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**NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP)**

Round 4 - 2021 APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

1. Sponsor Information *(Sponsor is the municipality or school district / SAU that is applying. Contact is the person who will be in responsible charge of the project).*

Sponsor Name:

Mailing Address:

Telephone:

Email:

Contact Name:

Title:

Mailing Address:

Telephone:

Email:

Governing Regional Planning Commission:

2. Project Information

Map: *(A map is required as part of the application. Map must be scanned as a pdf file. Map should include street names, State route numbers, project details, identification of resources, north arrow, and a scale)*

MAP SUBMITTED

Eligible TAP Activities: *Check the eligible TAP activity(s) that your project is proposing.*

Construction, planning, and design of on-road and off-road trail facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists, and other non-motorized forms of transportation, including sidewalks, bicycle infrastructure, pedestrian and bicycle signals, traffic-calming techniques, lighting and other safety-related infrastructure, and transportation projects to achieve compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 USC 12101 et seq).

Construction, planning, and design of infrastructure-related projects and systems that will provide safe routes for non-drivers, including children, older adults, and individuals with disabilities to access daily needs.

Conversion and use of abandoned railroad corridors for trails for pedestrians, bicyclists, or other non-motorized transportation users.

The Safe Routes to School Program eligible projects and activities listed at section 1404(f) of the SAFETEA-LU: Infrastructure-related projects only.

Description of work being proposed:

(Clearly describe purpose and need for project as well as project goals and objectives)

Resources within project limits:

(List all cultural, archeological, and natural resources, as well as any known hazardous materials in project limits)

Project Details

Road Name(s) *(List all roads in project limits)*

State Route Number: *(List all State route numbers or N/A if on a municipal road)*

Railroad: *(List name of railroad corridor if rail trail or rail with trail project)*

Other: *(If off-road path, describe beginning and ending termination locations)*

Length of Project: *(If more than one location, provide total length of proposed improvement)*

Width of proposed improvement: *(If width isn't consistent, provide an average width for majority of improvements)*

Surface Type: *(List Paved, Concrete, Gravel, Stone Dust, etc. for all proposed improvements)*

Ownership: *(List the entity that owns the land in the limits of your proposed improvements)*

3. Project Cost Estimate

Identify the estimated project costs under each of the phases below.

A) Design/Engineering: \$
(Costs for engineering study, preliminary design, environmental review, identifying and establishing right-of-way, easements preparation, final design, and bid phase services)

B) Right-Of-Way: \$
(Cost of easement acquisition and/or land acquisition)

C) Construction: \$
(Cost of constructing project, materials, and labor)

D) Construction Engineering: \$
(Cost of engineering oversight for the project. Oversight needs to be almost fulltime.)

Project Total: \$
(Min. \$400,000 Max \$1,250,000)

Identify the amount of federal funding you are applying for.

If you are overmatching your project to get your total up to \$400,000 or over \$1,250,000 you add the additional funds to your required match and put that in the Match\$ box below. Your % federal funds will be adjusted based on your amount of overmatch. If you are adding funds that will be in addition to the amount of federal funds and match for your project those are considered non-participating funds. In this case you put the additional funds in the non-participating box. This is usually done if you want to do additional work that may not be eligible under the TAP program but you want the work done under the overall contract.

Federal \$ %
(\$1,000,000 Max. \$320,000 Min. for federal amount requested) (80% Max. for TAP reimbursement)

Match \$ %
(Enter amount of local match and additional funds if applicable)

