



Transportation Alternatives (Y301) Funds

APPLICATION

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Send the electronic copy
of the completed application by:

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to:

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Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization

Transportation Alternatives (TA)

CHECKLIST FOR APPLICANTS

- ☒ Have you answered all applicable questions in the application?
- ☒ Has the appropriate person signed the application?
- ☒ Have you filled out the detailed budget table on the last page of this application?
- ☒ Please indicate the sources of funding you are requesting for this project.
☒ Y301 ☒ Y230 ☒ Y601
- ☒ Have you attached a letter from your governing board or official able to commit to the local match?
- ☒ Have you attached a project location map?
- ☒ Have you attached information demonstrating the basis of your project's cost estimate?
- ☒ Have you attached other information that is applicable to the answers in your application?

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September 2025 Call for Projects

The Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (CORE MPO) is conducting a competitive project selection process to award expected FY 2026 - 2030 Transportation Alternatives (TA) Y301 funds, provided through the act entitled Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA, Pub. L. 117-58).

- **Expected Available Funds:**
 - **FY 2026 = \$1,248,676 (federal portion)**
 - **FY 2027 = \$1,414,111 (federal portion)**
 - **FY 2028 = \$1,414,111 (federal portion)**
 - **FY 2029 = \$1,414,111 (federal portion)**
 - **FY 2030 = \$1,414,111 (federal portion)**
- **Maximum Award for a project = available funds for that year (federal portion)**
- **Minimum Award for a Project = \$200,000 (federal portion)**
- **At least 20% of the eligible costs of the proposed project must be locally funded.**
(Previously incurred costs cannot be counted as part of the 20% match for the newly awarded federal funds.)

An applicant may request a minimum of ***at least \$200,000 of federal funds***. The federal funding request in this application can represent no more than 80% of the total cost of the applicant's proposal. For example, if an applicant requests \$1,000,000, and provides no more than the required 20% local match, he/she would be submitting a proposal totaling \$1,250,000.

