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# **Transportation Enhancement (TE)**

Requirements  
and discussion of process  
for project selection

# TE Activities



## **Projects must related to surface transportation:**

1. Provision of facilities for pedestrians and bicycles
2. Provision of safety and educational activities for pedestrians and bicyclists
3. Acquisition of scenic easements and scenic or historic sites
4. Scenic or historic highway programs
5. Landscaping and other scenic beautification
6. Historic preservation
7. Rehabilitation and operation of historic transportation buildings, structures, or facilities
8. Preservation of abandoned railway corridors
9. Inventory, control, and removal of outdoor advertising
10. Archaeological planning and research
11. Environmental mitigation (of water pollution due to road runoff or vehicle-caused wildlife mortality)
12. Establishment of transportation museums

# TE and the TIP

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- At least 10% Surface Transportation Funds must be spent on TE activities
- TE funds must be included in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- The TIP:
  - Priority list of projects for 4 years
  - Must be based on the long-range transportation plan designed to serve the region's goals
  - Must be developed through a collaborative process involving member agencies and the public

# FHWA TE Guidance:



- The metropolitan and statewide planning processes should occupy a central role in identifying, planning, and funding TE activities.
- The planning processes are the appropriate mechanisms for determining funding priorities among competing TE activities, including those not part of larger transportation projects.
- The FHWA field offices should encourage the State and metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) to seek out and fully integrate TE activities into both their plan development and programming processes.
- TE activities must be included in the appropriate metropolitan and statewide TIP.

# States without external selection input

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- Arkansas
- Delaware
- Kansas
- Michigan
- Montana (100% suballocated to local gov)
- South Dakota
- Tennessee

# States with statewide committee input

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- Arizona
- District of Columbia
- Georgia
- Illinois
- Indiana
- Maine
- Maryland
- Nebraska
- New Jersey
- North Carolina
- Oklahoma
- Oregon
- Rhode Island
- Vermont
- Virginia
- Wyoming

# States with MPO input

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- Alaska - No, but % of funds allocated to MPO
- California- 75% suballocated to MPOs
- Colorado
- Connecticut
- Florida
- Minnesota
- New Mexico - 100% suballocated to district offices
- West Virginia

# States with both statewide and MPO input

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- Alabama
- Hawaii
- Idaho
- Iowa-50% suballocated to MPOs
- Kentucky
- Louisiana
- Massachusetts
- Mississippi
- Missouri-75% suballocated to MPOs
- Nevada
- New Hampshire
- New York
- North Dakota
- Ohio-funds suballocated to 13 of the 17 MPOs
- Pennsylvania-Combines program with Safe Rts to School
- South Carolina-65.5% suballocated to MPOs
- Texas
- Utah
- Washington-75% suballocated to MPOs
- Wisconsin

# Delaware Program

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## **Strengths**

- Sliding scale for matching funds, 2% - 20%
- Easy application process
- DeIDOT scoping and project management

## **Areas of concern**

- Project selection internal to DeIDOT
- No prioritization criteria
- MPO involvement is after projects already selected

# DE Statewide Committee (1998 and earlier)

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- DeIDOT
  - Highway Operations
  - Design Support
  - DTC
  - Project Development
- DNREC-State Parks
- SHPO
- Kent Co. Parks & Rec.
- NCC Land Use
- WILMAPCO
- Dover/Kent MPO
- Delaware Greenways
- NCC Bicycle Subcom.
- Milton Town Council
- Preservation Delaware
- Dept. of Agriculture
- Sussex County admin
- DE Nature Conservancy
- Dover Planning
- Wilmington  
Transportation

# Areas for Recommendation

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- Selection criteria
  - Qualitative and/or quantitative?
  - What measures?
  - Prioritization by MPOs or statewide?
  - Internal to DeIDOT selection or committee input?
- Submittal projects
  - Set deadlines or ongoing submissions?

# Next steps

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- Refine recommendation to Council
- TAC/Nonmotorized working group
- Present recommendation to Council in January