

**CENTRAL MINNESOTA AREA TRANSPORTATION PARTNERSHIP
 FY 2029 TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES (TA) PROGRAM
 SCENIC/ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPING REVIEW AND SCORE SHEET**

Proposed Project Title:		Reviewer:	
Applicant:		Review Date:	
Proposed Project Submitted for Earlier TAP Funding:		Yes or No (review sheets attached)	
CRITERION #1 - Plan Identification		Score #1	xx
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent (17-20 pts)	Project specifically identified in multiple adopted/approved Regional, Tribal, or Local Plans that demonstrated a high level of public involvement. Specific sections of these plans provided for reference. If not in an actual plan, project need and priority is specifically referenced in a program or other planning documentation that demonstrated a high level of public involvement.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Above Average (13-16 pts)	Project specifically identified in one adopted/approved Regional, Tribal, or Local Plan that demonstrated a modest level of public involvement. Specific sections of these plans provided for reference. If not in an actual plan, project need and priority is specifically referenced in a program or other planning documentation that demonstrated a modest level of public involvement.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Average (9-12 pts)	Project consistent w/one or more Regional, Tribal, or Local Plans that demonstrated some public involvement. Specific sections of these plans may or may not have been provided. If not in an actual plan, project is consistent with similar work or activities of an established scenic or environmental program that was prepared with demonstrated public involvement.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Fair (5-8 pts)	Planning explanation/documentation is very limited and public engagement is lacking.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Poor (0-4 pts)	No planning documentation provided to support the project.		
Strengths/Weakness			
CRITERION #2 - Community Context		Score #2	xx
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent (21-25 pts)	Applicant details the existing condition of the project area. Project impacts traditionally underserved populations and provides details as to how environmental justice impacts will be mitigated to prevent adverse impacts. Project demonstrates strong relationship to the transportation system (motorized & non-motorized), natural environment, surrounding land use, and local economy. Project fulfills and/or completes specific activities identified in a plan, and relationship of project and previous work (phases) is explained. Scenic byway project demonstrates strong connection to and supports a designated scenic byway.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Above Average (16-20 pts)	Applicant details the existing condition of the project area. Project contributes to (but does not complete or fully integrate into) the transportation system (motorized & non-motorized), natural environment, surrounding land use, and local economy. Details have been provided on the status of the other necessary components and the anticipated completion of the full scope of the larger project. Project impacts traditionally underserved populations but lacking details as to how environmental justice impacts will be mitigated to prevent adverse impacts. Scenic byway project contributes to and supports a designated scenic byway.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Average (11-15 pts)	Details of the existing condition of the project area are incomplete. Project's connection to the transportation system (motorized & non-motorized), natural environment, surrounding land use, and local economy is discernable. Details on the status of other necessary components and the anticipated completion of the full scope of the larger project are present, but some elements missing. Scenic byway project is connected to a designated scenic byway in a meaningful way. Project has the potential to impact traditionally underserved populations given proximity, however, lacks details how environmental justice impacts will be mitigated to prevent adverse impacts.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Fair (6-10 pts)	Details on the existing condition of the project area are incomplete. Project's contribution to the transportation system (motorized & non-motorized), natural environment, surrounding land use, and local economy are unclear. Details on the status of other necessary components and the anticipated completion of the full scope of the larger project are missing or incomplete. Limited connection to a designated Scenic Byway. Project does not impact traditionally underserved populations.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Poor (0-5 pts)	Details on the existing condition of the project area are missing. Project is a standalone project with no plans to complete or integrate with the existing designated scenic byway or regional, tribal, or local plan or program. Details on traditionally underserved populations missing. No demonstrated connection to a designated scenic byway is provided.		
Strengths/Weakness			
CRITERION #3 - Intrinsic Qualities		Score #3	xx

