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MEMORANDUM

TO: STAC

FROM: Debra Perkins-Smith, Director, Division of Transportation Development

DATE: January 4, 2012

RE: Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)

The TAP was established under MAP-21 to provide for a variety of alternative transportation projects, including many that were previously eligible activities under separately funded programs. The TAP replaces the funding from pre-MAP-21 programs including Transportation Enhancements (TE), Recreational Trails, and Safe Routes to School (SRTS), wrapping them into a single funding source. Funding under the new program, however, is less than the total of the funding previously provided by the programs it replaced.

The attached table provides additional information on the TAP, including eligible recipients, eligible activities/projects, allocation methodology, and funding levels from Resource Allocation (for replaced programs) and from the FY 14 budget (for TAP). Federal statute provides the structure for the obligation requirements for funds based in two categories: one related to population and one for any area of the state. This is also the structure for the Surface Transportation Program (STP). Information on the STP is also included in the attached table for comparison purposes.

We will review the attached at STAC on Friday and request STAC comments on how the TAP is structured under the requirements of MAP-21. We are aware that projects have already been TIP'd and STIP'd in FY 14 based on Resource Allocation projections of TE funding. As such, we will also discuss options for a "transition" from TE and SRTS to TAP that could accommodate as many previously selected projects as possible under the new TAP.