

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A PHASE I NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR PROJECT NOMINATIONS UNDER THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES, COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM AND THE TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM.

AGENDA OF: October 18, 2022

ASSEMBLY ACTION:

Approved under the Consent agenda
10-18-22

MANAGER RECOMMENDATION: For information only.

APPROVED BY MICHAEL BROWN, BOROUGH MANAGER:

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Route To:	Department/Individual	Initials	Remarks
	Originator - B. Sworts	BM	
	Public Works Director	10/17/22	
	Finance Director	CK	
	Borough Attorney	NS	
	Borough Clerk	10/20/22	

ATTACHMENT(S): Fiscal Note: YES ___ NO X
Resolution Serial No. 22-108 (2 pp)

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT&PF) has formally announced a new award cycle for the Community Transportation Program (CTP) and the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP). Both of these are competitive surface transportation programs to preserve, upgrade or create new roads, bridges, and trails outside the Metropolitan Planning Organizations (Anchorage & Fairbanks) boundaries. Examples of eligible CTP projects may include:

- Improvement of existing surface transportation facilities; improvement of or creation of new transportation facilities that provide access to important resources or connect communities; rural ports & barge landings; connecting

different types of transportation modes such as transit and trails or roads; enhancement of travel and tourism; electric vehicle charging infrastructure; and reduction of wildlife-vehicle collisions, i.e., wildlife crossings.

Examples of eligible TAP projects may include:

- On-road and off-road facilities for pedestrians and bicyclists; safe routes for non-drivers (formerly Safe Routes to School); conversion of abandoned railroad corridors for trails for non-motorized transportation users; create turnouts, scenic overlooks and viewing areas; support historic preservation and rehabilitation; support environmental mitigation related to stormwater and habitat connectivity; and, vulnerable road user safety assessments.

The nomination process for each program is broken into two phases.

Phase One, "Notice of Intent to Apply", is applicable to both programs and is meant to ensure ADOT&PF supports community applications through the nomination process, including an eligibility determination and development of a Scope, Schedule, and Estimate (SSE) for nominated projects. Projects submitted to ADOT&PF will be screened for eligibility, and eligible projects will advance to the next phase. The Notice of Intent to Apply must be submitted by October 31, 2022.

Phase Two, "Call for Projects", is also applicable to both programs. This phase requires the submittal of a full project application, vetting matching funds, and management responsibility for the project including a resolution of support from the Assembly.

All projects will require a 9.03% local match and, if the ADOT&PF approved estimate increases over the life of the project, the Borough would be required to match the new estimate accordingly. For this reason, contingencies will be assessed on Borough match (50% on preconstruction phases and 15% on the construction estimate). A formal match agreement will be prepared for eligible projects that move forward to scoring.

The solicitation states that CTP Projects are limited to two final project submittals per public entity with a not-to-exceed federal share amount of \$15,000,000, as determined through a ADOT&PF certified estimate using recent unit costs and bid tabs from successful bids. ADOT&PF is an eligible sponsor for CTP community roads.

TAP projects are limited to two final project submittals per community with a not-to-exceed federal share amount of \$5,000,000.

Borough staff met recently with ADOT&PF, the City of Houston, and the City of Wasilla to discuss and coordinate project nominations. A list of projects were identified which potentially meet the program goals and draft application criterion provided by ADOT&PF for each respective program.

The projects being considered for the Borough's CTP Notice of Intent to Apply include, but may not be limited to, Seldon Road Reconstruction Phase 1, Wasilla Fishhook to Snowgoose Drive; Seldon Road Reconstruction Phase 2, Snowgoose Drive to Lucille Street; Lucille Street & Pathway Upgrade, Spruce Avenue to Seldon Road; Museum Drive Extension, Museum Drive to Sylvan Road; and Engstrom Road to Trunk Road Corridor.

The projects being considered for the Borough's TAP Notice of Intent to Apply include, but may not be limited to: Palmer Fishhook Pathway, Trunk Road to Edgerton Parks Road; Edgerton Parks Road Pathway, Palmer Fishhook Road to the west side of the Little Susitna River; and Inner Springer Loop Separated Pathway, Glenn Highway to Cope Industrial Way.

RECOMMENDATION OF ADMINISTRATION: Approve the legislation as presented.