

# Eligibility Criteria – FLTP/Category III Alternative Transportation Program

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## ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PLANNING PROJECTS

Transportation Planning includes data collection, analysis, preliminary transportation engineering, surveying, mapping, publication and other services related to Alternative Transportation System (ATS) planning:

- Studies related to enhancement and/or expansion of existing ATS, including evaluation of no-build and all other reasonable alternatives.
- Studies and surveys that address improvements to visitor management, visitor safety, visitor mobility by ATS, including new systems, increased access, enhanced modal opportunities and improvements in inter-modal connectivity.
- Studies that consider using ATS as a tool to meet an area or corridor's desired conditions.
- Studies related to natural and cultural resources within well-defined ATS project limits (including vegetation, noise, air quality). Funding support from the Transportation Program will be limited to 2% of the total project cost estimate.
- Studies that address economic feasibility, including financial analysis, and total system life-cycle cost analysis of existing, enhanced or proposed ATS.
- Assessments for ATS vehicles, including evaluation and planning for new, rehabilitation and/or replacement.
- Assessments for ATS facility and support infrastructure.
- Assessments for transit system technology, analysis and planning (i.e., clean fuels, vehicle specifications, ITS systems, and managed access /reservation system analysis).
- Congestion Management analyses (e.g. travel demand strategies, transit, entrance stations, and roadways/trails serving multi-modal transportation purposes).
- Peer reviews and value analyses of planning alternatives/studies.
- Operational and performance analyses of existing or proposed ATS and/or pilot projects to test assumptions and strategies.
- Traffic and pedestrian modeling (baseline and forecasting of alternatives)
- Cultural and environmental compliance documents.
- Developing a 5 Year Plan of Projects for prioritization.

## ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION PROJECTS

The ATS project must be ready for design and implementation with all planning and compliance complete and recommendations and preferred alternatives supported by a well-defined project scope, preliminary costs, and project approvals (including DAB and/or PPFL AD, when applicable). All project work must be directly associated with an ATS and comply with accessibility standards and minimum US DOT safety standards.

### ITEMS THAT MAY BE FUNDED

#### **PROJECT ADMINISTRATION - *Must be associated with an ATS***

- 1) Project-related professional support and consulting fees.
- 2) Salaries for project oversight including project management, construction supervision and reporting requirements including:
  - a. Architectural, landscape architectural, engineering and other professional services.
  - b. Construction engineering for contract administration, inspection and testing.
  - c. Transit contract preparation.
  - d. Temporary and seasonal park staff and DSC-TP permanent may be funded if need demonstrated in a staffing plan approved by the Regional Transportation Program Manager for the construction project.
  - e. Permanent and term staff salaries for approved regional, DSC Transportation Program, and WASO staff.
- 3) Project Match contributions, in whole or in part, for ATS partnership planning/studies or capital projects in coordination with eligible regional, state, and local jurisdictions.

#### **NON-FACILITY PROJECTS- *Must be associated with an ATS***

- 4) Land or water-based vehicle procurement including:
  - a) Specification development;
  - b) Purchase, including new, replacement, or rehabilitation;
  - c) Lease.
- 5) Land or water-based vehicle safety enhancements.
- 6) Visitor and Traveler Information technology (ITS) that enhance transit efficiency.
- 7) Non-recurring printing and publication costs (one time only) with direct linkage to the ATS project.
- 8) O&M Costs (Approval by WASO Transportation annually on a case-by-case basis).

***FACILITY PROJECTS – Must be associated with an ATS***

- 9) Fueling systems.
- 10) Maintenance facilities.
- 11) Improvements to road infrastructure related to an ATS such as clearance, turning radius and in-pavement breaking pads.
- 12) Bikeshare or Kayakshare stations.
- 13) Multimodal trail systems:
  - a) New multimodal trail segments that improve connections to intermodal, regional and local community trail systems and/or transportation nodes;
  - b) Transportation trail rehabilitation.
- 14) Informational signs and wayfinding.
- 15) Safety Improvements:
  - a) Installation of new barriers, trail bridge rails, and pavement markings associated with an ATS;
  - b) Design, manufacture, and installation of new regulatory, warning, and informational, signs associated with an ATS;
  - c) Railroad crossing gates, signs, warning equipment;
  - d) Improvements to multimodal trail surfaces and layout;
  - e) Improvements to transit maintenance facility.
- 16) Site and landscape improvements including amenities that improve the visitor experience and restore natural setting and processes that are directly disturbed by an approved ATS project.
- 17) Docks for Ferry Boats.

***ITEMS THAT WILL NOT BE FUNDED (including, but not limited to)***

- 1) Any items ***not*** directly related to an ATS or are outside an ATS project limits, such as:
  - (a) General park or partnership project planning;
  - (b) Cultural and natural/environmental compliance, including archaeological investigations;
  - (c) Reservation System studies and analyses;
  - (d) Revegetation, landscaping, irrigation systems or environmental impact;
  - (e) Improvements to, or replacement of, structures, utilities, sanitation facilities and buildings;
  - (f) Roadway improvements (i.e., parking lots, lane widening, adding shoulders, or paving that are eligible under Category I funding);
  - (g) Interpretive signs or directional signs.
- 2) Trail systems that:
  - a) do not connect to an intermodal/multi-modal transportation network or a regional or community trail system;
  - b) functions as a separate recreational trail system;
  - c) serves only administrative sites (i.e. park housing, maintenance areas, or any area not open to the general public).

- 3) Acquisition of personal transport devices such as scooters, Segways, bicycles, and kayaks.
- 4) Work outside the original scope and/or budget of a project (except by approved amendment of the project agreement).
- 5) Base salaries for permanent park employees.

#### DEFINITION-

*For purpose of Eligibility Criteria....*

**Alternative Transportation System (ATS)** - Land or water-based transit (not individual conveyances) or multimodal trail system managed by the National Park Service or within a partnership. This includes:

- Land Transit (bus, trolley, tram, rail, and in some cases snowmachine)
- Water Transit (ferry/watercraft)
- Transportation trail – accommodates pedestrians and/or bicycles, and connects to a larger transportation system including land and water based transit and/or regional trail systems or direct connections to a community (not recreational trails)