

AGENDA ITEM 3

MINUTES FOR ADOPTION

Bicycle Advisory Committee – Teleconference Meeting
200 E. Riverside Drive, Austin TX, Classroom E
May 1, 2015

BAC Committee Members Present and Participating:

Billy Hibbs, Chair
Russ Frank, Vice-chair
Howard Peak
Margaret Charlesworth
Robert Gonzales
Ann-Marie Williamson
Ramiro Gonzalez
David Steiner
Karla Weaver
Jason Fialkoff

BAC Committee Members Participating Telephonically:

Allison Blazosky

Texas Transportation Commission Members Participating Telephonically:

Jeff Austin III, Commissioner

TxDOT Present and Participating:

Eric Gleason, Director, Public Transportation Division (PTN)
Teri Kaplan, Statewide Bicycle / Pedestrian Coordinator (PTN)
Donna Roberts, Program Services Manager (PTN)
Josh Ribakove, Communications Manager (PTN)
Anita Bradley, Texas Transportation Commission Assistant
Russell Zapalac, Chief Planning/Project Officer

Also Present and Participating:

Genevieve Bales, FHWA
Jesse Blouin, CH2M Hill
Stephanie Lind, CH2M Hill

Also Present:

Marc Williams, TxDOT
Robin Stallings, BikeTexas

AGENDA ITEM 1: Call to Order.

Billy Hibbs called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

AGENDA ITEM 2: Safety Briefing.

Josh Ribakove provided a safety briefing at 10:01 A.M.

Comments by David Steiner and Teri Kaplan

AGENDA ITEM 3: Approval of Minutes from January 26, 2015 Meeting (Action).

Comment by Anne-Marie Williamson, spelling correction.

MOTION Russ Frank moved to approve the January 26, 2015, meeting minutes, subject the spelling correction.

SECOND Margaret Charlesworth seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously at 10:04 A.M.

AGENDA ITEM 4: Report from BAC Chair.

Billy Hibbs reported on the Hub-and-Spoke Tyler Bike Lane Study at 10:04 A.M.

* Commissioner Austin addressed the committee telephonically at 10:10 A.M.

* Agenda Item 4 resumes at 10:17 A.M.

Questions, comments, and discussion among Russ Frank, Anne-Marie Williamson, Robert Gonzalez, Jason Fialkoff, David Steiner, Karla Weaver, and Eric Gleason.

AGENDA ITEM 5: TxDOT's Public Transportation Division Director's report to the BAC regarding statewide bicycle and pedestrian matters.

Eric Gleason began his report at 10:35 A.M. He spoke on topics including the Texas Transportation Commission and the May 4 TAP Call for Projects submission deadline.

AGENDA ITEM 6: Discussion of TxDOT's *Texas Guide to Safe Bicycling*. (Action)

Teri Kaplan, TxDOT's Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator, gave a report on the newly developed Texas Guide to Safe Bicycling and Door hanger at 10:46 A.M.

Questions and comments from Anita Bradley, Billy Hibbs, Ramiro Gonzalez, Eric Gleason, Howard Peak, Margaret Charlesworth, Karla Weaver, Ramiro Gonzales, Anne-Marie Williamson, and Jason Fialkoff.

MOTION Howard Peak moved to **approve** the *Texas Guide to Safe Bicycling*, subject to a minor correction.

SECOND Russ Frank seconded the motion.

MODIFICATION Margaret Charlesworth modified the motion.

The motion passed unanimously at 10:54 A.M.

AGENDA ITEM 7: Discussion of issues and priorities for TxDOT's Bicycle and Pedestrian Strategic Direction Report. (Action)

This discussion and brainstorming session, led by Jesse Blouin and Stephanie Lind of CH2M, began at 10:55 A.M.

Questions and comments from Alison Blazosky, Jason Fialkoff, Robert Gonzalez, David Steiner, Russ Frank, Billy Hibbs, Anne-Marie Williamson, Margaret Charlesworth, Howard Peak, Karla Weaver, and Ramiro Gonzales.

Public Comment on Agenda Item 7 from Robin Stallings of BikeTexas at 11:44 A.M.