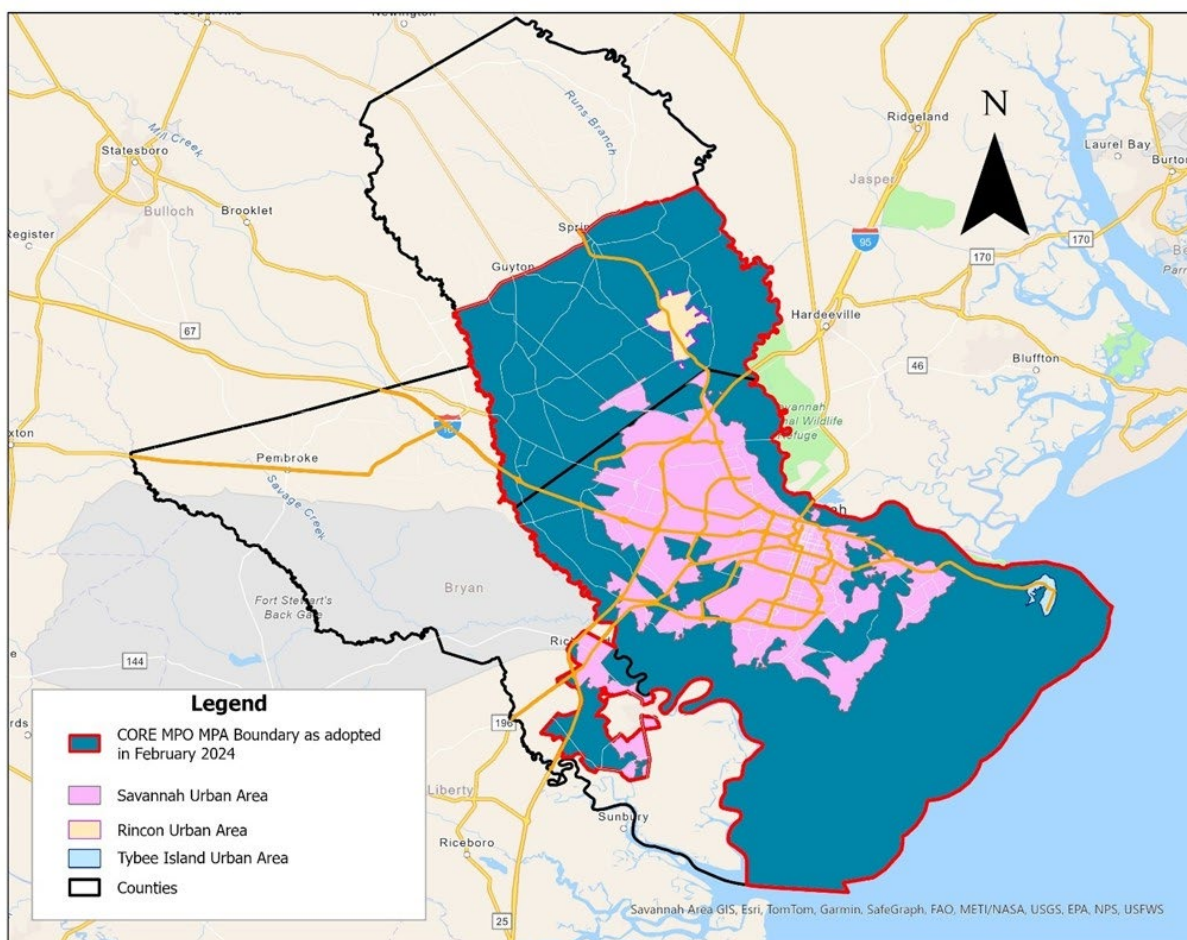
- **Federal Requirements**

Applicants should keep in mind that using the TA funds involves adherence to federal requirements, as applicable, such as the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), prevailing wage rates (Davis-Bacon), Buy America, competitive bidding, and other contracting requirements, regardless of whether the projects are located within the right-of-way of a Federal-aid highway.

- **Projects funded through this selection process must be located within the CORE MPO's Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) boundary.**

The CORE MPO - administered TA funds can only be spent within the MPO's Metropolitan Planning Area which includes all of Chatham County and portions of Effingham County and Bryan County (see map on the next page).

CORE MPO Metropolitan Planning Area as approved by the Governor of Georgia in 2024



- **Projects, if awarded funds in FY 2026 and FY 2027, will be programmed in the CORE MPO's FY 2024 – 2027 Transportation Improvement Program. Awarded projects in FY 2027 will be carried over to the FY 2027 – 2030 TIP as well. FY 2028 – 2030 funds will build the prioritized waiting list for projects to be included in the FY 2027 – 2030 TIP (revisit the prioritization during TIP development).**

Once the project is programmed in the TIP and the awarded federal funding is authorized in the program year, the funds must be obligated within two years, otherwise the funds will be rescinded for use by other selected priority projects.

Please see CORE MPO Transportation Alternatives Manual for additional information.

Applicant and Project Information

Eligible Entities

Please indicate which type of eligible entity is the primary project sponsor: (Select one.)

- ☒ Local government
- ☐ Regional transportation authority
- ☐ Transit agency
- ☐ Natural resource or public land agencies
- ☐ School districts, local education agencies, or schools
- ☐ Tribal governments
- ☐ Other local or regional governmental entity with responsibility for oversight of transportation improvements that the State of Georgia determines to be eligible.
- ☐ Non-profit entities responsible for the administration of local transportation safety programs.

