

Transportation Alternatives Program

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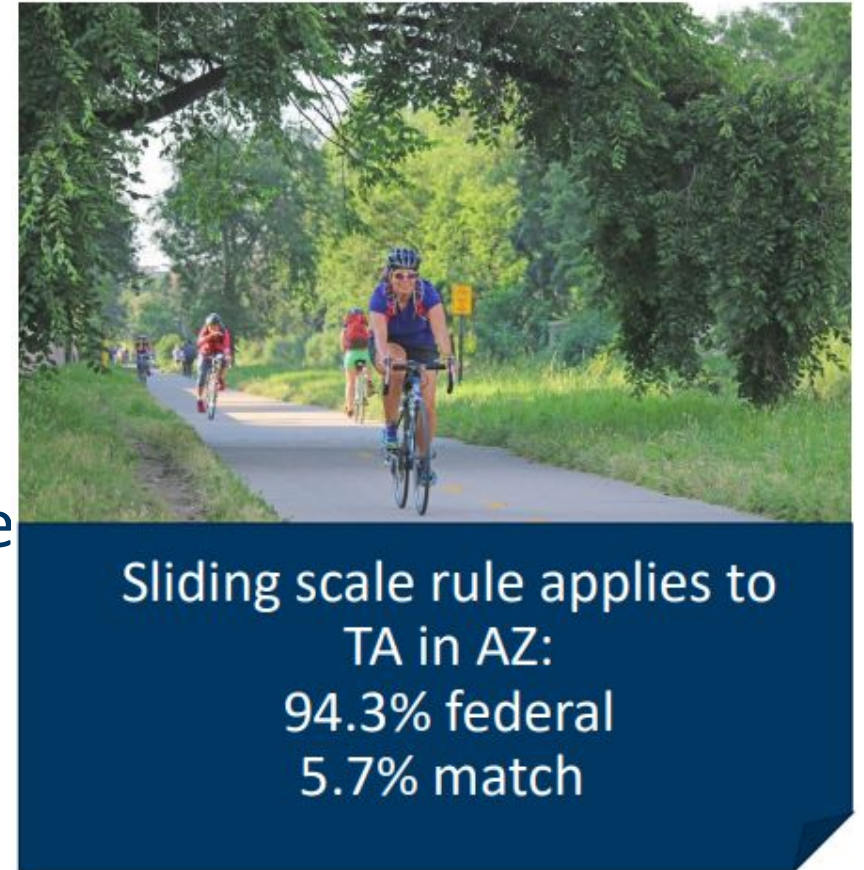
What to take away from this presentation

- Understanding of the TA Program
- Where we are in the program development
- Where we are going
- Next steps



About the Transportation Alternative Program

- TA is:
 - A set aside under the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP)
 - All TA projects are eligible under STBGP and must meet STBGP eligibility criteria.
 - The single largest source of funds for active transportation projects, including trails
 - TA funds are distributed to local projects through a competitive grant program at the state or MPO level



Eligible projects under TA

- On- and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities, including trails for non motorized use
- Infrastructure-related projects and systems that will provide safe routes for non-drivers
- Construction of turnouts, overlooks, and viewing areas
- Community improvement activities:
 - Removal of outdoor advertising
 - Historic preservation
 - Vegetation management
 - Environmental mitigation for stormwater and habitat connectivity
- Recreational trail projects
- Safe routes to school projects (infrastructure and non infrastructure)
- Boulevards and other roadways largely in the right-of-way of former Interstate System routes or other divided highways
- Vulnerable Road User Safety Assessments
- Shared micromobility systems

Who can Apply?

- Tribal governments
- Local governments
- Regional transportation authorities
- Transit agencies
- Natural resource or public land agencies (Federal, State, or local)
- School districts, local education agencies
- New: Metropolitan Planning Organization for small urbanized area (under 200,000)
- New: Nonprofit entity (restrictions removed)
- New: State DOT, only at request of another eligible entity
 - Any other local or regional governmental entity with responsibility for oversight of transportation or recreational trails the State determines to be eligible

Consulted Stakeholders

MPOs

Central Yavapai Metropolitan Planning Organization (CYMPO)
Metro Plan Flagstaff Metropolitan Planning Organization
Metro Plan Flagstaff Metropolitan Planning Organization (FMPO)
Sun Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization (SCMPO)
Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization (YMPO)
Sierra Vista Metropolitan Planning Organization
Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG)
Pima Association of Governments (PAG)