AGENDA ITEM 8: Update from committee members on local and statewide issues.

Discussion of this item, led by Billy Hibbs, began at 11:48 A.M. Each committee member was given an opportunity to discuss issues in their region.

Comments from Jason Fialkoff, Robert Gonzalez, David Steiner, Russ Frank, Billy Hibbs, Anne-Marie Williamson, Margaret Charlesworth, Howard Peak, Karla Weaver, and Ramiro Gonzales.

AGENDA ITEM 9: Public Comment.

Robin Stallings of BikeTexas commented regarding TAP funding in Texas at 12:12 P.M.

AGENDA ITEM 10: Discussion of BAC 2015 meeting schedule and agenda items for future BAC meetings; confirm date of next BAC meeting (Action).

Discussion of this item, led by Teri Kaplan, began at 12:16 P.M. The date of the next meeting and agenda items to be determined via email.

AGENDA ITEM 11: Adjourn

MOTION Robert Gonzalez moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:19 P.M.

SECOND David Steiner seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 12:19 P.M.

Prepared by:

Approved by:

Josh Ribakove
Public Transportation Division

Billy Hibbs
Chair, Bicycle Advisory Committee

AGENDA ITEM 7

Summary of Focus Areas

- Expand bikeway network
- Build safer and better bicycle and pedestrian accommodations
- Training for engineers, planners and construction staff
- Educate the public on safe driving, bicycling and walking
- Encourage people to walk and bicycle
- Develop statewide management systems for bicycle and pedestrian data
- Fund more bicycle and pedestrian projects



TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



PROGRESS REPORT

Bicycle & Pedestrian Strategic Direction Report

July 27, 2015



Presentation Purpose

- Update on Strategic Direction Report
- Follow-up with BAC members on focus areas for Strategic Direction Report



What is the Strategic Direction Report?

- The Strategic Direction Report will provide TxDOT with:
 - Short-term guidance in developing the bicycle program and related pedestrian elements
 - A reference document for staff, policy makers and stakeholders
- The Strategic Direction Report is a policy-level document, it will NOT identify specific bike/ped projects



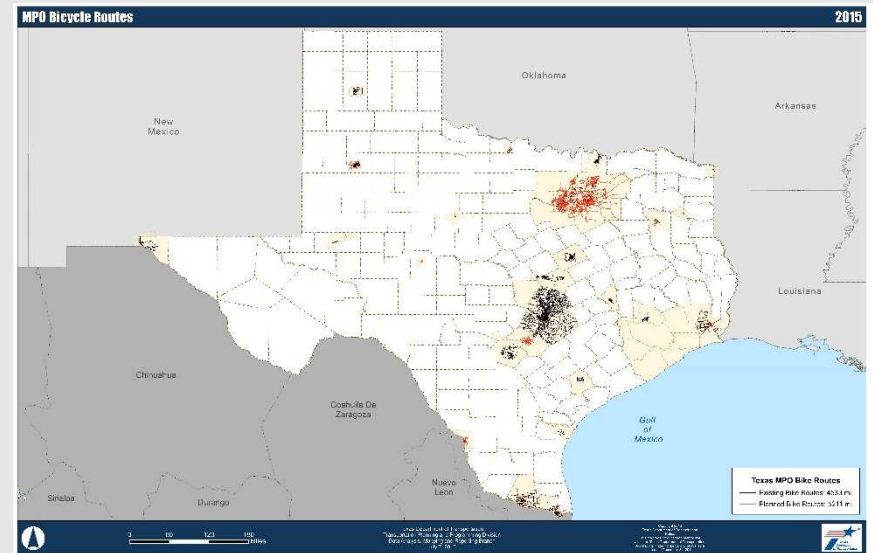
Strategic Direction Report – What We've Been Doing

- At the May 1, 2015 BAC meeting, CH2M conducted a workshop with members to get feedback on focus areas
- TxDOT staff sent the list of focus areas generated from the workshop to BAC members for review and any additional focus areas, no changes or additions were suggested
- The consultant team and TxDOT have refined the focus areas based on BAC input, TxDOT staff input, recommendations from the League of American Bicyclists (LAB) annual report and research done by CH2M staff
- The consultant team continues to research existing conditions, trends, best practices and needs

