

### **Local Government Division**

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- TAP Transportation Alternatives Program
- ACOG/INCOG Metropolitan Planning Organizations
- CIRB County Improvement of Roads and Bridges
- Small Cities Funds
- County Equipment Revolving Fund
- STBG Bridge Surface Transportation Block Grant
- STBG Roadway Surface Transportation Block Grant
- ER Emergency Relief Program
- Access Roads Industrial and Lake Access
- Statewide Off-System Scour Mitigation(Bridges)
- Structurally Deficient(SD) City Bridge Program



### TAP – Transportation Alternatives Program



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# Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Funding provided through the FAST Act - Competitive Application Process

### \$29.5 million in projects were awarded funding in 2016 and 2019



### Safety Components of TAP

- ADA compliant sidewalks and trails
- Bicycle infrastructure
- Pedestrian and bicycle signals
- Traffic calming techniques
- Streetscapes or Enhancements
- Lighting and other safety related infrastructure



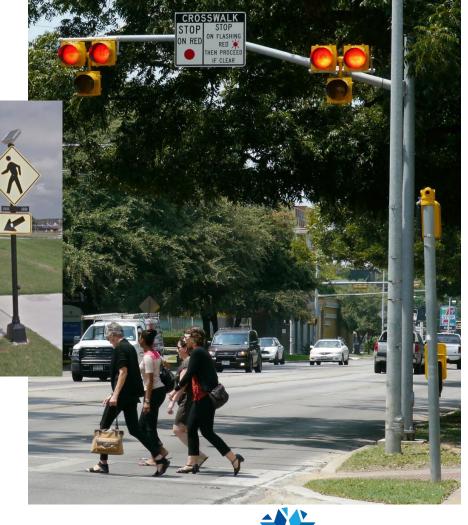




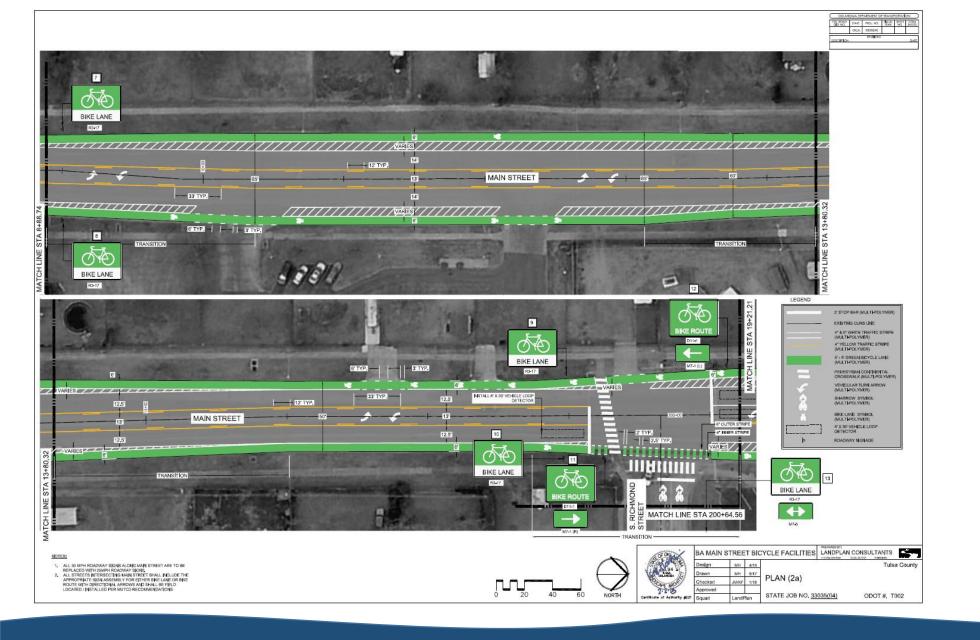




Typical Safety Improvements







### Bicycle Safety And Road Diets

Also includes:
Off-road trails,
Rails to Trails
Vegetative Management
Stormwater Management