Eligible Projects

Please indicate which categories your proposal falls under: (Select as many as apply. The number of categories does not affect your project's score). **Please see CORE MPO Transportation Alternatives Manual for additional information.**

- ☒ Construction, planning, and design of on-road or off-road trail facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists, or other nonmotorized forms of transportation, which can include sidewalks, bicycle infrastructure, pedestrian and bicycle signals, traffic calming techniques, lighting and other safety-related infrastructure, and transportation projects to achieve compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- ☐ Construction, planning, and design of infrastructure-related projects and systems that will provide safe routes for non-drivers, including children, older adults, and individuals with disabilities to access daily needs.
- ☐ Conversion and use of abandoned railroad corridors for trails for pedestrians, bicyclists, or other nonmotorized transportation users.
- ☐ Construction of turnouts, overlooks, and viewing areas.
- ☐ Community improvement activities, which can include but are not limited to: inventory control, or removal of outdoor advertising; historic preservation and rehabilitation of historic transportation facilities, vegetation management practices in transportation ROW, archeological activities relating to impacts of a transportation project eligible under Title 23 of the USC.

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- ☐ Environmental mitigation activity, including stormwater management and water pollution prevention or abatement from highway construction or highway runoff; reduction of vehicle-cased wildlife death, restoration of the connectivity of habitat.
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- ☐ Recreational trails under 23 USC 206
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- ☐ Safe Routes to School (SRTS) infrastructure-related project
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- ☐ Safe Routes to School (SRTS) non-infrastructure-related project
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- ☐ Planning, designing, or constructing boulevards and other roadways largely in the right-of-way of former Interstate System routes or other divided highways.

Applicant Information		
Agency Name (i.e. agency that will manage implementation) Effingham County (County Engineering Services)		Date 10/7/2025
Street Address 804 South Laurel Street	City, State Springfield, GA	Zip Code 31329
Contact Person's Name Jonathan Hulme, P.E.	Title County Engineer	
Contact Person's Phone Number (912) 754-8080	Contact Person's Email Address jhulme@effinghamcounty.org	
Project Manager's Name (if awarded) Jonathan Hulme, P.E.	Title County Engineer	

Project Overview		
Project Name Blue Jay Road Multi-Use Trail		
Project Location Description (please also attach a location map) The project corridor extends along Blue Jay Road from Hodgeville Road to McCall Road, covering approximately 9.1 miles in Effingham County. Blue Jay Road is one of the County's most heavily traveled collector routes, connecting multiple residential subdivisions, schools, and commercial centers. The existing two-lane rural roadway lacks sidewalks and bicycle facilities, creating unsafe conditions for non-motorized users.		
County (or counties) in which project is located Effingham County	City (or cities), if any, in which project is located	
Proposal Description Summary The Blue Jay Road Multi-Use Trail Project will reconstruct the existing corridor to include a ten-foot multi-use trail, five-foot sidewalk, curb and gutter, and drainage improvements to improve safety and functionality. Turn-lane enhancements and upgraded intersections will improve vehicular flow and safety at key access points. The project will create a safe, ADA-compliant corridor for pedestrians and cyclists traveling between Hodgeville Road, McCall Road, and Kolic Helmey Road—three active growth corridors. It will serve as the central east–west spine of the County's emerging multimodal network, connecting to multiple schools, neighborhoods, and community facilities.		
Total Estimated Project Cost* \$9,149,000	Federal Y301 Funds Requested \$7,319,200	Local Match Available \$1,829,800
<i>*Please also be sure to fill out the Budget Detail Table at the end of this application.</i>		

Who is providing the local match?

Name of Agency or Organization	Source (e.g. particular CIP fund)
Effingham County	SPLOST/TSPOLST

Please attach a letter signed by either your governing board or an official who can commit to the stated local match.

Has your agency managed and completed other federal-aid transportation projects before? (Choose one)

- ☒ 0 completed federal-aid projects
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- ☐ 1 completed federal-aid project
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- ☐ 2 completed federal-aid projects
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- ☐ 3 or more completed federal-aid projects

Please list as many as three federal-aid projects completed by your agency, ***preferably for projects that are similar to your proposal:***

P.I. No.	Project Name	Sponsor's Project Manager

What agency will maintain the project after completion?