Focus Areas

■ Expand bikeway network

- Inventory designated bikeways on state right-of-way
- Perform needs/gaps analysis
- Prioritize statewide bikeway infrastructure needs
- Select projects for future investment
- Establish statewide route system



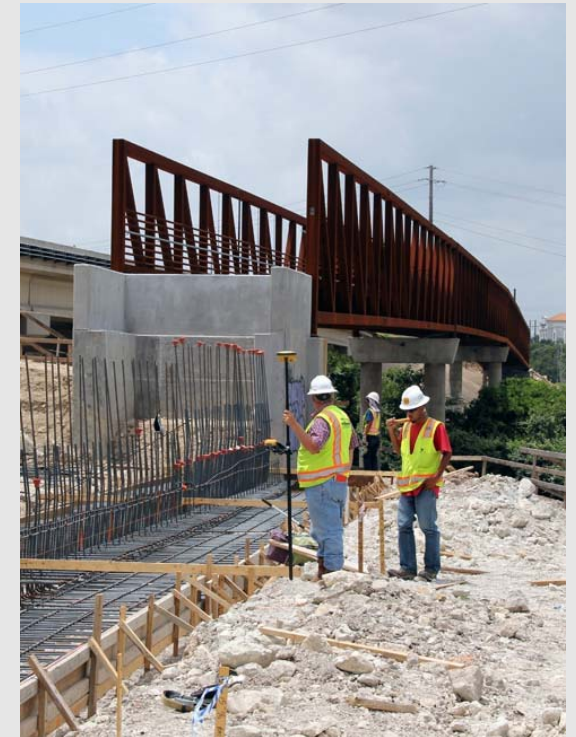
■ Potential outcomes:

- Statewide, interactive bikeway map with bikeway and roadway attributes
- Identify missing links and gaps in the bicycle network
- Document abandoned railroad corridors for consideration as Rails to Trails conversion
- Map future roadway corridors for bike/ped investments

Focus Areas

- **Build safer and better bicycle and pedestrian accommodations**
 - Identify and prioritize projects that address safety deficiencies (fatal and critical)
 - Update/adopt design guidelines supportive of bicyclists and pedestrians
 - Consider accommodations during all phases of project development with more focus on pedestrian and bicycle accommodations in planning and schematic design phases

- **Potential outcomes:**
 - TxDOT Complete Streets Policy
 - Endorse National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) Guide
 - More designated bicycle lanes and shared use paths
 - Flow chart/checklist for staff to follow for the consideration of bike/ped accommodations
 - Construct more protected bike lanes
 - Install traffic calming measures where appropriate
 - Road diets for some roadways
 - Develop “typical sections” for various bikeway designs



Focus Areas

- **Training for engineers, planners and construction staff**
 - Identify training needs and provide training
 - Develop training materials
 - Require bikeway training for bridge, ROW, planning and design staff
 - Get administrative support for more bicycle and pedestrian education

- **Potential outcomes:**
 - Better accommodations for all users
 - More inclusive design
 - Earlier integration of ped/bike
 - Better coordination



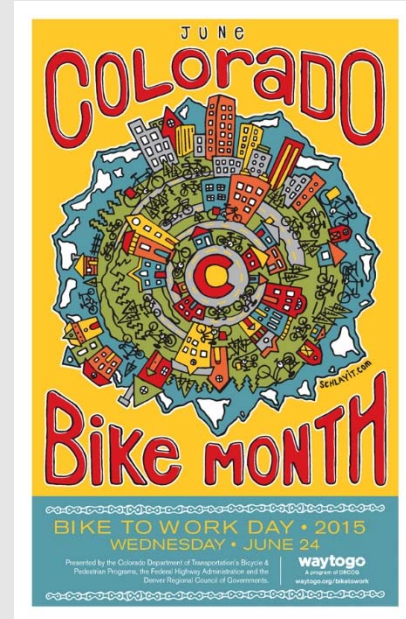
Focus Areas

- Educate the public on safe driving, bicycling and walking
 - Safe bicycling practices
 - Safe walking practices
 - Educate law enforcement about bicycle and pedestrian safety
- Potential outcomes:
 - Bicycle Safety Guide
 - Handle-bar hanger
 - Bikeway map and information on TxDOT website
 - Continued support for education programs (ex: Please Be Kind to Bicyclists)
 - Funding for safety and education programs (ex: safe passing distance, cell phone ban)



