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### Transportation Alternatives Funding Available

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Department of Transportation says Letters of Intent are now being accepted for Transportation Alternatives (TA).

TA is a grant program that uses a set-aside of Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) for specific activities that enhance the intermodal transportation system and provide safe alternative transportation options.

The FAST Act eliminates the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act (MAP-21) Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and replaces it with this set-aside of STBG. TA includes all projects and activities previously eligible under TAP, encompassing a variety of smaller-scale transportation projects such as pedestrian and bicycle facilities, recreational trails, safe routes to school projects, community improvements such as historic preservation and vegetation management, and environmental mitigation related to stormwater and habitat connectivity.

Approximately \$2.1 million is available through this competitive grant process administered by the South Department of Transportation (SDDOT) Office of Project Development. Each grant will be for a maximum of \$400,000, although the SDDOT may approve a larger amount for phased projects. The minimum grant amount for infrastructure projects is \$50,000. There is no set minimum grant amount for non-infrastructure projects. There is an 18.05% local match requirement for each project.

A full description of TA is available on line on the South Dakota Department of Transportation's Transportation Alternatives webpage at <http://www.sddot.com/services/transalt>.

The submittal of a Letter of Intent form, found on the webpage, is a mandatory requirement in order to be eligible to submit a full application for funding. The Letter of Intent form submittal deadline is **July 15, 2019**. This will be the only call for Letters of Intent for the 2020 Fiscal Year.

Requests for additional information, site visits and/or meetings on potential projects should be directed to Logan Pickner by phone at 605-773-4912 or by email at [Logan.Pickner@state.sd.us](mailto:Logan.Pickner@state.sd.us)

Following the receipt of the Letters of Intent, on-site meetings with project sponsors will be scheduled prior to August 16, 2019. The deadline for full applications is October 1, 2019.