Non-Participating \$

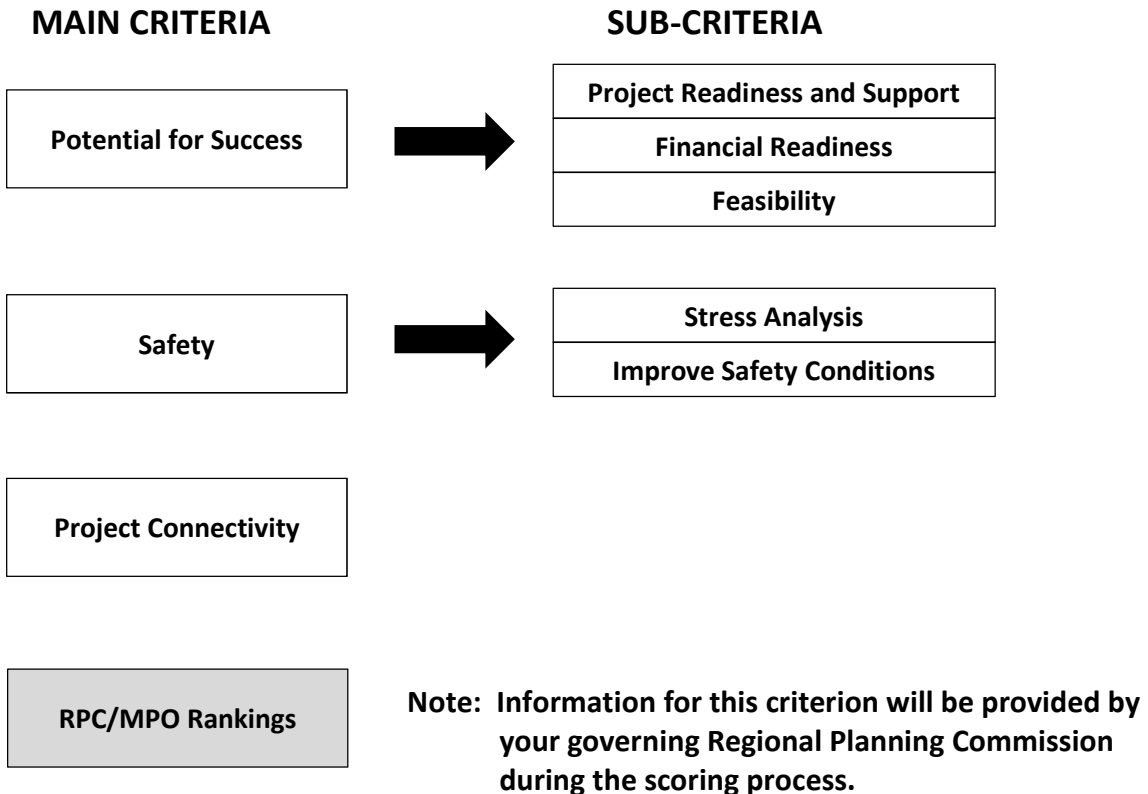
Funding Total \$
(Min. \$400,000 Max.\$1,250,000)

Reason for non-participating funds

4. Evaluation Criteria (*Applications will be scored on criteria developed by the Department's Transportation Alternatives Program Advisory Committee (TAPAC). The TAPAC developed these criteria to select the best applications for funding.*)

There are four main criteria and five sub-criteria that will be used to evaluate projects and are listed below:

- **RPC/MPO Ranking criterion, Section D will be done by the governing regional planning commission using the information provided in the application. Application will be submitted to the Department and the Department will forward copies to the Regional Planning Commissions**



A) Potential for Success: Sponsor will need to demonstrate the factors that will indicate a project's likeliness to succeed.

MANDATORY REQUIREMENT: All applications must include a letter of support from the Sponsor's governing body committing to actively engaging and leading the project. Application will not be accepted without this letter.

Letter of support attached:

- **Project Readiness and Support:** *Is the project part of a local and/or regional plan and effort, and has it been endorsed by local and regional bodies and advocacy groups? That is, did you build your case about the importance of this project to many constituents like conservation commission, planning board, other local groups? Is it part of a regional plan or have RPC/TAC support? Is it part of a master plan or other planning document? (Number of constituents and/or planning documents will be used for scoring)*

- **Financial Readiness:** *(TAP is a reimbursement program. Sponsor will have to gross appropriate funds for the entire project. (The Department reimburses a maximum of 80% of each reimbursement request.) Explain how the project will be funded and the timeline for funding. Is there a written commitment to bring this project forward for approval of funds at town meeting, through capital reserve funds, through inclusion in the capital improvement plan, etc. or are there funds already raised/appropriated and dedicated to this project?*

- **Feasibility:** *Address historic, cultural, environmental, maintenance, possible areas of contamination, and other related issues that may impact the project's ability to succeed. Applicant should discuss issue and how it will be addressed. Discuss impacts to project timeline and possible financial impacts.*

B) Safety: Projects will need to demonstrate the extent to which the project will improve safety conditions and/or reduce the perception of user stress as a result of the project being implemented. This criterion will be rated on the difference between the stress level of the existing condition versus the anticipated stress level of the proposed project.

- **Stress Analysis:**

- *Describe the existing stress level of your project area as it exists today without the proposed project and based on the scale below, assign it a letter. You must justify why you chose the letter.*
- *Describe the anticipated stress level for the project area after the proposed project is completed and based on the scale below, assign it a letter. You must justify why you chose the letter.*

A - Facility is reasonably safe for all children.

B - Facility can accommodate users with basic skills and knowledge of traffic.

C - Facility requires an intermediate level of skill and knowledge of traffic to use.

D - Facility requires an advanced level of skill and knowledge of traffic to use.

E - Facility is generally not suitable for pedestrians or bicyclists.