Focus Areas

- **Encourage people to walk and bicycle**
 - Promote bicycling and walking for a variety of reasons (livability, environmental, health, congestion relief, etc.)
 - Develop TxDOT Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Program
- **Outcomes:**
 - Statewide Bike to Work Day
 - Promotion of nonmotorized recreational opportunities to tourists
 - Partnerships with health organizations to promote active transportation
 - Support materials quantifying health benefits of active transportation
 - Funding for safe routes to school projects, sidewalks and bikeway infrastructure
 - Staff familiar with TDM; reduced demand for parking facilities, environmental, health and financial benefits to TxDOT staff



Focus Areas

- **Fund more bicycle and pedestrian projects**
 - Identify additional funding sources for bicycle and pedestrian projects
 - Establish regular timeframe for bicycle and pedestrian Call for Projects

- **Potential outcomes:**
 - Continue to fund bicycle and pedestrian projects through Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)
 - Establish funding opportunity through Highway Safety Improvement Program
 - Identify other funding sources for bicycle and pedestrian accommodations



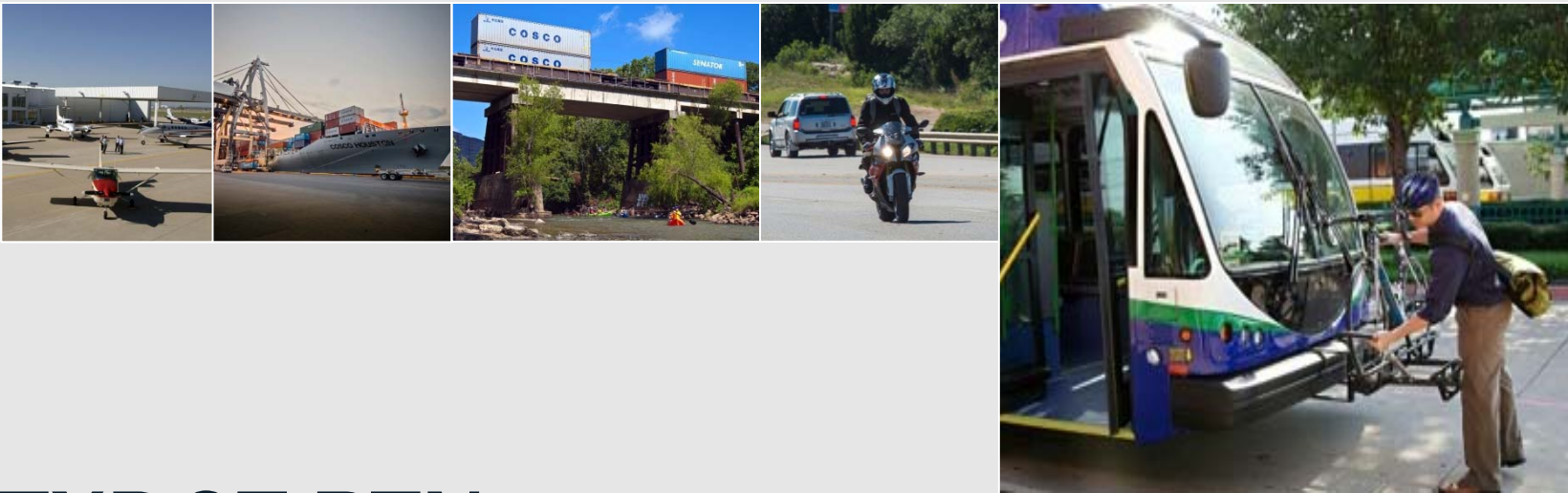
Next Steps

- Internal consultations with administration on Strategic Direction Report work-to date to assess focus areas
- Draft report is being developed – Draft target date September 2015
- The consultant will continue to do research and work with TxDOT staff to refine focus areas and develop TxDOT's Strategic Direction Report

