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Application for Transportation Alternative Funds ends February 28

North Dakota counties, cities and other entities have until Thursday, February 28, 2013, to apply for the 2014 Federal Fiscal Year round of Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Funds.

TAP is a new program established by Congress in the current highway bill *Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century* (MAP-21). The funds are administered by the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT).

Projects eligible for TAP funds include: (1) bicycle and pedestrian projects, (2) construction of turnouts, overlooks, and viewing areas along roadways, (3) community improvement activities including, preservation and rehabilitation of historic transportation facilities; vegetation management practices in transportation rights-of-way to improve roadway safety, prevent against invasive species, and provide erosion control; and archaeological activities relating to impacts from implementation of a transportation project, and (4) environmental mitigation activity, including pollution prevention and pollution abatement activities.

Application information is available from Bennett Kubischta, NDDOT Local Government Division, NDDOT at 701-328- 3555 or by e-mailing bkubisch@nd.gov.

Projects in or near Grand Forks, Fargo/West Fargo, or Bismarck/Mandan must be submitted to the NDDOT through the local Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). Application submittals to the local MPO offices are as follows: Fargo Moorhead Council of Governments, January 21, 2013, Grand Forks/East Grand Forks MPO, February 5, 2013 and Bismarck/Mandan MPO, February 6, 2013.