

Transportation Alternatives Eligibility

Transportation Alternative funds are a set-aside of the STBG funding category.

Transportation Alternative Set-Aside encompasses a variety of smaller-scale transportation projects such as pedestrian and bicycle facilities, recreational trails, safe routes to school projects, community improvements such as historic preservation and vegetation management, and environmental mitigation related to stormwater and habitat connectivity.

Transportation Alternative projects must be selected through a competitive project selection process.

Eligible entities to receive funds include local government agencies, MPOs, regional transportation authority, transit agency, natural resource or public land agency, school district, tribal government, nonprofit entity responsible for the administration of local transportation safety programs, any other local or regional government entity with the responsibility for transportation or recreational trails.

Eligible Projects other than bike trails:

Bike Sharing- bike sharing docks, equipment and other capital costs. Not for operational costs.

Historic Preservation- rehabilitation activities relating to historic transportation facilities. Not for operation costs.

Land Acquisition- right of way or easements for TA projects**

Lighting- lighting is eligible for bike and pedestrian facilities.

Planning**

Resilience – making transportation systems for resilient to changing environmental conditions

Road Diets

Safety Educations- if eligible for SRTS targeting k-8 **

Turnouts/overlooks and viewing areas

Utility Relocation-if necessary, to accommodate eligible project. **Utility upgrades are not eligible.**

****not eligible for Met Council solicited/selected projects**

Specific Eligible Items examples, but not limited to

Items must be permanent, i.e. bolted down.

Bike racks	Kiosks	Wayfinding signs
Bike Lockers	Bollard	Decorative signs
Bike repair stations	Trees/shrubs/perennials	Decorative lighting
Waste receptacles	Perennial gardens	Decorative railings
Recycle receptacles	Planters	Items for environmental mitigation
Benches	Trail head buildings	Relocating existing Items
Picnic tables	Restrooms	
Drinking fountain	Interpretive signs	

Items not Eligible:

Advertising	Statuary	Flagpole
Decorative fountains	Monuments	