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MEMO TO: Division Engineers

FROM: Michael L. Holder, P.E.
Chief Engineer

DATE: February 10, 2017

SUBJECT: Transportation Alternatives Program Projects

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The use of Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funds for installing and retrofitting curb ramps to current ADA compliance has been extended through 2017. Each Division should program \$1,000,000.00 worth of work. Half of the funds must go to areas with a population less than 5,000, unless there are not sufficient candidate projects to fulfill this requirement. If the location is on routes exclusively owned and maintained by a municipality, the local government must provide a 20% match to the TAP fund. If the location is on a state route, DOT may cover the match using resurfacing funds. You may use the same project numbers from 2016 if the scope has not changed. Otherwise, coordinate with Van Argabright to establish new project numbers.

For a site to be eligible, it must be requested by a local government. We will be using the same selection criteria from 2016 based on number of missing ramps, and lanes traversed. A sample request letter, and the selection criteria are attached. If you still have locations requested from 2016, you may program that work prior to soliciting new requests.

TAP funds may be used on incidental or minor ancillary work – such as crosswalk striping – provided that work does not constitute a significant portion of the cost. TAP funds may also be used to install “broken links” of sidewalk. Such links should be justifiably associated with nearby curb ramps. Divisions are expected to use judgment and fiscal discretion in assessing the cost-benefit of such locations.

Divisions should receive candidate intersections, evaluate locations, complete environmental documents, develop bid documents, and request funding by **June 30, 2017**.

If you have any questions, contact Robert Barrier at RLBarrier@ncdot.gov.

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Selection criteria for TAP funded ADA intersection program

Intersections will be awarded 10 points for every missing ramp. On a typical 4-legged intersection there will be 8 ramps. If one corner is missing 2 ramps, the intersection will be awarded 20 points.

Intersections will be awarded points based on the average number of lanes at each leg of the intersection. For example, in a 4-legged intersection, there may be 2 lanes entering the intersection, 2 lanes exiting the intersection, and one turn lane. This approach would have 5 lanes. This would be repeated for the 3 other legs of the intersection and an average of the 4 legs taken.

- Average approach lanes 4.0 or greater 40 points
- Average approach lanes 3.0 or greater 30 points
- Average approach lanes 2.0 or greater 20 points
- Average approach lanes less than 2.0 10 points

Sample Letter

Date

Division Engineer or Designee

North Carolina Department of Transportation

Address

Dear Division Engineer or Designee:

The Town/City/County of XXXXX requests that the following intersections be considered for improvement using Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding to bring them in compliance with current ADA standards:

SR XXXX and SR XXXX

NC XX and SR XXXX

We also request that NCDOT partner with the Town/City/County to complete all necessary planning and design and construct the project.

Sincerely,

XXXX XXXX

Town/City/County Manager