COGs

Central Arizona Governments (CAG)
Northern Arizona Council of Governments (NACOG)
Southeastern Arizona Government Organization (SEAGO)
Western Arizona Council of Governments (WACOG)
AZ Rural Transportation Advocacy Council
Central Arizona Governments (CAG)

Pedestrian and Bicycle Coordinators

Maricopa County Department of Transportation
City of Goodyear
City of Scottsdale
City of Mesa
City of Sedona
Town of Oro Valley
City of Peoria
City of Tempe
City of Tucson
City of Phoenix

Arizona State Parks Department

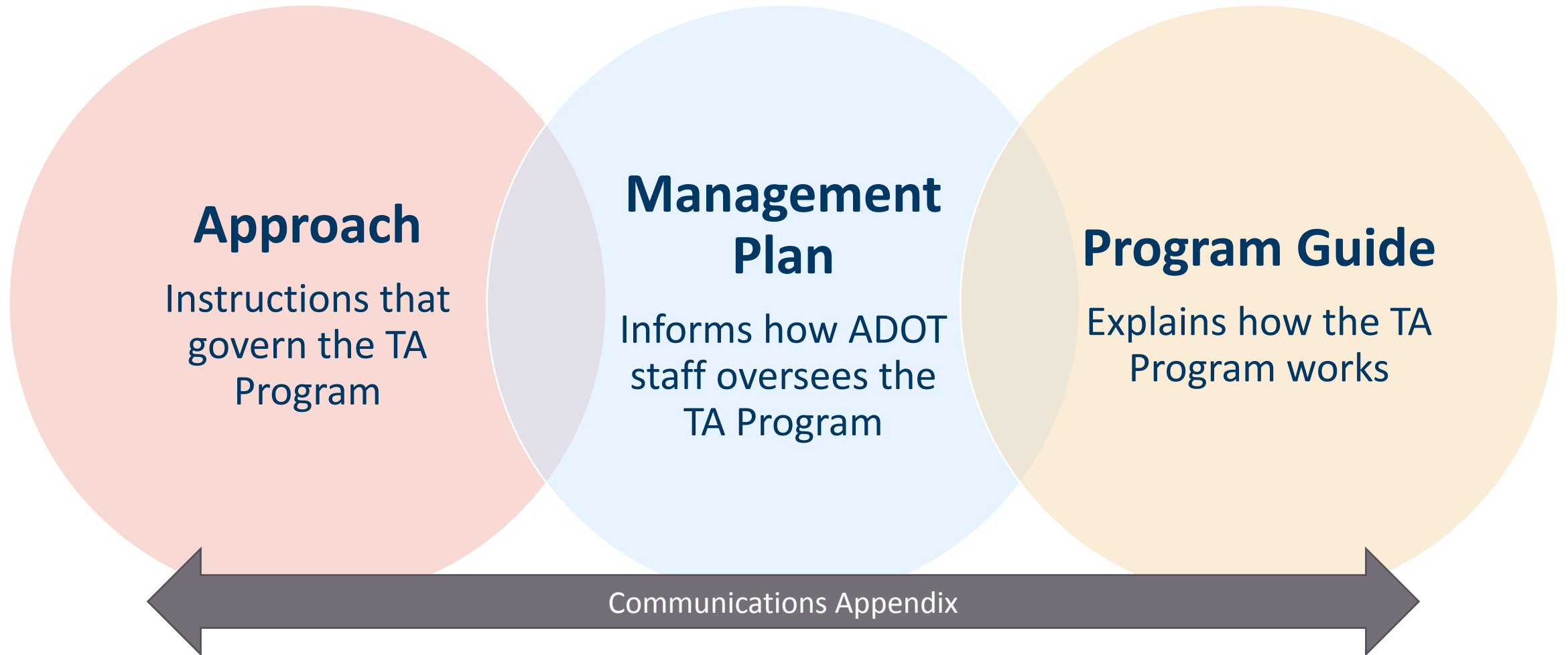
AZ State Parks & Trails

Arizona Native Nations

Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona



TA Program Documents



ADOT TA Program Themes

- Take the 'good' from the prior TE Program while avoiding the 'bad'
- Stay simple by avoiding additional restrictions (as much as possible)
- Strong screening process to aid project delivery success and direct projects to most appropriate funding program
- Keep the application straightforward
- Project evaluation based on quantitative assessment
- But further supported by additional qualitative considerations
- Develop capacity for ongoing improvements

Next Steps

- Complete ADOT TA Set-up with Consultant April 2023
- Review Application Process May 2023
- Coordinate with COGs & MPOs May / June 2023
- Call for Projects Webinars Late June 2023
- Anticipated Call For Projects July 2023

Thank You

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