



**Transportation Enhancements, Safe Routes to School,  
and Recreational Trails to “Transportation Alternatives”**

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# Transportation Alternatives Program

These projects are intended to improve non-motorized transportation, enhance the public's travel experience, revitalize communities, and mitigate the negative impacts of the existing transportation network.



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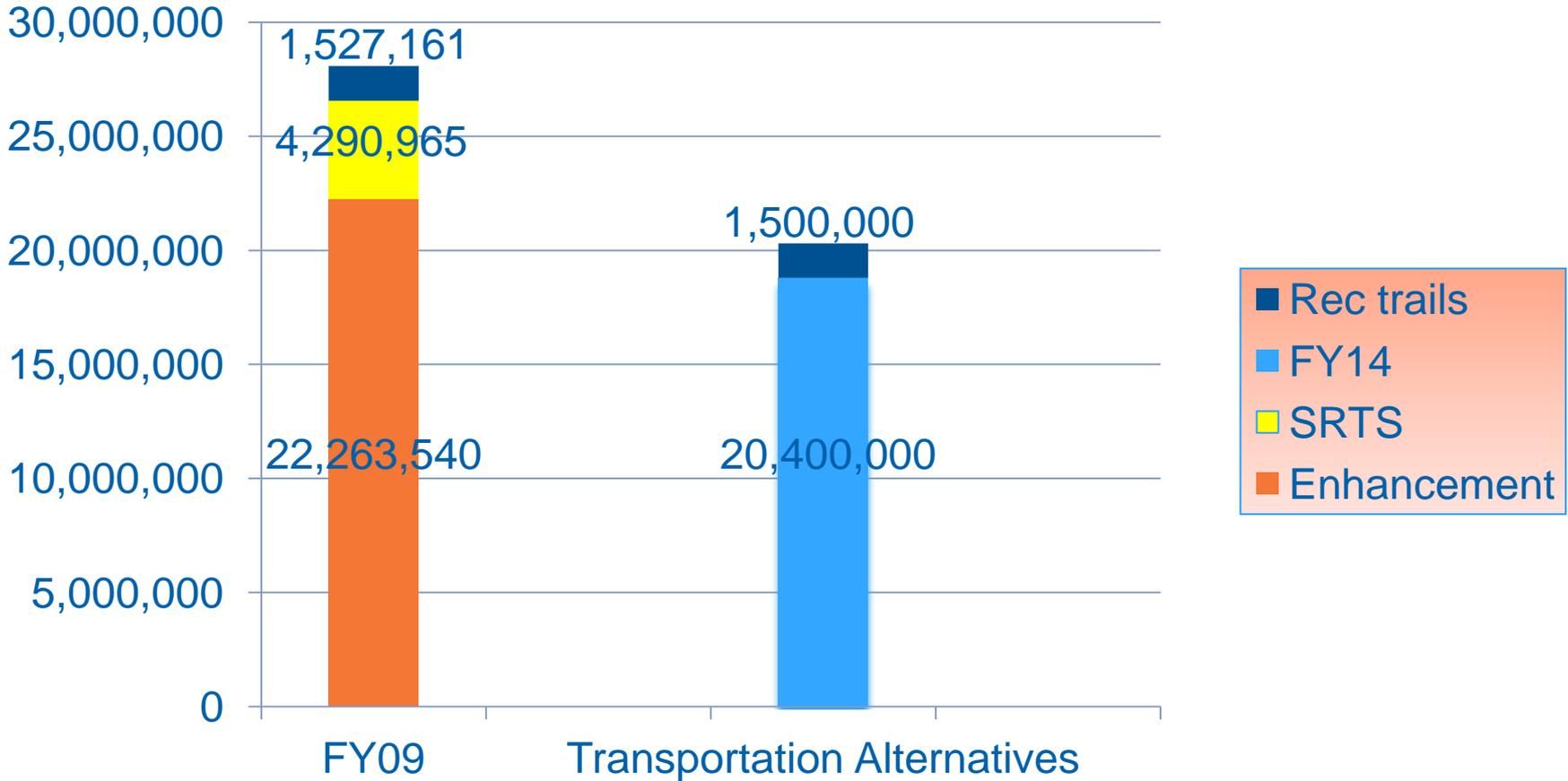
The new program includes:

- **Most of the eligible activities from the Transportation Enhancement (TE) Program**
- **Safe Routes to School Program**
- **Recreational Trails Program**

and a new one:

