

Transportation Enhancement and Scenic Byways Funding

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Transportation Enhancement Program Basics

- Requires a governmental agency to act as Project Sponsor
- Federal funds can reimburse up to 80% of eligible project costs
- A minimum 20% local match is required
- Application-based selection process
- Project selections are made by the Commonwealth Transportation Board members

Project Eligibility

- Project must have a relationship to the surface transportation system

AND

- Project must qualify under at least one of the 12 eligible Enhancement Activities

12 Eligible Enhancement Activities

1. Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities
2. Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety and Educational Activities
3. Acquisition of Scenic or Historic Easements and Sites
4. Scenic or Historic Highway Programs including Tourist and Welcome Centers
5. Landscaping and Scenic Beautification
6. Historic Preservation

Eligible Activities – cont.

7. Rehabilitation of historic transportation buildings, structures, or facilities
8. Conversion of Abandoned Railway Corridors to Trails
9. Control and Removal of Outdoor Advertising
10. Archaeological Planning and Research
11. Environmental Mitigation of Highway Run-off Pollution and Vehicle-Caused Wildlife Mortality
12. Establishing Transportation Museums

Activity 1: Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities

Fluvanna Heritage Trail –
Fluvanna County



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Levee Walk –
Town of Scottsville



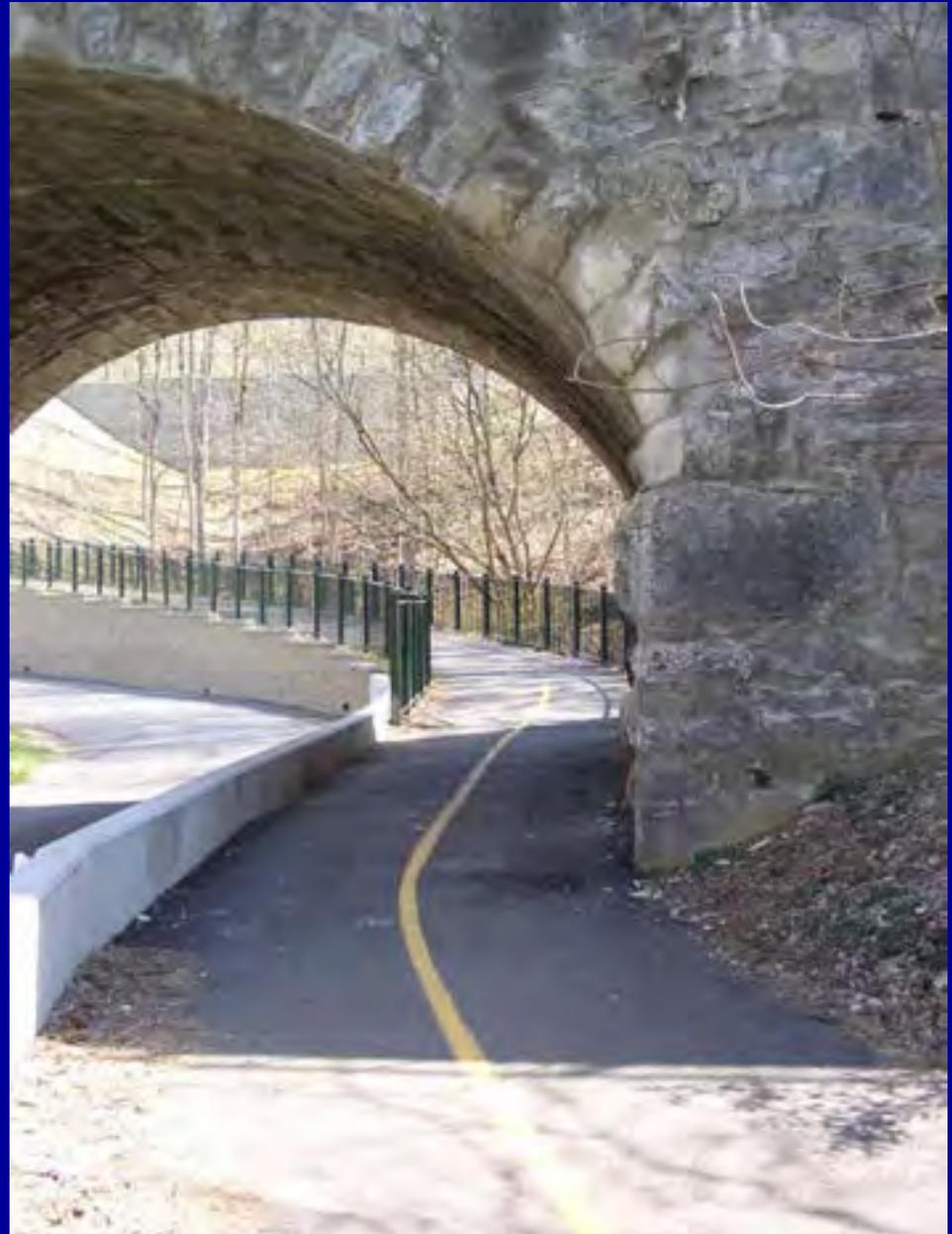
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Dan Daniels Trail –
City of Danville



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Radford Pathways –
City of Radford



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James River Footbridge –
Amherst County



Trailhead Facilities



Trail Amenities



Activity 2: Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Programs

Non-construction activities including safety campaigns, training materials, maps, videotapes, and brochures



Activity 8: Conversion of Abandoned Railway Corridor

Hanging Rock Battlefield
Trail – Roanoke County



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Virginia Blue Ridge
Railway Trail – Nelson
County



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Staunton River Battlefield
Trail - Charlotte County



Transportation Enhancement Selection Criteria

- Relationship to Transportation
- Demonstrated Need
- Project Usefulness and Benefit
- Amenities and Support Facilities
- Educational and Historic Value
- Project Resources

Federal Requirements

- Federal authorization is required at each developmental phase (Preliminary Engineering, Property Acquisition, and Construction)
- Design must adhere to AASHTO standards
- Facility must be ADA accessible and meet ADA guidelines
- Facility must be open and available to the public
- Construction requires a competitive bidding process with award to the lowest bidder

Upcoming Plans...

- Currently accepting FY09-FY10 Enhancement applications postmarked by November 1, 2008
- Tentative selections will be announced in March 2009
- Applicant workshops for the *next* round of applications will be held across the state in Spring of 2009 (with applications due November 1, 2009)
- Check our website at www.VirginiaDOT.org for more information



National Scenic Byways Program

- Reimbursement program similar to the Transportation Enhancement Program
- A minimum 20% local match is required
- Improvements must be adjacent to a state designated Scenic Byway, National Scenic Byway, or All-American Road
- Application-based selection process, nationwide competition
- Project selections made by Federal Highway Administration

Eligible Activities

- Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities
- Rest Areas
- Overlooks
- Turn-outs
- Interpretive Facilities
- Shoulder / Safety Improvements
- Development of Tourist Information and Byway Interpretation

Upcoming Plans...

- FHWA solicits applications for National Scenic Byways grants annually, in the earlier part of the year
- Check the National Scenic Byways website at www.byways.org for further information