#### TAP PROCESS PRIOR TO AWARD

- TAP Projects are Awarded Through a Competitive Application Process
  - Funding will come from IIJA transportation bill (2022 Application Cycle Anticipated)
  - During the application process, ODOT Local Government staff provides technical assistance and guidance
  - Applications are completed on-line (Notification of Interest and Final Application)
  - Application scoring criteria is provided in the Transportation Program Guidance and Application
     Packet
  - Applications are scored by committee and recommended for award to the ODOT Senior Leadership and Transportation Commission
  - Transportation Commission awards projects at ODOT Commission Meeting



#### **ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS AND FUNDING**

- Governmental Entities
  - County
  - City/Town
  - Tribal
  - School Districts
- Anticipated Funding Categories
  - Under 5,000
  - *5,000 49,999*
  - *50,000 200,000*
  - > 200,000 (ACOG and INCOG)



# **Scoring Criteria:** The scoring criteria will be listed in the Transportation Program Guidance and Application Packet

**Project Delivery and Maintenance** (Satisfactory past project performance, or no project delivery experience)

**Multiple Components and Connections** (Project incorporates elements of more than one eligible Transportation Alternatives activity, Project connects multiple (at least 2) points of interest within a quarter mile of the project, i.e. activity centers, employment centers, transit centers)

Estimated Budget (Cost estimates are reasonable and have sufficient detail)

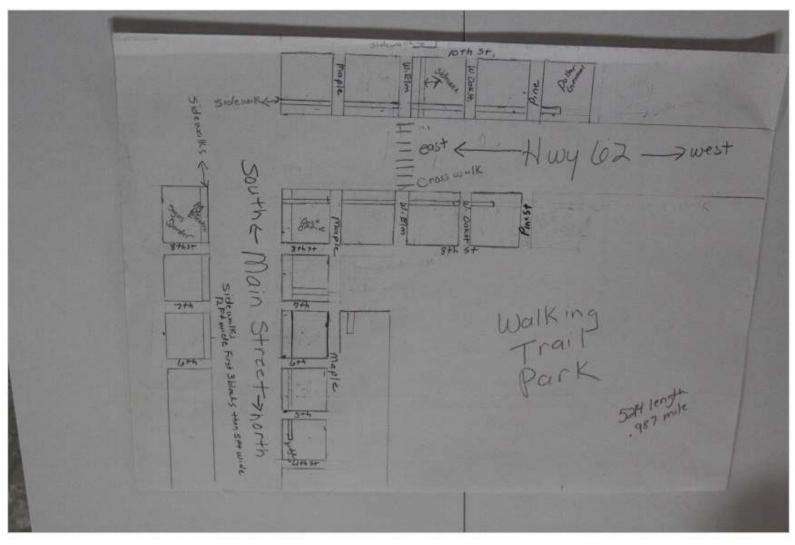
Public Support (Project supports a partnership at a local level, i.e. business association, foundation)

Added Enhancement and Safety to the Transportation System (Proposed project is an enhancement and adds safety to the existing transportation system)

**Public Health** (Project supported by Complete Streets, built environment assessment, and/or active transportation planning. Project includes Safe Routes to Designations.)