AGENDA ITEM 8



TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



TXDOT-PTN

2015 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)

Call for Projects for Population Areas Less Than 200,000

BAC Meeting – July 27, 2015

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 - August 2015
 - Project Evaluation
- September – November 2015
 - Project Selection



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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

TAP Projects Submitted By County

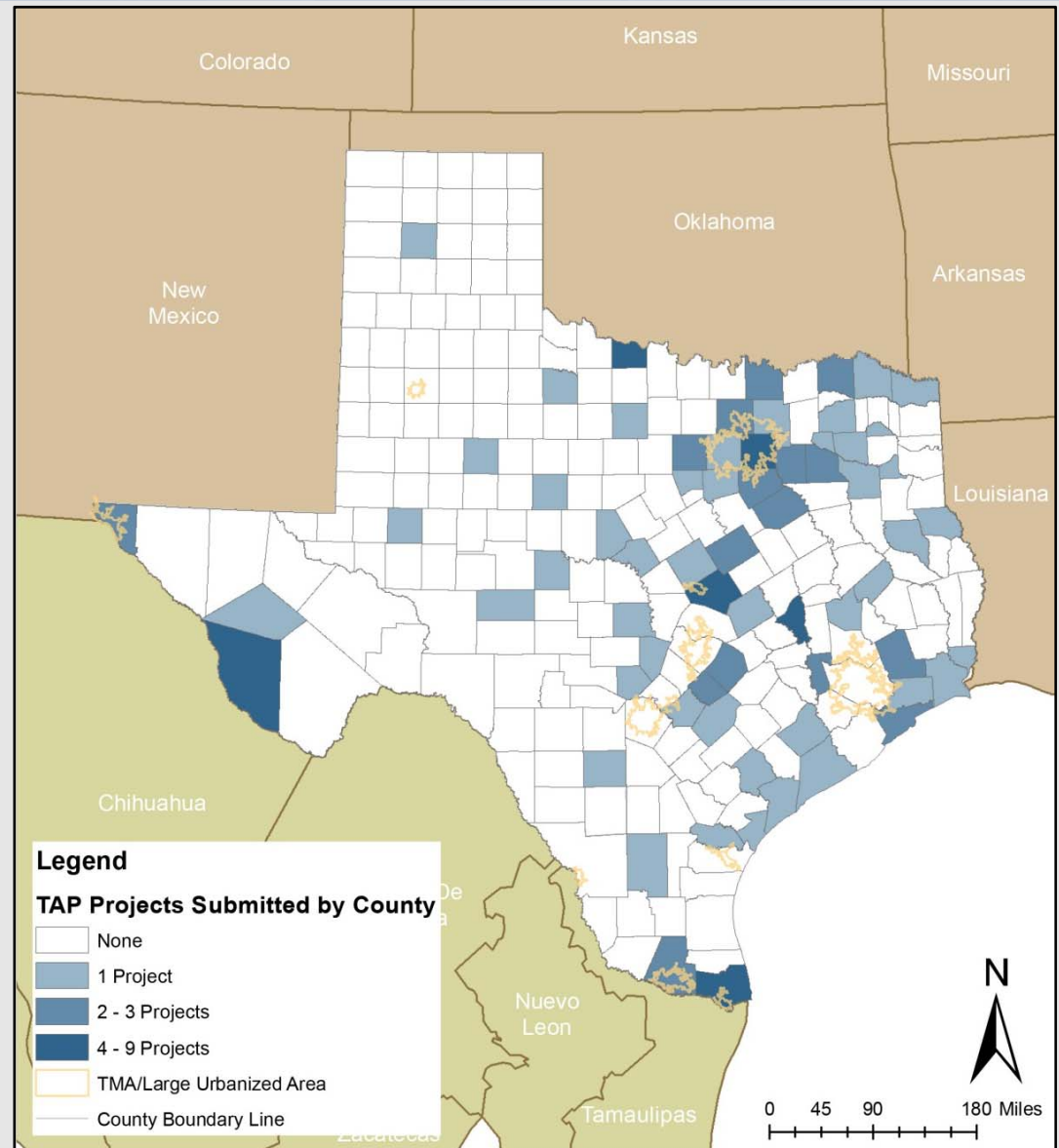
120 TAP Project Nominations

Project Sponsors

- 96% Local Governments
 - 114 - City (Includes Village & Town)
 - 11 - County
- 3% School Districts
- 1% Regional Transportation Authority

