

An Overview of Transportation Enhancement Projects

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What are Enhancement Projects?

- *Projects that improve the quality of a community and enhance the travel experience for people traveling by all modes*
- *Help communities attain their social, cultural, aesthetic and environmental goals*
- *Began with 1991 Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA)*
- *Aid in planning and beautifying communities*



Benefits of Enhancement Projects

- *Potential boost in local economy by having improved facilities*
- *Improved transportation facilities*
- *Greater civic pride in improved facilities*
- *Improving sidewalks and other pedestrian facilities, thus aiding in creating “walkable communities”*



Responsibilities of Project Sponsors

- *Sponsor is responsible for 20% match of the project cost*
- *Reimbursable: the sponsor will pay the contractor in regular installments, then invoice ALDOT for 80% of the cost*
- *Sponsor responsible for:*
 - *Developing plans, specs (conform to ALDOT specs), and cost estimate*
 - *Compliance with all Federal design regulations applicable to project*
 - *Construction E&I (ALDOT will make periodic inspections)*
 - *Any cost determined to be ineligible for reimbursement*
- *Project must be for public use-admission fees are discouraged except for maintenance of facility*



Types of Enhancement Projects

- *Pedestrian and Bicycle facilities*
- *Pedestrian/Bicycle Safety/Education activities*
- *Scenic or Historic Highway Programs including Tourist and Welcome Centers*
- *Landscaping and Scenic Beautifications*
- *Historic Preservation*
- *Rehab of historic transportation related buildings, structures or facilities*
- *Conversion of abandoned railway corridors to trails*
- *Archaeological planning and research*
- *Establishment of transportation museums*



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Popular Categories for Enhancement Funding and Examples



- **Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities**

New or reconstructed sidewalks, bike lanes, pedestrian walkways

- *Phenix City Riverwalk (also 13th Street Gateway)*
- *Auburn Bike Lanes (Thach Avenue and AL 14 Bike Lanes)*

- **Pedestrian/Bicycle Safety and Education**

Education/safety instruction through signage

- *Auburn Billboards for Bicycle Education and Safety*
- *Auburn Bicycle Safety Trailer*





Phenix City Riverwalk



Phenix City Riverwalk



Thach Avenue Bike Lanes-Auburn



Auburn Safety Billboard



Auburn Bicycle Trailer



Auburn Bicycle Trailer

- **Landscaping & Scenic Beautification**

Improvements (lighting, landscaping, etc.) along streets, interstate interchanges, gateways

- *Opelika Gateway Drive Landscaping (I-85 @ Exit 58) (STPTE-2000(47))*
- *Sylacauga Streetscape along AL 21 (STPTE-TE02(937))*
- *Heflin Streetscape (US 78/Ross Street) (STPTE-TE06(926))*





I-85 Gateway-Opelika

- Rehab/Operation of Historic Transportation Buildings, Structures or Facilities/Historic Preservation

Restoration of RR depots, bus stations, trestles, tunnels, and bridges

- *Anniston Norfolk Southern RR Depot (STPTE-TE05(951))*
- *Phenix City-Fort Mitchell Visitor Center (STPTE-TE02(921))*





Anniston Phase II Railroad Depot



Anniston Phase II Railroad Depot



*Ft. Mitchell Visitors Center-Russell County
Display*



***Ft. Mitchell Visitors Center
Main Lobby***



***Ft. Mitchell Visitors Center
Russell County***

- **Conversion of Railway Corridors to Trails**

Constructing multi-use trails

- *Chief Ladiga Trail development through Calhoun and Cleburne Counties (Rails-To-Trails project to connect Anniston to Atlanta)*
 - *East Section Extension (Cleburne, STPTE-TE02(902))*
 - *West Section Extension (Cleburne, STPTE-TE01(903))*
 - *Connection to Georgia Silver Comet Trail (Cleburne, TCSP-CN04(903))*
 - *Chief Ladiga Trail Extension (City of Anniston, STPTE-TE07(935))*





*Chief Ladiga Trail-
Connection to Silver Comet
Trail*



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*Chief Ladiga Trail-
Connection to Silver Comet Trail*

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Some Problems with Projects

- *Delays in plan development-sponsors have 2 years from contract execution to project letting or funds will be pulled (directive from Central Office)*
- *Changes made during construction without prior approval from ALDOT-if included in plans, prior approval must be sought (even for non-Federal aid participating items) or sponsor risks not being reimbursed*
- *On some sites, sponsors/consultants not inspecting contractors' work as they should (inspections should be made daily with attention to work conforming with ALDOT standards and specifications)*
- *Some sponsors are not closing out projects according to requirements (advertisement of project completion, certification of test reports, final quantity agreement with contractors, etc.), thus delaying completion and in some cases not receiving funds they are due*



Application Process

- *Letters and applications are mailed annually to all cities, towns, county commissions and colleges/universities in Alabama, as well as other governmental agencies interested in obtaining funds from ALDOT's Transportation Planning and Modal Programs Bureau*
- *Instructions in applications have details for requirements, review/selection criteria, and deadlines for submission*



2007 approved projects in Fourth Division

<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Project #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<i>City of Lineville</i>	<i>STPTE-TE07(906)</i>	<i>AL 49 Streetscape</i>	<i>\$187,000</i>
<i>City of Anniston</i>	<i>STPTE-TE07(953)</i>	<i>Ladiga Trail Ext.</i>	<i>\$479,960</i>
<i>City of Opelika</i>	<i>STPTE-TE07(936)</i>	<i>South RR Ave. Streetscape Ext.</i>	<i>\$199,016</i>
<i>City of Lincoln</i>	<i>STPTE-TE07(937)</i>	<i>Streetscape</i>	<i>\$123,354</i>
<i>City of Talladega</i>	<i>STPTE-TE07(941)</i>	<i>RR Station New Cabeese Pavilion</i>	<i>\$64,308</i>
TOTAL AMOUNT FOR 2007			\$1,053,638



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Questions?