If a maintenance agreement is necessary, has it been executed? (Chose one)
If yes, please attach the agreement.

Y / **N** / NA

If the completed project will generate the need for operational funds, please describe the estimated annual cost and the status and source of funding for operations.

EFFINGHAM COUNTY WILL PROVIDE FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE CONSTRUCTION IMPROVEMENTS. THE COUNTY ALREADY PROVIDES MAINTAINCE OF THE EXISTING ROADWAY WITHIN THE RIGHT OF WAY AND WILL CONTINUE IN THE FUTURE.

Will your project require purchase(s) or easement(s) for right-of-way (Choose one)

☒ Y / N / Maybe

Additional information:

RIGHT OF WAY WILL BE REQUIRED. THE GOAL IS TO MINIMIZE IMPACTS TO THE ADJACENT PROPERTIES.

If other agencies or organizations are partnering with you on this application or on implementation of your proposal, please list and describe the nature and the status of any agreements (e.g. ROW donations or easements):

Organization #1	
N/A	
Contact Name	Contact Phone
Contact Email:	
Status of Agreement	

Organization #2	
N/A	
Contact Name	Contact Phone
Contact Email:	
Status of Agreement	

Organization #3	
N/A	
Contact Name	Contact Phone
Contact Email:	
Status of Agreement	

If funding were available today, how much time do you estimate would be needed for any phases of your project that would be funded by this request:

Phase(s) to be Y301-funded	No. of Months
Preliminary Engineering (Design, Environmental, and Permitting)	12
Right-of-Way Acquisition	9
Construction	15

Please list any necessary preliminary work that already *has been completed*, and provide dates (e.g. GDOT concept approval, FHWA environmental approval or categorical exclusion, etc.):

Steps Completed	Date
Corridor Inclusion in County Transportation Master Plan	July 2025
Concept Alignment and Cross-Section Development	August 2025
Cost Estimating and Funding Strategy	September 2025
Initial Environmental Screening	September 2025
Coordination with Effingham IDA and GDOT	September 2025

Please describe status of any non-Y301 funded work that *still needs to be completed before the project or phase that would be funded by this request can begin* (e.g. if Y301 funds + Local Match will fund only the construction phase, what is the status and schedule for the incomplete preliminary engineering and ROW phases?).

Status of Steps to be carried out before Y301-funded work begins	Estimated completion date
Planning / Concept Development	Completed – July 2025
Environmental Screening (Preliminary)	Ongoing – Complete by December 2026
Utility Coordination (Initial)	Complete by March 2027
Preliminary Engineering (PE)	Start: April 2026 → Complete: March 2027
Right-of-Way (ROW) Acquisition	Start: April 2027 → Complete: December 2027
Construction (Future Phase)	Start: March 2028 → Complete: June 2029

In 500 words or less, please describe what public benefits and efficiencies would be provided to our area by your proposed project. For example, how does your project match the project ranking criteria such as safety, community benefit, connectivity and accessibility, transit access, crash reductions, etc.? **(Please reference the CORE MPO Transportation Alternatives Program Manual for project ranking criteria.)**

The Blue Jay Road Multi-Use Trail Project will deliver vital multimodal and safety enhancements along one of Effingham County's busiest corridors. The route connects multiple subdivisions, schools, and commercial areas, yet currently lacks sidewalks, shoulders, or dedicated bicycle infrastructure. Pedestrians and cyclists are forced to share narrow lanes with vehicles, posing significant safety risks.

The project will reconstruct the corridor with curb and gutter, a ten-foot multi-use trail, and a five-foot sidewalk, creating a safe and accessible environment for all users. Drainage upgrades, turn-lane improvements, and intersection enhancements will reduce congestion and improve safety for motorists and non-motorized users alike.

