

# **TxDOT TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP)**

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**2015 Call for Projects for Population Areas Less Than 200,000**

# TAP Consolidates FHWA Programs

MAP-21 established the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) to provide for a variety of alternative transportation projects, including many eligible activities that were previously funded under separate programs, Including:

- Transportation Enhancements Program
- Safe Routes to School Program
- Recreational Trails Program (RTP)

...and wrapping them into a single funding source, the TAP.

**Note:** In Texas, RTP funding is managed through the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

# TxDOT's 2015 TAP Call for Projects Funding & Timeline

## An Estimated \$52 Million Available (FY 2013-2016)

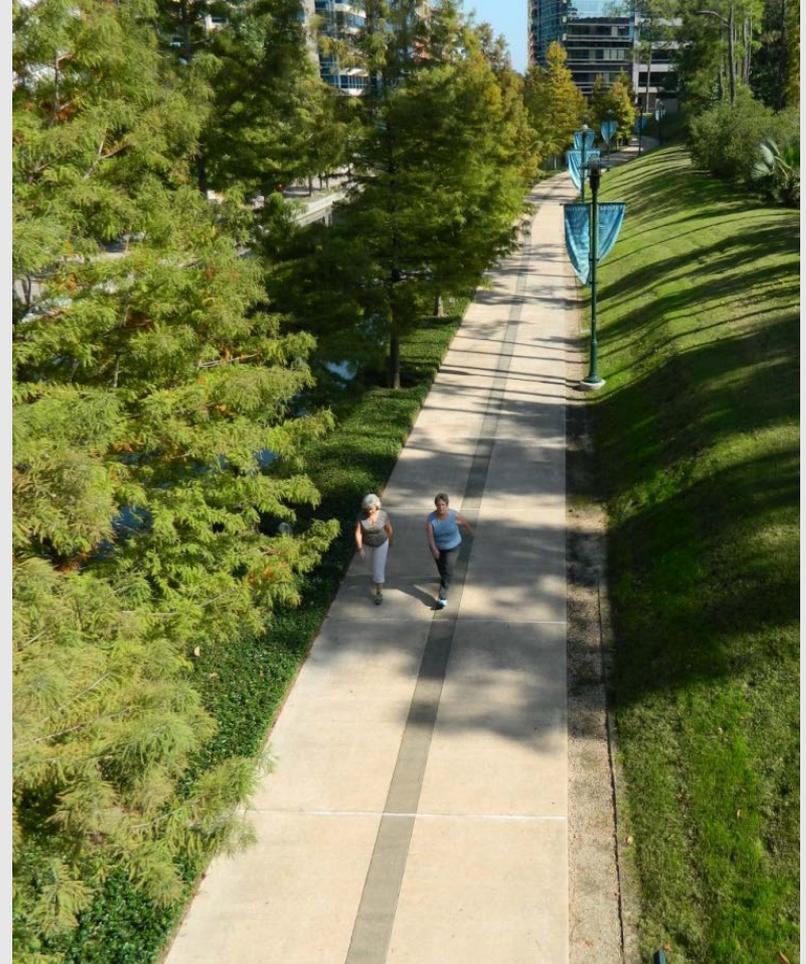
- **January 16, 2015**
  - Call for TAP Projects Announced
- **May 4, 2015**
  - TAP Application Deadline
- **May - July 2015**
  - Project Evaluation
- **July - September 2015**
  - Project Selection and Award



## TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM GUIDE 2015

# Key TAC Rules – TxDOT Call for Projects

- TAP funding will be for construction only
- Eligible TAP activities limited to pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure only
- Local Match flexibility
- The Commission will select projects through a competitive process administered by TxDOT



