Transportation Alternatives Call for Projects
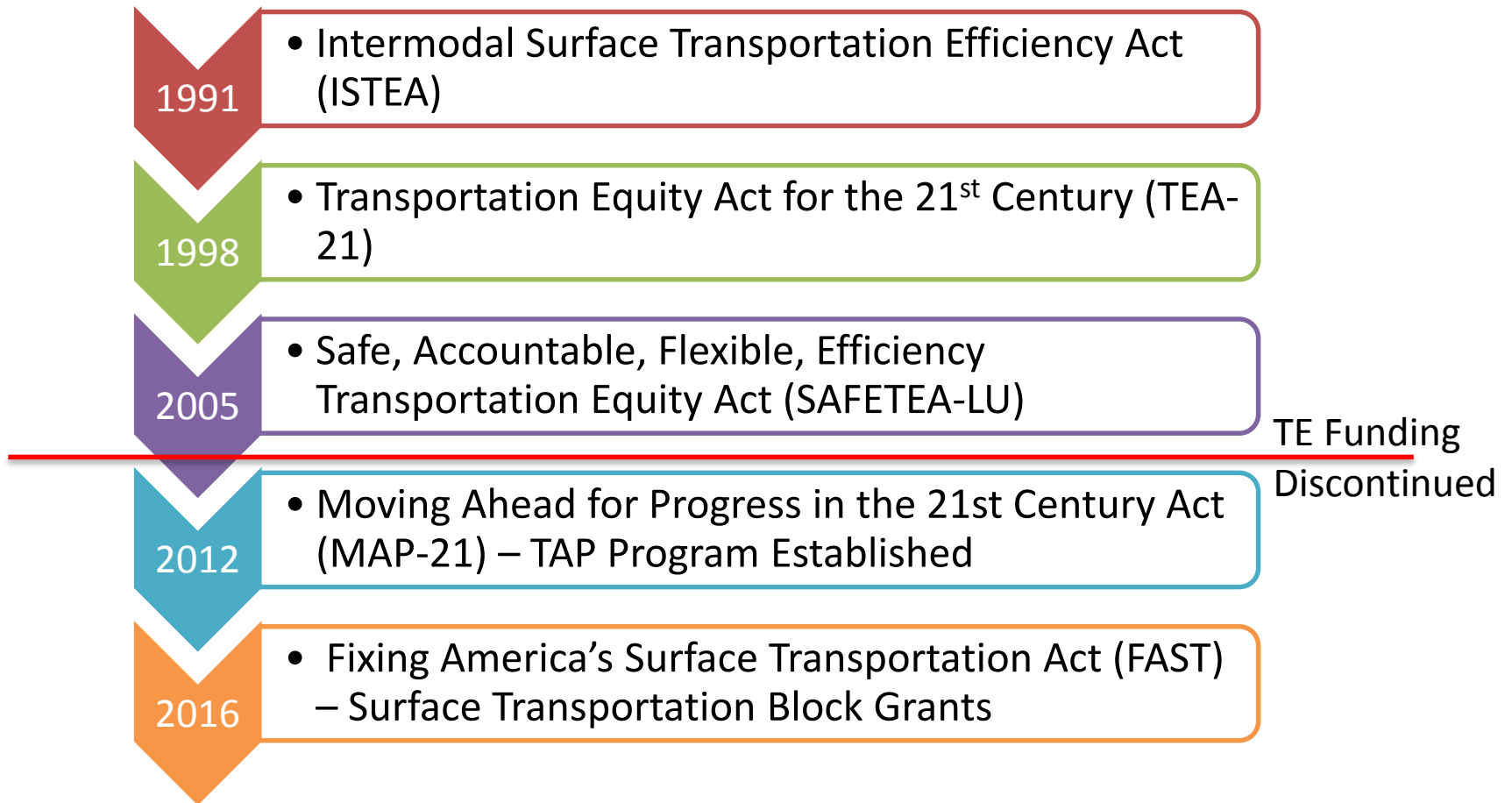
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TE / TA Program
Implementation Historic Overview

1991
- Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA)

1998
- Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21)

2005
- Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficiency Transportation Equity Act (SAFETEA-LU)

TE Funding Discontinued

2012
- Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) – TAP Program Established

2016
- Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST) – Surface Transportation Block Grants

TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES

- pedestrian and bicycle facilities
- recreational trails
- safe routes to school projects

- community improvements such as historic preservation
- vegetation management
- environmental mitigation related to stormwater and habitat connectivity

This call for projects is limited to two population areas of the state of Georgia

- Areas of the state with populations of 5,001 to 200,000

- Areas of the state with populations below 5,000

Annual Federal Apportionment

- Population Areas of 5000 – 200,000
  - $2.9 million annually

- Population Areas less than 5000
  - $4.3 million annually

Call for Projects Requirements

- The minimum amount of funding requested for each project is $1,000,000 (PE, ROW, & CST combined)

- At least one phase of the project must be ready for funding to be federally authorized in state fiscal year 2019

- Projects are only approved up to the federal funds available in the population area on an annual basis

Call for Projects Requirements (Continued)

- The State is responsible for selecting TAP projects through a competitive process
- Applicants for TAP funds must provide at least 20% of the total project costs in matching funds
- The Local Public Agency (LPA) must have the project let to construction within 5 years from the date the notice to proceed with preliminary engineering is issued to the LPA
- Projects having no Right of Way and no Utility Impacts will receive higher consideration
- