



# READING AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY

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TO: Reading Area Transportation Study Technical Committee  
INFO: 2025 Round of Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) Program Timeline  
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The 2025 Round of the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) Program opened on Wednesday, June 18, 2025. This program is funded through 2026 by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), enacted as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). The TASA Program provides funds to construct pedestrian and bicycle facilities, improve access to public transportation, create safe routes to school, incorporate community improvements such as historic preservation and vegetation management, provide environmental mitigation related to stormwater and habitat connectivity, create trail projects that serve a transportation purpose, while promoting safety and mobility, and provide for vulnerable road user safety assessment program projects. [PennDOT's Guidance](#) can be found at the [TASA Program landing page](#).

There are two general allocations of funds: statewide and by population. The statewide funds may be used on any project within the state, whereas “by population” funds must be spent in the MPO to which they're allocated. Approximately \$70 million is available for award through the Statewide 2025 Application Round. Approximately \$1.186 million is available for award through the Reading MPO 2025 Application Round.

A webinar for potential project sponsors, their consultants, and other interested parties will be held at 10AM on Wednesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>. Click the link on page 22 of the guidance or on the [TASA Program landing page](#) to view the webinar on Microsoft TEAMS. If you prefer, calling in is also available: +1 267-332-8737 647737034# Conference ID: 647 737 034#. A recording will be made available following the presentation.

The Application Cycle then opens on Monday, July 14<sup>th</sup>. As draft applications are submitted, the PennDOT District 5 TASA Coordinator will schedule a meeting with the project sponsor and Reading MPO staff to discuss the project. The last day project sponsors can submit draft applications in the system is Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup> by 4:00 PM. Sponsors are strongly encouraged to submit their draft applications early to allow adequate time to coordinate the Draft Application Meeting.

Following draft application meetings, project sponsors can alter their applications appropriately and submit their final applications by 4:00 PM on Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. Final applications are available to be reviewed by Reading MPO staff on Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. At this point, staff will compile and provide the applications, a project summary table, project selection criteria, and a scoresheet to members of the RATS Technical Committee to evaluate and prioritize these applications.



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A special meeting including Reading MPO staff, District 5 staff, and scoring members of the RATS Technical Committee will be held between November 24<sup>th</sup> and December 19<sup>th</sup> to review the projects and allow the opportunity to ask questions. Those attending will then be able to adjust their preliminary scoring. The scoresheets will then be tallied by staff to provide final recommendation. The final recommendations will be reviewed by the RATS Technical Committee at the Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, which will then be voted on for approval by the RATS Coordinating Committee at their January 15, 2026 meeting.

Following the final vote, the list of awarded projects with funding amounts will be sent to PennDOT Central's TASA Coordinator. Projects that are not funded through the Reading MPO 2025 Round will be reviewed by MPO staff providing scoring, comments, and details in the Planning Partner Reviews section within the TASA Application System. The applications and comments will be reviewed throughout February and March of 2026 by the Statewide Project Selection Committee. The awarded projects will be based on a combination of reviews from Statewide Project Selection Committee members, District 5 staff, and Reading MPO staff and will be announced April 2026.