

Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside Program Supplemental Guidelines for Project Scoring Criteria

The *2019 TA Scoring Criteria* is written with a focus to logically quantify physical attributes of the project, safety, connectivity, location efficiency, proximity to school, design quality, and environmental/archeological/historic preservation issues. The following guidelines reiterate or further expand on some, but not all documentation requirements identified in the *2019 TA Scoring Criteria*. Please use this supplemental document in conjunction with the *2019 TA Scoring Criteria* to help ensure your project is supported with the appropriate documentation so it may receive an accurate score.

Please note the following general guidelines for supplemental data:

- Supplemental data that includes mapping, document references, and quantitative data must be included as an attachment/addendum to the Project Scoring Criteria.
- State Traffic Counts, Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) data must include the Florida Department of Transportation or Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) County Code and Site Number.
- Local Traffic Counts must include a brief summary of the methodology; this includes the machine type, axle detection, vehicle classifications, the dates and the times that the traffic was counted. A traffic count of 48 hours is the minimum that will be accepted.
- References to planning documents must include the document title, year of adoption/publication and the section-chapter-page location of the referenced project. Where applicable, web site links to the referenced documents are encouraged.
- When asked to provide a brief description of a claimed criterion, please limit the description to one short paragraph.
- If a claimed criterion is mapped, please note that it is mapped in the Criterion Category.

Evaluation Category

Safety

Crash Data	Crash data reports must use the Signal Four Analytics data. Please contact TPO staff if your application claims accidents that are not reported in this database.
Avoid Moderate and High Crash Corridors	Signal Four Analytics report of roadway corridor within ¼ mile of project.
Safety Issue	
- Improves mobility for disabled, elderly or youth population	Provide name and address of affected facility and note on map.
- Improves access to areas within or adjacent to an area with 50% households below poverty rate	Poverty rate at place or census block group may be found at: https://data.census.gov/
- Design encourages traffic calming or vehicle lane narrowing	Site plan, conceptual rendering, or narrative describing design components.
- Improves visibility of non-drivers to motorists	Site plan, conceptual rendering, or narrative of increased visibility design components like refuge areas, crosswalk markings, etc.
Reduces Human Exposure	
- Physical separation barrier	Description, map, or site plan denoting type of physical barrier.
- Defined space	Description, map, or site plan denoting type of defined space.
Vehicle Traffic	Use AADT for roadway facility. If multiple roadways are part of the project, please use highest AADT. If claiming AADT for a roadway within a ¼ mile of the project because of it's ability to reduce exposure from this highly trafficked roadway, please justify.

Connectivity	
General Connectivity	Provide appropriate maps and descriptions to justify improved access to various land uses, connecting gaps, providing bike/ped facilities, and conforming to existing plans.
Transit Connectivity	Show distance from transit stop on map.

Location Efficiency	
High Interest, Moderate Interest, & Low Interest Destinations	Provide name and location of each claimed destination of interest. Destination should be within a practical distance from project.

Public Support	
Public Support	Local governments must provide Resolutions of Support. Other private and public sources may provide letters of support. Documents must be dated within the last three years.

Proximity to School	
Proximity to School	Provide name and address of school, preferably on a map, within the claimed distance from project.

Design Quality	
General Design	
- Address both walking and biking	Provide justification via publications that demonstrates your type of project addresses both walking and biking conditions.

- Buffered/protected bike lane or multi-use path	Describe design components in narrative or demonstrate in renderings, site plan, etc.
- Bike parking or seating for pedestrians	Describe design components in narrative or demonstrate in renderings, site plan, etc.
- Provides trailheads, staging area, and parking	Describe design components in narrative or demonstrate in renderings, site plan, etc.
- Provides fitness stations, public art, lighting, way finding signage, etc.	Describe design components in narrative or demonstrate in renderings, site plan, etc.
- Prior phases under construction or have been completed	Documentation via site plans, maps, as-builts, etc. demonstrating prior phases specific to your project are under construction or have been completed.
- Right of Way (ROW)	Statement confirming ROW has been secured or none is needed.

Environmental/Archaeological/Historic Preservation Projects	
Environmental/Archeological Projects/Historic Preservation	
- Renewable energy sources, semi-permeable materials, recycled materials, green technologies,	Provide description in your narrative demonstrating one of these components is part of your project or denote on site plan, rendering, etc.
- Preserves environmentally sensitive lands, cultural resources, and conversion of railroads	Provide description in your narrative demonstrating one of these components is part of your project or denote on site plan, rendering, etc.
- Environmental Mitigation Plan	Provide narrative and clear plan to avoid, minimize, or mitigate environmental impacts.
- Community partnership	Provide title and location of organizations and documentation on how the applicant is partnering with the organizations.
- Historic preservation	Provide documentation of historic preservation or rehabilitation plan.

- Construction of turnouts, overlooks, and viewing areas.	Provide description in your narrative demonstrating one of these components is part of your project or denote on site plan, rendering, etc.
- Enhanced access to activity center	Provide name and address of activity center. Center may be a mall, community center, downtown district, etc. It must be identified in your Capital Improvement Plan.
- Removes existing visual blight	Provide narrative of how project will remove existing blight. Blight may be vacant lots, abandoned buildings, houses in derelict or dangerous shape, or derelict signage.
- Vegetation management practices	Provide description in your narrative demonstrating one of these components is part of your project or denote on site plan, rendering, etc.
- Bike-ped access to deter automobile access to environmentally sensitive areas and other pollution abatement activities	Provide narrative of how environmentally sensitive areas will be protected from automobile access or other activities such as addressing stormwater management, control, and water pollution prevention, and reducing vehicle-caused wildlife mortality.