

# Changes to Transportation Alternatives in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

## Funding

- Funding increased by 60 percent
- Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside now 10 percent of Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG)
- States may use up to percent of TAP funding for staffing and to offer technical assistance to improve access to TAP and improve efficiency of project delivery
- State may receive TAP funding if invited by local government
- Changes transferability
  - Before transferring funds to other uses, state DOTs will have to certify to FHWA that they held a competition with adequate time for applications, provided technical assistance to applicants, and any remaining unfunded projects are not of a high enough quality to be funded

## Increased State Flexibility

- Increased flexibility for match
  - Average match at the project or program level
  - HSIP can be used as match – if you're a TAP manager – connect w/ HSIP manager
- States can choose to suballocate up to 100 percent of TAP FHWA to set guidance for this
- Requires states to prioritize high need communities but allows states to define high-need
  - Roughly 20 states do this already so it was left vague to not interfere with those states

## Local Control

- Increases suballocated pot to 59 percent
- Aligns suballocation structure with STBG: over 200,000 population, 50,000 to 200,000; 5,000-49,999; and under 5,000 population
- Gives large MPOs obligation authority
- Makes small MPOs and all nonprofits eligible to apply
- Eligible entities may ask the state to apply for a project on their behalf

This bill standardizes reporting requirements for more useful interpretation of data.

[FHWA Funding Table for Transportation Alternatives Program](#)  
[FHWA Guidance on Transportation Alternatives](#)

## Key Takeaways

- **Note:** Changes to HSIP program may require your state to increase funding on vulnerable road user (VRU) safety. One easy way to do that is to use HSIP as a local match for TAP projects that improve safety
- Resources to Support TAP Implementation are here to help you successfully implement this program
- We track [implementation of the Transportation Alternatives Program on a quarterly basis](#)
- [Bicycle Friendly State Report Cards](#)
- [State Report Cards on Support for Walking, Bicycling, and Active Kids and Communities](#)

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