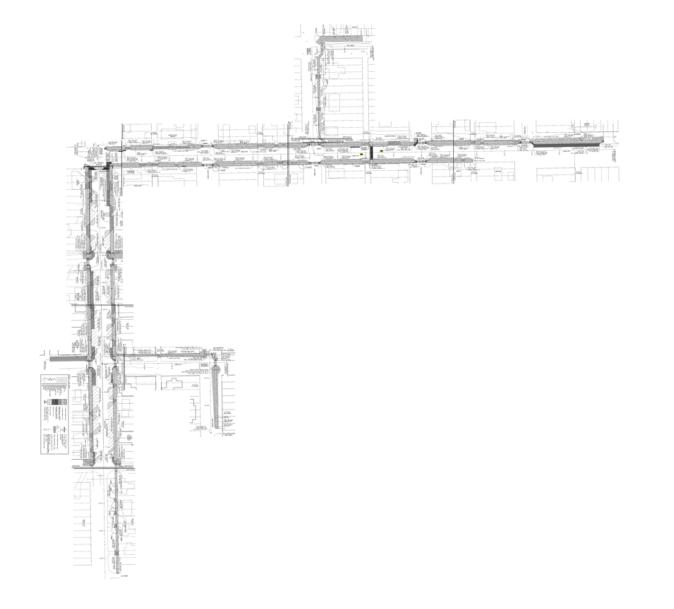
## **SAMPLE PROJECTS**



### Conceptual Plan

Provided as part of application





#### **Construction Plans**

- Can be completed as part of awarded project or submitted with application
  - Must be designed to ODOT standards



### **BEFORE AND AFTER**



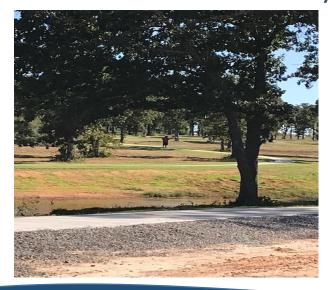




#### **Community Pride – Downtown Revitalization – Safe Routes to Schools – Pedestrian Safety**

#### Sponsor Responsibilities

- Right of Way Acquisition
- Utility Relocation
- Matching Funds
- Maintenance of Facility





#### **ODOT** Responsibilities

- Design Contract Management
- ODOT Bid Letting \*
- Environmental Clearance
- Construction Inspection \*
- Final Inspection and Audit
  - \* May change with new cycle

Current Funds Expire Sept. 2023

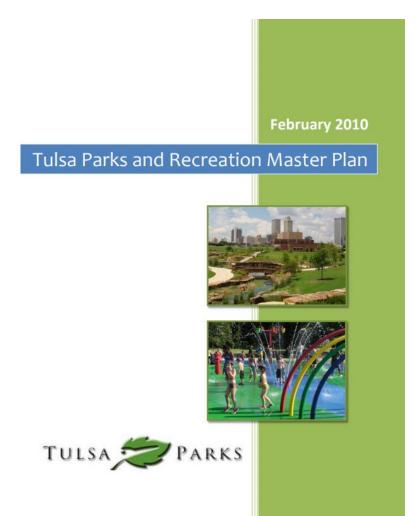


#### HOW TO BE PREPARED FOR THE NEXT ROUND

- Create a plan
  - Does a master plan and/or conceptual plan exist in your community?
  - Where are current goat or desire paths within the community?
  - Consider contacting a design firm
- Walking audit/walkability study
  - Complete walkability audit or study
  - Take pictures of current conditions. Try to include people.
- Start coming up with a project description
  - Why is the project important?
  - Who will be using it?
  - What are the benefits?
- Design estimate (based on most current cost estimates)
  - Needs to be from a licensed landscape architect or engineer
- Build community support/Involve the public



### Does a master plan and/or conceptual plan exist in your community?



#### **Programming and Level of Service Analysis**

An extensive programming analysis was conducted and is available in the Final Report. Additionally, a Level of Service Analysis was conducted. This detailed analysis is also available in the Final Report.

#### Recommendations

#### Capital Improvements

While Tulsa is typical of many mid-sized cities in the United States with relatively low population densities, it nonetheless has a robust park system, with over 6,000 acres of parkland in the inventory, or about 15 acres per 1,000 persons. This is a healthy ratio and a satisfactory one that does not call for any major adjustments. The focus should be on what is offered within this acreage and how it meets the needs of Tulsans. The park acreage currently is a mix of developed and undeveloped sites. These are well distributed throughout the city.

