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Date: February 15, 2019

To: SCCOG Chief Elected Officials and City/Town Managers

From: James S. Butler, Executive Director

Katherine D. Rattan, Senior Planner Project Manager

Re: 2019 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Solicitation

SCCOG is pleased to announce a solicitation for projects eligible for the Transportation Alternatives Program set-aside of the <u>anticipated</u> State Transportation Block Grant (FY21-FY25). While a funding bill has not yet been passed, the CTDOT anticipates that the TAP program would continue under the funding bill and requests COGs to provide a prioritized list of applications. There are six eligible project types itemized in the attached documents, with a focus on infrastructure improvements for non-motorists.

The TAP set-aside program is a significant opportunity for the region's municipalities to fund bike and pedestrian improvements that will improve livability and economic vitality of the region. This solicitation would likely cover regional allocations totaling in \$1,185,565 dollars for fiscal years 20121-2025. The Connecticut TAP set-aside program requires 20% non-federal, cash match of funds. Submitted applications must be for projects greater than \$500,000. Applications for projects which are partially funded with other sources of funding, such as earmarks or other federal funds, are not subject to the program funding floor and are eligible as noted in the attached documents.

Interested municipalities should prepare one or more TAP application to be delivered to our office no later than 3:30 pm Friday, April 19th, 2019. Please submit three (3) hard and one (1) electronic copy of this application and any additional illustrative material. Please read the enclosed TAP guidelines, so that you understand the contractual obligations that will be incurred if your municipality's project, or projects, are chosen for funding.

If you have any questions regarding the application process or the TAP program, please contact Kate Rattan at (860) 889-2324 or at krattan@seccog.org.

Enclosures:

DOT Solicitation Letter

Fillable Application Form Cost Estimate Template Cost Estimating Guidelines 2016 Tap Federal Guidance CC: Municipal Planners
Municipal Engineers
Municipal Public Works Directors