

CHANGES AND IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE 2009 TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

Sponsors should keep the following in mind when considering applying for Transportation Enhancement Funds:

1. The funds are provided by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for this program, not by the State of Louisiana. DOTD acts on behalf of the FHWA by ensuring that all Federal rules are complied with.
2. Resolutions will also need to state that the Sponsor will provide design engineering, construction administration, construction inspection and testing at their own cost and will abide by the DOTD Construction Contract Administration Manual, latest edition. Resolutions are required after project selection.
3. An important consideration for overall project cost is that for construction projects, the Sponsor or his consultant will be required to provide all design and construction administration and inspection services in accordance with DOTD standards. (These standards are included in the "I've Got A Project" and Construction Contract Administration manuals, both of which are available at the DOTD website.) Contract Administration does not conclude at the final inspection. Further documentation is needed for project closeout. Failure to provide the required documentation during construction administration may result in the Sponsor being requested to return the federal funding.
4. Sponsors are encouraged to factor in cost escalation due to the fact that projects may be in the system for 3 years before letting.
5. All landscape projects on state controlled routes should be submitted prior to the beginning of the application cycle (typically June 1) to the DOTD Chief Landscape Architect for letters of no objection.
6. For all landscape projects, Sponsors need to factor in maintenance costs in their decision to pursue funding as this will be a recurring annual cost to the Sponsor.
7. For projects with lighting, the lighting is for sidewalks not for the illumination of streets. However, if the decorative lights are along a state controlled route, then lighting must be designed to meet DOTD standards.
8. Bus shelters are now eligible for funding under category 1.
9. Sponsors are reminded that authorization for projects is only requested when the Final Plans, Technical Specifications and Final Cost Estimate (PS&E) have been accepted by DOTD and is on a first come, first served basis. Therefore, projects are scheduled in accordance with monies available.
10. Universities may submit applications for categories 2-12, these projects may be on the campus. However, category 1, bike paths and sidewalks will only be considered where the purpose is to provide alternate transportation routes from outlying areas to the MAIN campus. The Enhancement Committee will be the sole judge of what constitutes the main campus.
11. Potential sponsors are encouraged to read the "I've Got a Project" manual in order to understand the requirements of the program once a project has been selected.