



French Broad River MPO Transportation Alternatives Project Selection Criteria
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French Broad River MPO Selection Criteria for Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects Funded with Transportation Alternatives (TA) (Maximum of 100 points):

- Local Priority (up to 15 points)
 - 15 points per agency; all submissions must have at least 1 pt assigned
- Local Match (up to 15 points)
 - Local match points: Minimum Match Required – 20% (0 points); if local match is at least 30% - 5 points; If local match is at least 40% - 10 points; if local match is at least 50%-15 points
- Plan Compliant (up to 10 points)
 - Bicycle or pedestrian projects in a local or regional adopted bicycle, pedestrian or greenways plan—10 pts; comprehensive plan-5 pts
- Project phase (10/5/3)
 - Construction Projects – 10 points
 - NEPA and/or Design Projects – 5 points
 - ROW-3 points
- Prior Funding (up to 10 pts)
- Mode-effectiveness (up to 30 pts-bike ped)
 - Missing Link factor (5 pts)
 - Overcoming an obstacle factor (10 pts) overcoming an obstacle such as a river/creek crossing, interstate or major arterial crossing
 - Connections within ½ mile to other mode, greenway or activity center (up to 10 pts)
 - Safety (up to 5 pts)
- Cost effectiveness (up to 10 pts)
 - Cost Effectiveness calculated as: (Total Points – Local Match Points) / Program Cost
 - Scaled with top project earning 13 points

Eligible Project Types

Specific project types eligible under the Transportation Alternatives Program include:

- Construction, planning, and design of on-road and off-road trail facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists, and other nonmotorized forms of transportation.
- Construction, planning, and design of infrastructure-related projects and systems that will provide safe routes for non-drivers, including children, older adults, and individuals with disabilities to access daily needs.
- Conversion and use of abandoned railroad corridors for trails for pedestrians, bicyclists, or other nonmotorized transportation users
- The safe routes to school program previously described under §1404 of SAFETEA-LU.

- Planning, designing, or constructing boulevards and other roadways largely in the right-of-way of former Interstate System routes or other divided highways.
- Construction of turnouts, overlooks, and viewing areas.
- Community improvement activities, including inventory, control, or removal of outdoor advertising; historic preservation and rehabilitation of historic transportation facilities; others
- For more information see <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/map21/factsheets/tap.cfm>