



# Transportation Enhancement Program

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# Transportation Enhancement Program

## Audience Participation

- Who has applied for Transportation Enhancement (TE) funding?
- Who has received TE funding?
- Who is hearing about the TE Program for the first time today?



# Transportation Enhancement Program

## TE Program: What is it?

### Federal Funding:

- SAFETEA-LU (and subsequent continuing resolutions)
- 10% set aside from State DOT's allocation from the Surface Transportation Program
- Purpose: Enhance the "fit" of roadways into the environments and communities they serve.



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## What is it?

### TE Categories

Today's Topic:

- Nonmotorized Transportation

Other Eligible Categories:

- Transportation Aesthetics
- Historic Preservation
- Water Quality
- Wildlife Mortality



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## Who is eligible to apply?

- Michigan Department of Transportation
- County Road Commissions
- Cities and villages
- Other state agencies
- Federal agencies
- Native American tribes
- Metropolitan Planning Organizations
- Transit agencies



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## Key Parameters

- Transportation relationship
- Approximately \$25 million each year
- Minimum match (20%) – Average is 35%
- Reimbursement (not grant)
- Federal funding requirements



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## Application Process: Where to Start?

- Discuss your project idea with the Grant Coordinator in your region
- Instructions and Forms available at [www.michigan.gov/tea](http://www.michigan.gov/tea)

A screenshot of the MDOT website's Transportation Enhancement Program page. The page header includes the MDOT logo and navigation links like "Michigan.gov Home", "MDOT Home", "Site Map", "Contact MDOT", "FAQ", and "State Web Sites". A search bar is located in the top right. The main content area is titled "transportation enhancement program" and includes an overview, "instructions &amp; application" section with links for "Detailed Overview and Instructions", "Apply Online", "Application Help", and "Scanning Help", and "related links" such as "Why tax dollars are spent on enhancements", "A Guide to Transportation Enhancements (1.5MB)", "National Transportation Enhancements Clearinghouse", "Local Project Implementation", and "Catalog Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA)". A "historic program information" section lists years from 2004 to 2007. A sidebar on the left contains a "projects &amp; programs" menu with categories like "Asset Management", "Grant Programs", "Highway Programs", and "roads &amp; travel". A sidebar on the right contains "Departments/Agencies", "Online Services", "Surveys", "RSS Feeds", and "Quick Links".



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## Application Process: Overview

- Open application period; no deadline
- Multiple annual announcements
- Conditional Commitments for future years – beyond FY 2009 is contingent on SAFETEA-LU Reauthorization.
- Online application
- Competitive



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## Joint MDNR-MDOT Applications

MDOT TE dollars and MDNR Trust Fund dollars can match each other, however please note the following:

- Apply to MDOT TE Program Before MDNR Trust Fund
- Project scopes must be identical
- Applications can be for acquisition or development
- MDOT focus is transportation



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## Joint MDOT-MDNR Projects



Pere Marquette Rail-Trail, Clare County



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Dequindre Cut Nonmotorized Path, Detroit



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Milford to Kensington Metropark, Oakland County



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William G. Milliken (formerly Tricentennial) State  
Park Nonmotorized Connector, Detroit



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Lansing Rivertrail Extension



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## Other MDOT-MDNR Collaborations



Champion to Van Riper State Park,  
Marquette County



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## Other MDOT-MDNR Collaborations



US-131 Pedestrian Tunnel connecting to Kal-Haven State Linear Park, Kalamazoo County



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## Nonmotorized TE Projects: What makes a good TE project?

Projects that...

- Promote nonmotorized transportation
- Are part of a community or regional plan
- Promote transportation system continuity
  - connect existing facilities
  - connect travel generators
  - fill network gaps
- Recognize the diversity of potential users



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## Nonmotorized TE Projects:

### What makes a good TE project?...

Projects that...

- Ensure facilities are accessible
- Encourage regional nonmotorized planning and coordination.
- Support statewide tourism, economic growth, and community (re)development
- Improve safety and security of nonmotorized users



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## Project Implementation

- Federal funding requirements
  - Davis Bacon wage rates
  - AASHTO design standards
  - Environmental clearance
  - Historic Preservation Covenant
  - Competitive bid process
    - Matching funds must comply w/ FHWA
- MDOT letting process
- Local letting process



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Thank you! Any questions?

For more information, please see our web site at

<http://www.michigan.gov/tea>

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