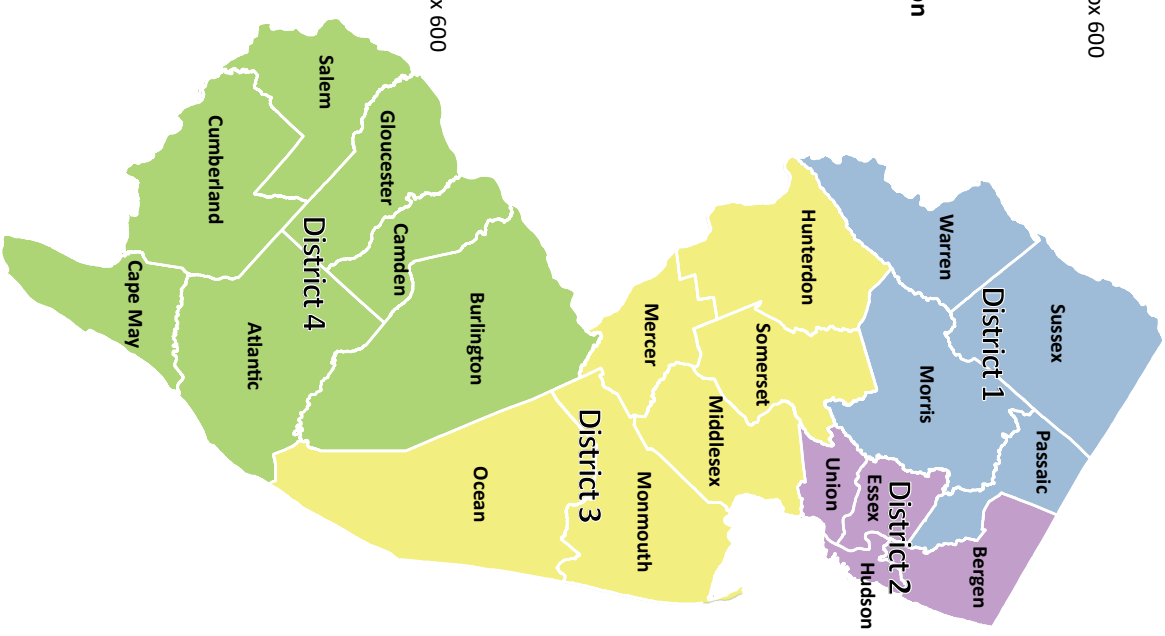
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SCHEDULE TODAY!

NJDOT opens Pre-Application Meetings for Transportation Alternatives Set Aside (TA Set-Aside)

All applicants must schedule a meeting

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Meeting Format

Pre-Application Meetings will be held virtually with the Local Aid Resource Center staff, Local Aid Division and/or District staff and MPO representatives. These meetings are expected to last for 60 minutes. Municipal or county representation is required for all meetings.

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Meeting Prerequisite

1. Submit a project map (If you don't have one, make one with the map maker tool <https://njdotlocalaidrc.com/mapmaker/>, a brief description of the project and a cost estimate in advance of the scheduled meeting.
2. Review the NJDOT TA pre-application questionnaire.

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How Do I Sign Up?

A representative of the project team can schedule the meeting. Begin by selecting your MPO: DVRPC, NJTPA, SJTPO. This will bring you to a calendar. Follow the prompts to select a day and time that suits your team. Once the meeting has been scheduled, an automatic invitation will be sent to the scheduler and can then be forwarded to the other team members/ invitees as needed.

DVRPC: <https://bit.ly/3LK4SVa>

NJTPA: <https://bit.ly/3uTGdqp>

SJTPO: <https://bit.ly/3rreTz9>

What are Pre-Application Meetings?

In conjunction with DVRPC, SJTPO, and NJTPA, the Division of Local Aid and Economic Development is requiring Pre-Application meetings for the upcoming TA (Transportation Alternatives) Set-Aside Solicitation. The prospective applicants can discuss their project concept and get guidance on whether the proposed project is a good fit for the program. The team will be able to help identify any potential risks and discuss essential program requirements. Participation does not guarantee a grant but helps the department ensure that the projects submitted for funding are more likely to succeed.