# Economically Disadvantaged Counties in Texas

## EXHIBIT A Economically Disadvantaged Counties FY 2015

Eligible Counties	Adjustment %	Eligible Counties	Adjustment %
Anderson County	69	Jefferson County	35
Angelina County	57	Johnson County	46
Atascosa County	60	Jones County	75
Bailey County	78	Kaufman County	59
Bastrop County	74	Kinney County	69
Bee County	73	Lamar County	51
Bexar County	43	Lamb County	71
Bosque County	45	Leon County	34
Bowie County	45	Liberty County	59
Brooks County	77	Llano County	15
Caldwell County	82	Lynn County	68
Calhoun County	32	Madison County	63
Cameron County	78	Marion County	53
Camp County	46	Matagorda County	30
Cass County	59	Maverick County	85
Cherokee County	68	McLennan County	54
Concho County	82	Medina County	52
Coryell County	52	Milam County	57
Dawson County	50	Mitchell County	42
Delta County	74	Morris County	32
Dickens County	44	Nacogdoches County	66
Duval County	76	Navarro County	33
Edwards County	36	Newton County	61
El Paso County	62	Orange County	44
Ellis County	48	Polk County	55
Falls County	88	Presidio County	76
Fannin County	68	Rains County	61
Floyd County	54	Real County	51
Franklin County	41	Red River County	74
Grayson County	57	Reeves County	48
Grimes County	49	Sabine County	49
Hale County	62	San Augustine County	46
Hall County	75	San Jacinto County	66
Henderson County	52	San Patricio County	50
Hidalgo County	93	San Saba County	75
Hill County	58	Shelby County	58
Houston County	58	Starr County	95
Hunt County	59	Terry County	40
Jasper County	65	Titus County	61

## Economically Disadvantaged Counties FY 2015 cont.

Eligible Counties	Adjustment %	Eligible Counties	Adjustment %
Trinity County	72	Webb County	68
Tyler County	66	Wharton County	45
Uvalde County	66	Wichita County	47
Val Verde County	64	Willacy County	82
Van Zandt County	57	Wood County	52
Walker County	79	Zapata County	76
Waller County	68	Zavala County	94

## EXHIBIT B Additional Adjustments for Cities Within an Economically Disadvantaged County FY 2015

Every eligible county receives an adjustment to its local match requirement ranging from 15 (minimum) to 95 (maximum) percent. A city within an economically disadvantaged county receives an adjustment equal to the adjustment for the county in which it is located, with the possibility of up to 10 additional percentage points based on its population and the existence of an economic development sales tax.

The two following tables depict the additional percentage points that cities may be granted.

### Economic Development Sales Tax:

ADDITIONAL PERCENTAGE

YES	5%
NO	0%

### Population:

ADDITIONAL PERCENTAGE

x < 1,000	5%
1,000 < x < 2,000	4%
2,000 < x < 3,000	3%
3,000 < x < 4,000	2%
4,000 < x < 5,000	1%
x > 5,000	0%

# Eligible TAP Funding Activities – TxDOT Call for Projects

## TxDOT Eligible TAP Activities:

- Construction of on-road and off-road trail facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists, and other non-motorized forms of transportation
- Construction of infrastructure-related projects and systems that will provide safe routes for non-drivers
- Conversion and use of abandoned railroad corridors for trails for pedestrians, bicyclists, or other non-motorized transportation users
- Construction of infrastructure-related projects to improve the ability of students to walk and bicycle to school

# Example TAP Eligible Project Types



**Shared Use Paths**



**Designated Bike Lanes**



**Rails to Trails**



**ADA Compliant Sidewalks**

# Project Emphasis Areas

## The Department is Particularly Interested in Projects That:

- Enhance bicycle and pedestrian safety
- Propose a direct connection to important community destinations (such as schools, employment, shopping and recreational areas)
- Provide access to or between existing community investments in bicycle and pedestrian facilities, public transportation, or other mobility options
- Reflect a high degree of collaboration and community consensus while directly contributing to the department's safety and connectivity goals
- Contribute as an individual project to a larger investment consistent with Complete Streets Design

# Eligible TAP Project Sponsors

## Eligible Sponsors:

- Local governments
- Regional transportation authorities
- Transit agencies
- Natural resource or public land agencies
- School districts, local education agencies, or schools
- Tribal governments
- Any other local or regional governmental entity with responsibility for oversight of transportation or recreational trails (other than a metropolitan planning organization or a state agency) that the state determines eligible