<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent (21-25 pts)	Applicant details significant relationship of proposed project to one or more of the six intrinsic qualities of a Scenic Byway and/or contributions toward improving rare, unique, or significant scenic or environmental resources. Applicant explains how (and to what degree) that the proposed project contributes toward preserving, rehabilitating, or developing scenic and environmental resources.
<input type="checkbox"/> Above Average (16-20 pts)	Applicant details relationship of proposed project to one or more of the six intrinsic qualities of a Scenic Byway and/or contributions toward improving rare, unique, or significant scenic or environmental resources. Key project details are present, but not as significant on how (and to what degree) that the proposed project contributes toward preserving, rehabilitating, or developing scenic and environmental resources.
<input type="checkbox"/> Average (11-15 pts)	Project demonstrates discernable relationship to one or more of the six intrinsic qualities of a Scenic Byway and/or contributions toward improving rare, unique, or significant scenic or environmental resources. More detail needed to clarify how (and to what degree) that the proposed project contributes toward preserving, rehabilitating, or developing rare, unique, or significant scenic and environmental resources.
<input type="checkbox"/> Fair (6-10 pts)	Project's relationship to one or more of the six intrinsic qualities of a scenic byway and/or contributions toward improving rare, unique, or significant scenic and environmental resources is unclear. Applicant details lacking to clarify how (and to what degree) that the proposed project contributes toward preserving, rehabilitating, or developing rare, unique, or significant scenic and environmental resources.
<input type="checkbox"/> Poor (0-5 pts)	Project does not relate to one or more of the six intrinsic qualities of a Scenic Byway and/or contribute toward improving rare, unique, or significant scenic or environmental resources.
Strengths/Weakness	

CRITERION #4 - Feasibility	Score #5	xx
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<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent (17-20 pts)	20-year maintenance plan is clearly identified. Facility proposed will be used year round. Project Development has been identified. Environmental path has been identified along w/all potential permits needed to complete project. Financial plan describes how applicant will be leveraging local match for the federal TA program funds.
<input type="checkbox"/> Above Average (13-16 pts)	20-year maintenance plan is clearly identified. Facility proposed will be used year round. Project Development has been identified. Environmental path has been identified but lacking mention of potential permits needed to complete the project. Financial plan describes how applicant will be leveraging the local match for the federal TA program funds.
<input type="checkbox"/> Average (9-12 pts)	20-year maintenance plan is clearly identified but proposed facility will only be used part of the year. Detailed scoping study has been completed. Environmental path has been identified but lacking mention of potential permits needed to complete the project. Financial plan missing details on how applicant will be leveraging the local match for the federal TA program funds.
<input type="checkbox"/> Fair (5-8 pts)	20-year maintenance plan is unclear. Facility will only be used part of the year. Detailed scoping study is in progress/nearing completion. Environmental path has not been identified. Financial plan is missing details on how applicant will be leveraging the local match for the federal TA program funds.
<input type="checkbox"/> Poor (0-4 pts)	20-year maintenance plan is unclear. Facility will only be used part of the year. Scoping study has not started. Environmental path has not been identified. Financial plan is missing.
Strengths/Weakness	

CRITERION #5 - Real Estate/Right of Way (ROW)	Score #6	xx
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<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent (9-10 pts)	No real estate or ROW acquisition or easements needed.
<input type="checkbox"/> Above Average (7-8 pts)	REAL ESTATE ONLY: No real estate acquisition is needed. ROW ONLY: Some ROW acquisition or easements needed from another public entity; negotiations begun and agreements have been drafted and execution is likely.
<input type="checkbox"/> Average (6-5 pts)	REAL ESTATE ONLY: Real estate acquisition is needed from another public/private entity, negotiations have begun and agreements have been drafted and execution is likely. ROW ONLY: Some ROW acquisition or easements needed from 1 or more public & private property owners. Negotiations have begun, but no agreements are in place.
<input type="checkbox"/> Fair (3-4 pts)	REAL ESTATE ONLY: Real estate acquisition is needed from private property owner(s) and negotiations have just been initiated. ROW ONLY: Significant ROW acquisition or easements is still needed from 1 or more public & private property owners. Little to no negotiations begun.
<input type="checkbox"/> Poor (0-2 pts)	REAL ESTATE ONLY: Real estate acquisition process has begun. ROW ONLY: None of ROW acquired or easements have been acquired and/or no negotiations begun.
Strengths/Weakness	

(100 Total Points Available) - TOTAL SCORE	0
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