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Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside Program 2018 Call for Projects

To All Interested Parties:

The Corpus Christi Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is pleased to announce the 2018 Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside Program Call for Projects. The TA Set-Aside program is authorized under the current transportation bill - *Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act)*. The TA Set-Aside Program is similar to the former Transportation Alternatives, Transportation Enhancements, and Safe Routes to School programs.

Eligible projects include:

- (1) Design and construction of on- and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities
- (2) Design and construction of infrastructure projects to improve safe routes for non-drivers
- (3) Design construction and of pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure to improve the ability of students to bike and walk to school
- (4) Conversion and use of abandoned railroad corridors for trails for pedestrians, bicyclists or other non-motorized transportation user.

Funding is for projects within the [MPO Boundary Area](#). Allowable project costs for the TA Set-Aside Program include design costs equaling up to 10% of total construction cost. For FY 2019 and FY 2020 a total of \$1,160,000 is available through the MPO's TA Set-Aside Program.

The 2018 TA Set-Aside Call for Projects closes at 5:00 pm, Central Standard Time, on **December 13, 2017**. The MPO must have nomination packages "in-hand" at the MPO offices by the December 13 deadline. A postmark by the deadline does not qualify as an on-time application. The TA Set-Aside Program's Application, Application Guide and other information can be found on the [MPO's website](#).

MPO staff is available to answer questions and discuss program information.

Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "JP", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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