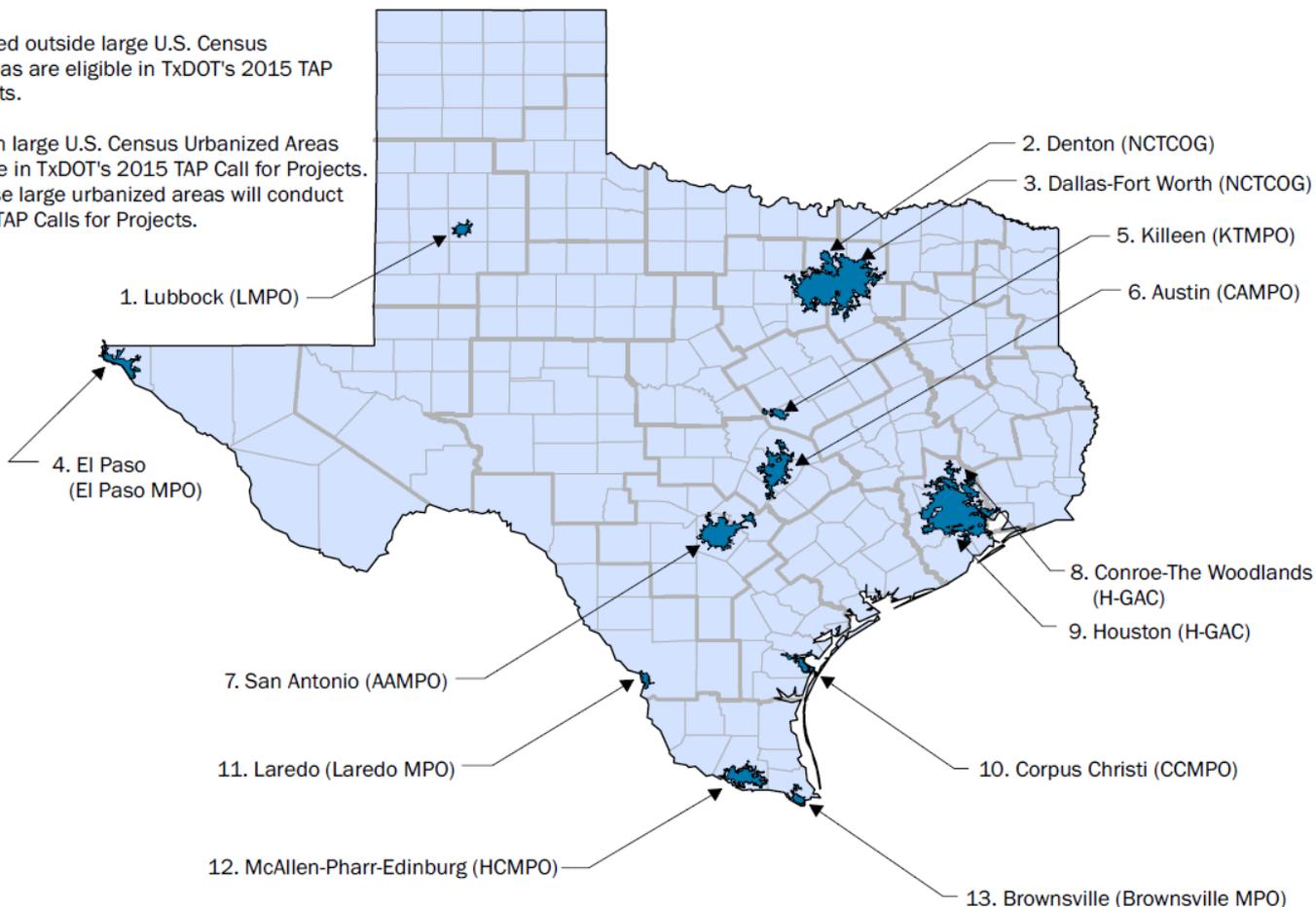
## Large Urbanized Areas Map

(Source: 2010 U.S. Census)

**Note:**

Projects located outside large U.S. Census Urbanized Areas are eligible in TxDOT's 2015 TAP Call for Projects.