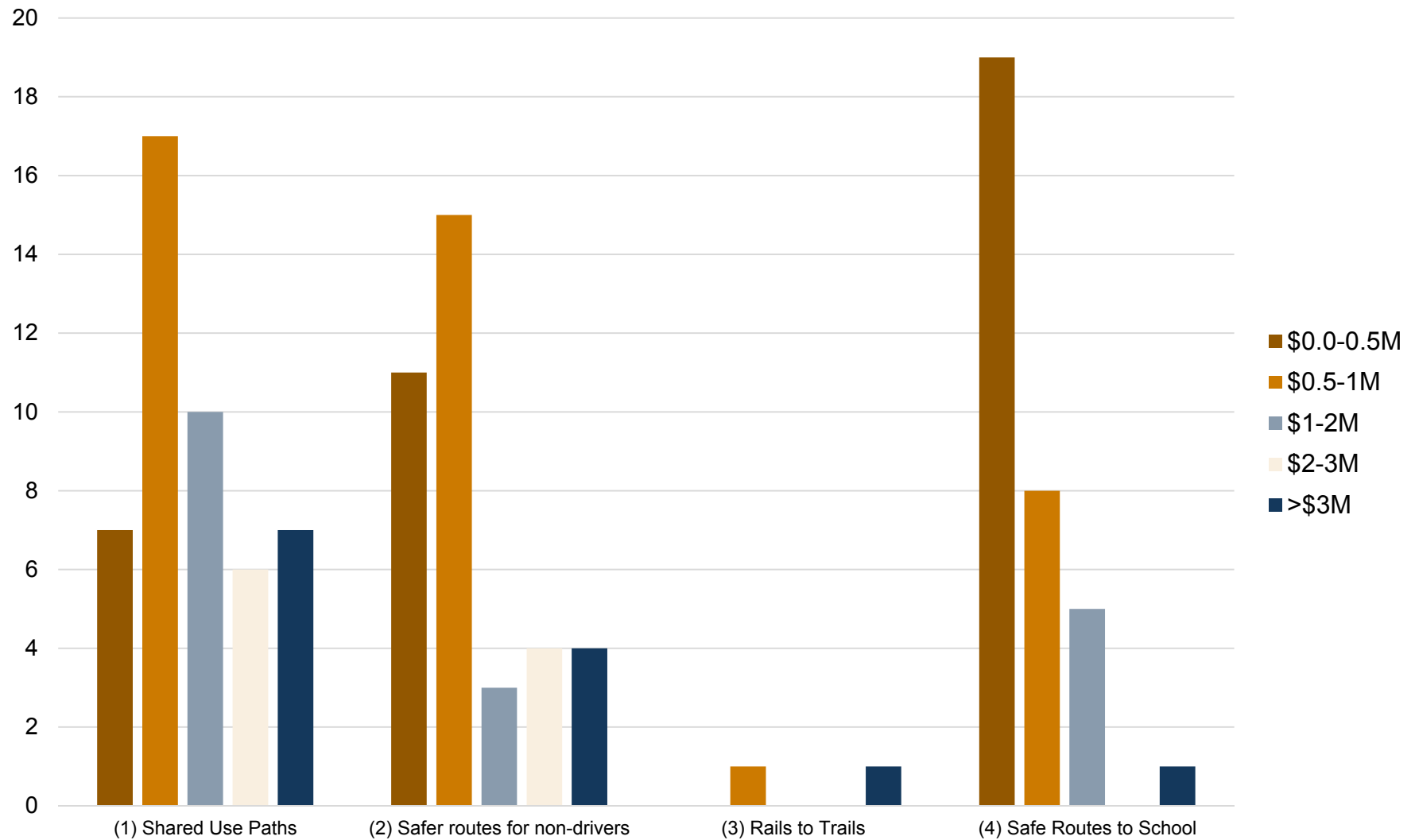
Construction Readiness

- Plan Development
 - 3% - Complete
 - 35% - PS&E 5% to 75% Complete
 - 62% - PS&E Not Started
- Property Acquisition
 - Further Evaluation