A more critical issue is the condition and configuration of those parks. Tulsa has many parks of approximately the same age that are reaching a point in their life cycle where replacement/refurbishment/repurposing/etc. is needed. An organized strategy is needed. Tulsa's parks need to be looked at closely to determine what things within them are timeless, and what things are no longer relevant. Strategic prioritization is needed to determine if some things should be removed or replaced, if funds become available, or a new use is found, etc. A strategy for addressing the repair/refurbishment/replacement or re-purposing of low-functioning components is included in the final report.

It is possible that through ongoing public input, and as needs and trends evolve, new needs will be identified for existing parks. If there is no room in an existing park for new needs, the decision may be made to remove or re-purpose an existing component, even if it is quite functional.

Trends to keep an eye on as Tulsa decides what to do with low-functioning facilities, or how to make existing parks fit the needs of residents as highly as possible, include things like:

- Dog parks continue to grow in popularity.
- Skating continues to grow in popularity.
- . A desire for locally grown food and concerns about health and sustainability.
- Events in parks, from a neighborhood "movie in the park" to large festivals in regional parks, are growing in popularity as a way to build a sense of community.
- · Sprayparks are growing rapidly in popularity, even in cooler climates than Tulsa's.
- New types of playgrounds are emerging, including discovery play, nature play, adventure play, and art play.
- Integrating nature into parks by creating natural areas is a trend for a number of reasons. These
  include a desire to make parks more sustainable and introduce people of all ages to the natural
  environment. An educational aspect is an important part of these areas.

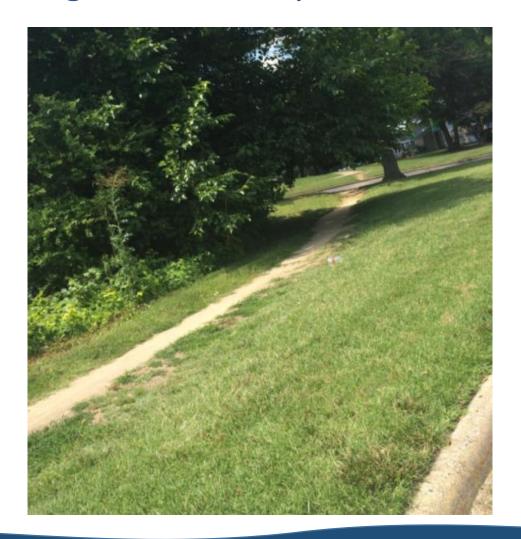
#### Valkability

Tulsa's land area and low density make it difficult to provide a walkable park system. However, concerns about obesity, diabetes, heart disease, and other ills across the nation have made walkability a goal for most communities and their park systems. Fortunately, Tulsa's parks, schools, and other public lands are fairly well distributed throughout the city, offering the potential for greatly enhanced walkability for the community. The key is to make sure these lands are desirable destinations to which people can walk

Tulsa, OK Parks and Recreation Master Plan Final Report



### Where are current goat or desire paths within the community?





## Take pictures of current conditions. Try to include people.







## **Additional Information**

Anticipated Transportation Alternatives Advisory Committee (TAAC) Members: The TAAC committee will be responsible for scoring each application. This committee will be made up of multiple agencies throughout the state who are knowledgeable about active transportation or have an invested interest in improving Oklahoma's active transportation network.

Where to find announcement:

ODOT Website - <a href="https://oklahoma.gov/odot/business-center/local-government-resource-center/transportation-alternatives-program-tap.html">https://oklahoma.gov/odot/business-center/local-government-resource-center/transportation-alternatives-program-tap.html</a>

OML - Oklahoma Municipal League (oml.org)

ACCO - ACCO - Home (okacco.com)

APWA - Home Page (apwa.net)

TSET - <a href="https://tset.ok.gov/">https://tset.ok.gov/</a>

OMAG - <a href="https://www.omag.org/">https://www.omag.org/</a>



# Questions?

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