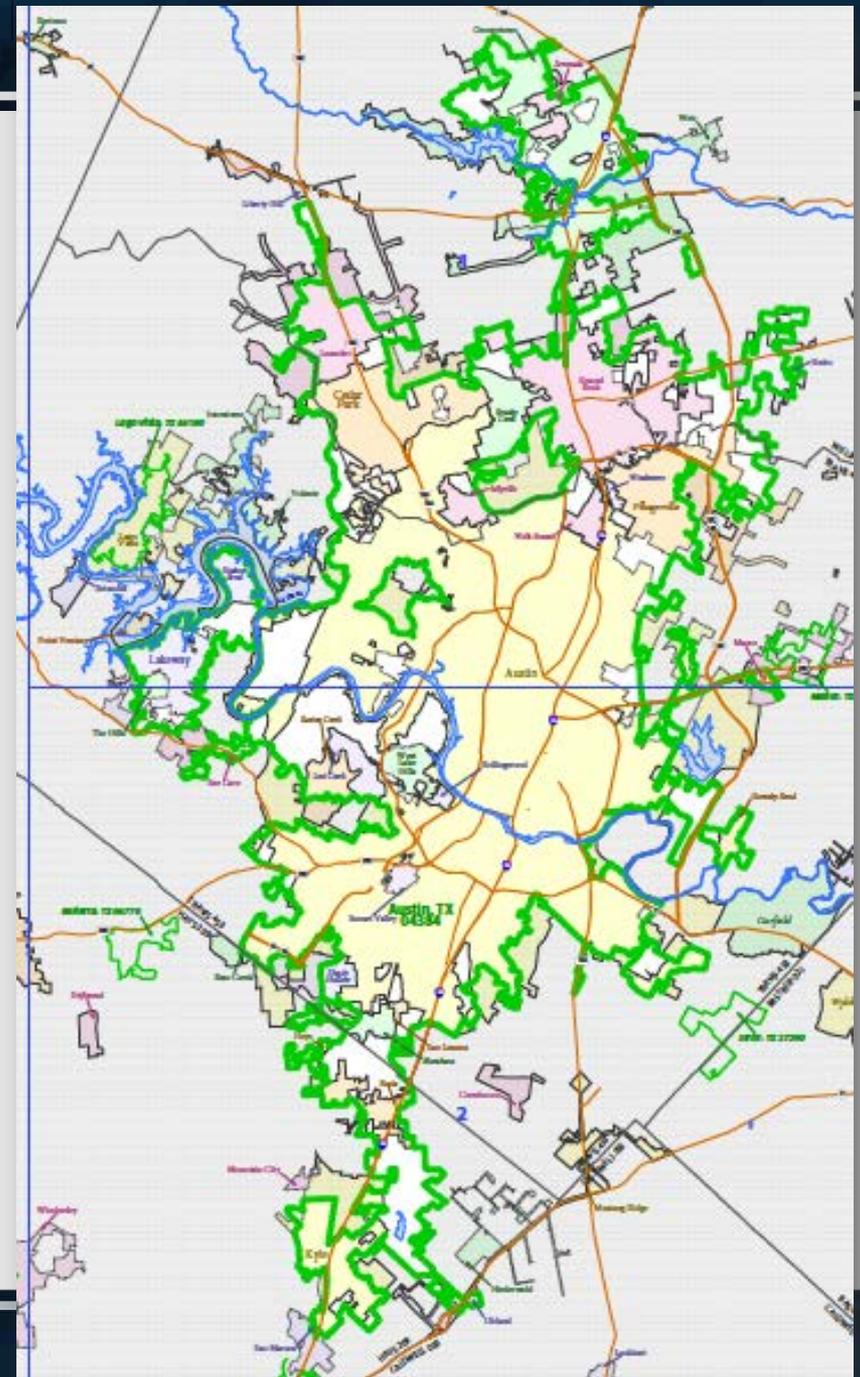
Projects within large U.S. Census Urbanized Areas are not eligible in TxDOT's 2015 TAP Call for Projects. MPOs for these large urbanized areas will conduct independent TAP Calls for Projects.



For U.S. Census Information, visit: [http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/planning/census\\_issues/urbanized\\_areas\\_and\\_mpo\\_tma/geographic\\_resources/](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/planning/census_issues/urbanized_areas_and_mpo_tma/geographic_resources/)

# Eligible Entities in CAMPO Area

- Outside Census 2010 Urbanized Area
  - Jurisdictions outside boundary
  - Jurisdictions span the boundary
- Population less than 200,000
- <https://www.census.gov/geo/maps-data/maps/2010ua.html>



# 2010 District TAP Coordinators

## 2015 TxDOT District TAP Coordinators

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# Web Links Reference

Potential TAP Project Sponsors must be familiar with TAP federal guidance & TxDOT's TAP rules prior to considering development of a 2015 TAP Project Nomination Package

➤ **2015 TxDOT TAP Program Guide & Nomination Form:**

<http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/division/public-transportation/local-assistance.html>

➤ **TxDOT TAP Rules (TAC, Title 43, Chapter 11, Subchapter F):**

[http://info.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/readtac\\$ext.ViewTAC](http://info.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/readtac$ext.ViewTAC)

➤ **FHWA TAP Guidance:**

<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/map21/guidance/guidetap.cfm>

➤ **U.S. Census Bureau Information:**

[www.fhwa.dot.gov/planning/census\\_issues/urbanized\\_areas\\_and\\_mpo\\_tma/geographic\\_resources/](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/planning/census_issues/urbanized_areas_and_mpo_tma/geographic_resources/)

➤ **Texas Accessibility Information-Texas Dept of Licensing and Regulation:**

[www.tdlr.state.tx.us](http://www.tdlr.state.tx.us)

➤ **ADA Standards for Accessible Design:**

<http://www.ada.gov>

# TAP Workshop

- February 23, 2015 from 9A to 12P
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