TAP – Eligible Activity & Project Cost

Number of TAP Projects by Eligible Activity and Cost

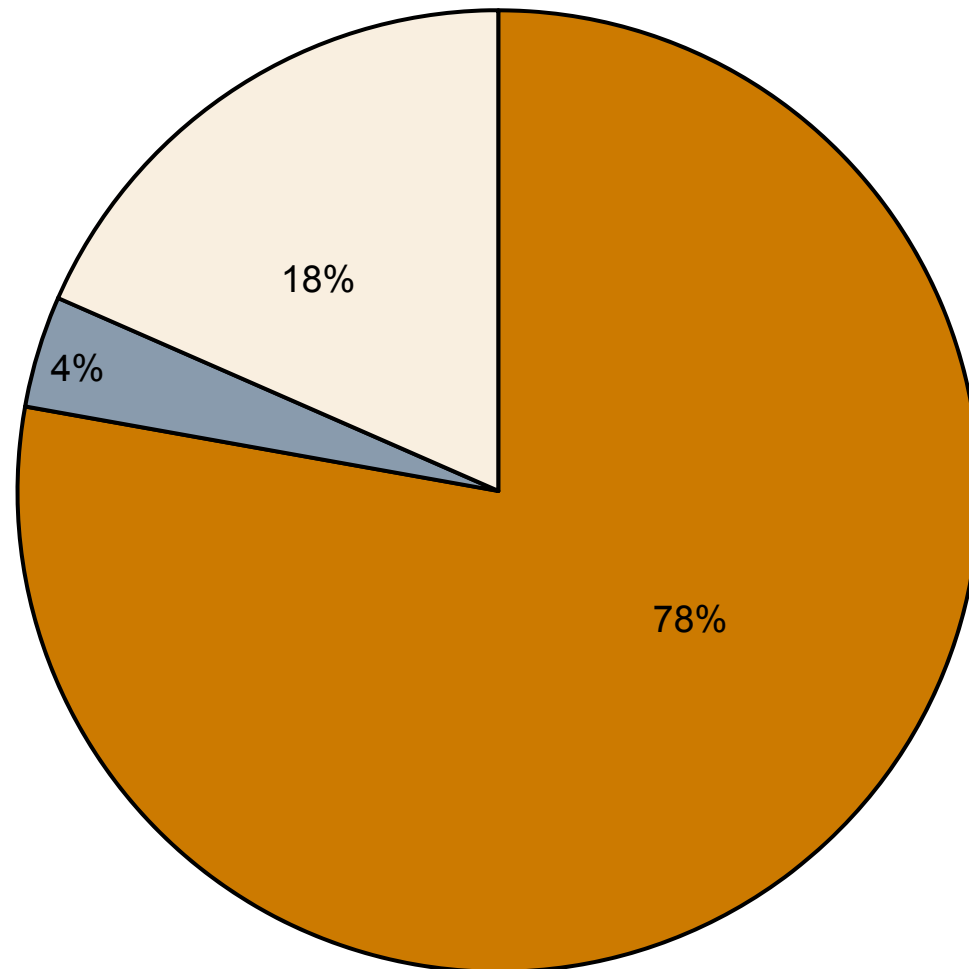


TAP Funding Breakdown

■ Federal Funding
Requested -
\$127,687,414

■ State EDCP -
\$6,171,810

□ Local Cash Match -
\$30,237,599



2015 TAP Project Review – 120 Project Nominations

Preliminary Findings

- A majority of the project sponsors have not begun plan development
- Several projects have costs that may not be eligible for federal reimbursement
- Some construction costs may be underestimated
- A more realistic timeline for project development is needed for some projects
- The eligibility of costs identified for In-kind match needs further evaluation
- Economically Disadvantaged Counties Program (EDCP) – may have some EDCP eligibility issues

Questions ?

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