- **Improve Safety Conditions:** *Improvement over existing safety conditions - are there very specific actions that are being taken to improve safety. What specific safety improvements will be made? If there is information, (road safety audit, corridor study, etc.) to support it, please provide it in pdf format with your application. Only specific actions and improvements will be used for scoring - anecdotal information will not be used.*

C) Project Connectivity: Project will need to demonstrate how it enables movement from origins to destinations, how it fits in with the larger transportation network and identify any other modes it will serve.

- *Does the project fill a vital gap in an existing transportation network or phased plan? Does it provide a standalone new facility that did not exist previously? Is it part of a larger phased plan? List the different modes and destinations it link together? Please describe in detail all connections, and if part of a phased plan what will the proposed improvement accomplish? Is it the first phase, middle phase or final phase of the plan.*

D) RPC/MPO Rankings: This section will be completed by the local Regional Planning Commission for your project.

- *The Department will send applications to the local Regional Planning Commissions to score and develop a regional ranking. This information will then be incorporated into the final score of projects.*

NO ACTION NEEDED FROM APPLICANT FOR SECTION D

Only one application will be accepted per municipality

- *The Department received 43 letters of interest requesting more than \$29.6 million in federal funds.*

5) Application Submission Information: The application is an adobe .pdf form and it must be saved and copied to our Department FTP site. Any supporting documents like the Map, Letter of support and other supporting documentation need to be submitted with the application in pdf format and saved to the FTP site. Directions on accessing the Department FTP site are below. A tutorial on accessing the FTP site and copying files will be on the TAP website.

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY 11:59PM FRIDAY MARCH 19, 2021!

Failure to meet this deadline will result in your project being removed from the scoring process.

Submission Guidelines

Format: *Application form **must** be saved electronically as a pdf and then copied to the Department FTP site. All supporting maps, letters and other documents must be saved as a pdf and transmitted saved to the Department FTP site with the application form.*

Naming Convention: *The FTP site has one folder for all submissions, **TAP Applications Round 4**. To keep track of the applications and attachments it is **essential** you follow the following naming convention. Name of town/city followed by file.*

*Example: **ConcordApplication.pdf ConcordMAP.pdf ConcordLetterOfSupport.pdf***

Failure to follow this naming convention will cause confusion and could result in applications and/or attachments being lost.

A TUTORIAL DOCUMENT WILL BE PUT ON THE TAP WEBSITE. THIS DOCUMENT WILL SHOW HOW TO ACCESS THE FTP SITE, HOW TO COPY FILES TO THE SITE AND TO EXPLAIN THE REQUIRED NAMING CONVENTION

Submission: *All files must be received on or before 11:59 PM Friday March 19, 2021.*

Direct any questions to: Tom Jameson, email: thomas.e.jameson@dot.nh.gov , phone: 271-3462



Elm Street Sidewalk

Laconia, NH

1 inch = 273 Feet



January 21, 2021



ELM STREET SCHOOL

Multi-use trail Sidewalks (yellow highlight)

BOND BEACH

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Elm Street Sidewalk

Laconia, NH

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January 21, 2021



LEAVITT PARK

Multi-use trail
Sidewalks (yellow
highlight)

ELM STREET
BRIDGE

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March 11, 2021

Commissioner Victoria Sheehan
New Hampshire Department of Transportation
John O. Morton Building
PO Box 483, 7 Hazen Drive
Concord, New Hampshire 03302-0483

Re: Laconia's application for a grant under NH DOT's Transportation Alternatives Program

Dear Commissioner Sheehan:

The Laconia City Council supports the request for a grant for the construction of a multiuse trail and reconstruction of sidewalks on Elm Street in the City's Lakeport district.

Elm Street is a main thoroughfare and is the only road across the Winnepesaukee River in Lakeport. Elm Street is one of the City's high traffic volume roads and many semi-trucks/trailers use this road every day. Although there are sidewalks on both sides of Elm Street in the project area, the sidewalks are not wide enough to accommodate both pedestrians and bicyclists who are not comfortable riding on a busy thoroughfare.

The project will improve the ability of the area's residents to access the Lakeport business district that adjoins the river. The District is experiencing a renaissance as local developers rehabilitate historic buildings and construct new multiuse buildings. These improvements will attract more Lakeport residents to the business district who will walk or bike to these businesses if there is a safe route.

The City also has an elementary school at the other end of the project from the Lakeport business district. Improving the sidewalks and constructing a multiuse trail will increase the safety for those students who walk or bike to school along a busy thoroughfare.

The City of Laconia commits to actively engaging and leading this important project that will provide safe routes for non-drivers, including children, older adults and individuals with disabilities in support of their daily needs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew J. Hosmer", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Andrew J. Hosmer
Mayor, City of Laconia