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Memo

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To: Transportation, Energy and Utilities Committee

From: Nicole Losch, Transportation Planner

Subject: Project Selection for the 2014 VTrans Transportation Alternatives Program

The Vermont Agency of Transportation's 2014 Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program grant is now open, with applications due on October 10, 2014. The application process requires a public meeting to solicit comments on the project candidates and the application. At the TEUC meeting, staff will present the project candidates identified by city staff and the evaluation criteria used by the Agency of Transportation to rank each project. This will be an opportunity for the community to comment on the process and the projects for the upcoming grant opportunity.

The TA program allows the city to pursue reimbursable grant funding for either scoping or design/construction for projects with a strong transportation link. A 20% match is required for design/construction and 50% match for scoping. This program utilizes federal funding and federal process, so construction may not occur until 2018. Projects seeking construction funds must have already been through a scoping study or an equivalent process.

Detailed information on the Transportation Alternatives program can be found here:
<http://vtransengineering.vermont.gov/sections/ltf/transportationalternatives>