Blue Jay Road serves as the east-west backbone of the County's multimodal system, connecting Hodgeville, McCall, and Kolic Helmey Roads. Together, these corridors form a continuous, ADA-compliant network linking neighborhoods, schools, and employment areas. The project aligns with the Effingham County Transportation Master Plan (2025), the CORE MPO's regional goals for connectivity and safety, and the Justice40 initiative, which emphasizes equitable access to infrastructure investments.

Design will be context-sensitive, maintaining the rural-suburban character of the corridor while improving mobility and reducing crash risk. Once complete, the Effingham County Roads Division will maintain the roadway, sidewalks, and trail, ensuring long-term functionality, safety, and access for all residents.

Project Sponsor Signature

SPONSOR

Jonathan Hulme

Signature (on hard copy)

10/7/2025

Date

Jonathan Hulme

Print Name

County Engineer

Title

Please remember:

- To fill out the Detailed Budget Table, to the extent applicable, on the following page.
- To attach a letter from your governing board or other official who can commit the agency to the stated local match.
- To attach a Project Location Map.
- To attach information showing the Basis of your Cost Estimate.
- To attach LAP certification record or agreement regarding LAP.

Budget Detail for Proposal										
Project Name: Blue Jay Road MUT										
Activity	Desired Fiscal Year for TIP Programming (GDOT Fiscal Year) *	Total Estimate	Requested CORE MPO Y230 Federal Funds (Maximum allowed is 80% of your total eligible costs.)	Local Match (Minimum required is 20% of your total eligible costs.)	Local Match Breakdown (by source)					
					Amount A	Source A	Amount B	Source B	Amount C	Source C
PE	FY2026	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	TSPLOST/ SPLOST				
ROW	FY2027	\$1,307,000.00	\$1,045,600.00	\$261,400.00	\$261,400.00	TSPLOST/ SPLOST				
Utilities	FY2027	\$980,250.00	\$784,200.00	\$196,050.00	\$196,050.00	TSPLOST/ SPLOST				
Construction	FY2028	\$6,535,000.00	\$5,228,000.00	\$1,307,000.00	\$1,307,000.00	TSPLOST/ SPLOST				
Other activity Specify:	FY2028	\$326,750.00	\$261,400.00	\$65,350.00	\$65,350.00	TSPLOST/ SPLOST				
Other activity Specify:										
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Total Amounts		\$ 9,149,000.00	\$ 7,319,200.00	\$ 1,829,800.00	\$ 1,829,800.00					
Please use this area to explain whether other grants or sources (not already shown above) are dedicated either to the proposed phase or to future phases, of your project.										

*The GDOT fiscal year begins on July 1 and ends on June 30. For example, FY 2027 starts on July 1, 2026 and ends on June 30, 2027.

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October 7, 2025

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Transportation Planner
CORE MPO
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Savannah, GA 31401

Subject: Transportation Alternatives (TA) (Y301) Funds – Commitment of Stated Local Match for the Blue Jay Road Mutli-Use Trail Project

Dear Ms. Hernton,

The Effingham County Board of Commissioners is pleased to submit this request for Transportation Alternatives (TA) (Y301) funding for the Blue Jay Road Mutli-Use Trail.

Effingham County hereby confirms that TSPLOST and SPLOST funds are available to provide the required 20% local match in the amount of \$1,829,800 for the total project cost of \$9,149,000. The County respectfully requests federal Transportation Alternatives (TA) (Y301) Funds of \$7,319,200 (80%) to complete this project.

If you have any questions, please call Jonathan Hulme at (912) 754-8080.

Sincerely,

Damon Rahn
Chairman At Large
Effingham County Board of Commissioners



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Commissioner**
One Georgia Center
600 West Peachtree Street, NW
Atlanta, GA 30308
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10/17/2025

To Whom it May Concern,

Effingham County has initiated the LAP Certification process. Jonathan Hulme has completed all five required training classes and is currently working on the application and supporting documents. The county's goal is to submit the package in November and be granted Full LAP Certification by January 2026.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Katie Proctor", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Katie Proctor

District Planning & Programming Liaison



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