

March 15, 2021

## REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

### Transportation Alternatives (TA) Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2021-2025

The Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA Set-Aside) provides funding for programs and projects defined as transportation alternatives, including on- and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities, infrastructure projects for improving non-driver access to public transportation and enhanced mobility, community improvement activities, and environmental mitigation; recreational trail projects; safe-routes-to-schools projects; and projects for planning, designing, or constructing boulevards and other roadways largely in the right-of-way of former divided highways.

The *TA Guide for Sponsor and Applicants* can be downloaded at <https://www.oahumpo.org/plans-and-programs/transportation-alternatives-ta-set-aside>. The TA Guide establishes a process to solicit, evaluate, and award funding to TA-eligible projects.

Over \$7million dollar are expected to be available in TA Set-Aside funds from FFY 2021-2025 of which \$2.8 million are already programmed in the FFYs 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Nearly \$4 million in TA funds are currently unobligated and little over \$2.2 million are about to lapse in FFY 2021.

The OahuMPO released a call for projects on January 22, 2021 for FFY 2021-2025. Two applications for eligible TA projects were submitted:

- 1) Ala Wai Bridge
- 2) Rail Station Multimodal Access Improvements-Halawa Station and Waiawa Station

After a period of individual review, the members of the Transportation Alternatives Evaluation Committee met on March 5, 2021 via a Microsoft Teams online meeting and prioritized the FFY 2021-2025 TA submissions based on the criteria established in the OahuMPO Transportation Alternatives Guide. Based on the Evaluation Committee's assessment, the projects were both evaluated as important projects worthy of TA Set-Aside funds. On average the Rail Station Multimodal Access Improvements - Halawa Station and Waiawa Station project scored 103 points and the Ala Wai Bridge scored 100 points. Given that the maximum amount of points a project could score was 150, the committee agreed that the difference was minimal and that both projects should be considered for part of the TA Set-Aside funds.

The details about the two prioritized TA submissions can be found here:

[https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb\\_dl=2161](https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=2161)

[https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb\\_dl=2162](https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=2162)

Your review of and comments on the prioritized Transportation Alternatives submissions will be greatly appreciated.

Please return the attached comment sheet via mail or email by **April 2, 2021 to:**

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Sincerely,



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Enclosure: Review Form

## REVIEW FORM:

# FFY 2021-2025 Transportation Alternatives Program Submissions

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**DEADLINE:**           **April 2, 2021**

**SUBJECT:**           Intergovernmental Review: FFY 2021-2025 Transportation Alternatives Program Submissions.

We would appreciate your review and comment on this draft.

1. Does your agency have any comments or concerns about the content of the FFY 2021-2025 *Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside* Submissions?

No  
 Yes

If yes, please provide a summary of those comments or concerns. (We are seeking feedback on content and not proofreading edits.)

2. Are you aware of other agencies whose programs or plans may be affected by the FFY 2021-2025 TA projects?

No  
 Yes

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

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