- **Planning, designing, or constructing boulevards and other roadways largely in the right-of-way of former Interstate System routes or other divided highways**

# SAFETEA-LU vs. MAP-21 Virginia Example



# TA Sub-allocation of Funds Virginia Example

FY14 – approx. \$22M

Rec Trails - approx. \$1.5M

50/50 distribution – approx \$20.5M

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- Allocated based on population
- \$6.4M – 4 TMAs
- \$3.85M – Other areas of the state based on population
- CTB policy will govern the distribution of these funds
- Allocated to any area of the state
- All or part can be transferred to other highway programs

# Estimated Apportionment by TMA / MPO

<u>MPO</u>	<u>2010 TMA Population - by MPO Area</u>	<u>Estimated Apportionment*</u>
NOVA	2,166,805	\$ 2,821,529
Hampton Roads	1,515,355	\$ 1,973,237
Richmond**	823,634	\$ 1,072,504
Tri-Cities**	129,922	\$ 169,179
Roanoke	210,111	\$ 273,598
FAMPO	69,079	\$ 89,952

# Program Basics

- This is a federally funded reimbursement program
- The program requires a minimum 20% local match
- In general, other transportation funds such as Revenue Sharing and Recreational Access funds, cannot be used to match these funds but other federal / state grant funds can
- In-kind match is still acceptable but limited
- These are locally administered projects

# Eligible Activities

## Transportation Alternatives Eligibilities:

1. **Pedestrians and Bicycle Facilities including on and off road trails, bicycle lanes, and bus shelters**
  
2. **Safe Routes for Non-Drivers including curb ramps, bicycle and pedestrian signals, and lighting**
  
3. **Conversion of Abandoned Railroad Corridors for Trails**





## Transportation Alternatives Eligibilities (continued):

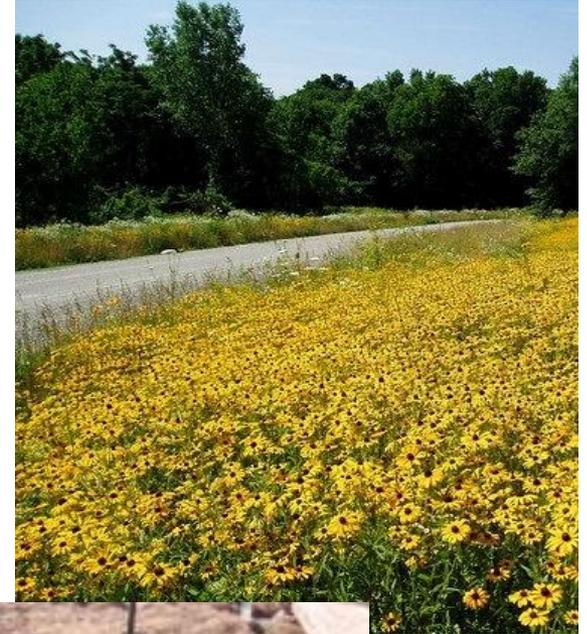
4. Scenic Turnouts and Overlooks
5. Outdoor Advertising Management
6. Historic Preservation and Rehabilitation of Historic Transportation Facilities



# Eligible Activities

## Transportation Alternatives Eligibilities (continued):

7. Vegetation Management
8. Archeological Activities
9. Stormwater Mitigation
10. Wildlife Management



# Eligible Activities

## Safe Routes to School Eligibilities:

- Infrastructure
- Non-infrastructure

## Recreational Trails Eligibilities:

- Administered by the VA Department of Conservation and Recreation – DCR

## Boulevard Eligibilities:

- Construction of boulevards in the right of way of former interstate system routes



# Eliminated TE Activities

1. Pedestrian and bicycle safety and education
2. Acquisition of scenic or historic easements and sites
3. Scenic or historic highway programs
4. Transportation museums



# Eligible Sponsors

- Local governments
- Regional transportation authorities / Transit agencies
- Natural resource or public land agencies
- School districts, local education agencies, or schools
- Tribal governments
- Other local or regional governmental entity that State determines to be eligible
- **NO LONGER ELIGIBLE – State DOTs, MPOs or Non-Profits**

# Challenges

- **Three programs combined = more activities competing for less money**
- **No set aside for SRTS program**
- **Transition to a different selection process**
- **Time frame – Two-Year Bill both FY13 and FY14 allocations have already been applied to projects**
- **Backlog of existing projects underway – some not eligible under MAP-21**
- **Impact of the “eligible entities” section**

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