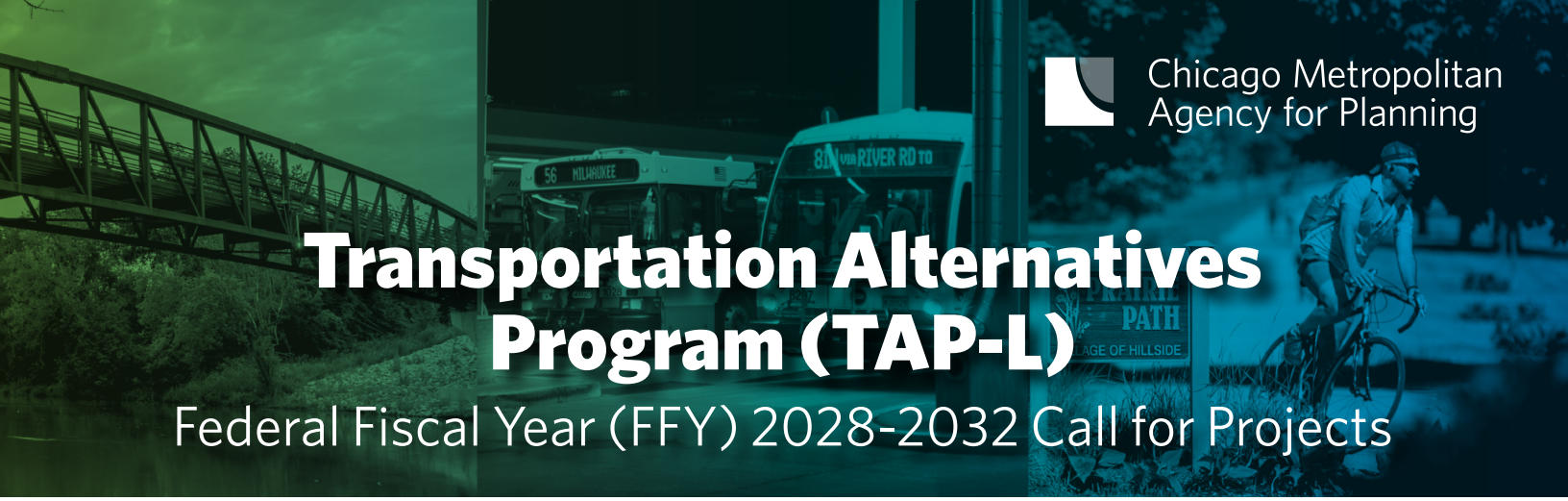

Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

# Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP-L)

## Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2028-2032 Call for Projects

Locally programmed Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP-L) is a federally funded program of surface transportation improvements designed to support non-motorized transportation. CMAP uses a competitive process to select bicycle and pedestrian projects that help complete the Regional Greenways and Trails Plan. TAP-L is programmed by the CMAQ and TAP Project Selection Committee and administered by CMAP staff.

The TAP-L funding supports a multimodal transportation system, promotes efficiency, ensures accessibility, and strengthens sustainability, while supporting the goals of 2026 Regional Transportation Plan and ON TO 2050.

## Call for Projects (CFP) Timeline

- **CFP opens** October 19 2026
- **Webinar** October 28, 2026
- **CFP closes** December 18 2026
- **Staff recommended program** April 2027
- **Public comment period**
- **Project selection committee**
- **Transportation committee**
- **Final MPO Policy Committee Approval** June 2027

## Eligible project types

TAP-L funds bicycle facility projects that serve a transportation purpose. Eligible projects include:

- Multi-use trails
- Trail bridges and underpasses
- On-street bicycle facilities

## Eligibility requirements

A TAP project sponsor can be a local government, regional transportation authority, transit agency, natural resource or public land agency, school district, and any other local or regional governmental entity with oversight of trails. The Illinois Department of Transportation and nonprofit agencies cannot be sponsors but may partner with an eligible project sponsor.

All awarded TAP-L funding requires a 20% local* match.**

Phase I engineering is ineligible for funding, exceptions.**

**Motor fuel tax, Rebuild Illinois bond funds, state and private funds can be used for local match*

***Local match and preliminary engineering eligibility requirements could be waived for Cohort 4 communities.*

## Project scoring criteria

- **30%** Completion of the Regional Greenways and Trails plan
- **25%** Market for facility
- **25%** Safety and attractiveness
- **10%** Inclusive growth
- **10%** Project Readiness

See the TAP-L application workbook on the call for projects webpage for details

**For more information, visit the Call for Projects webpage: cmap.is/2026callforprojects**

Please contact your Planning Liaison for project-specific questions or transportation@cmap.illinois.gov for general inquiries.

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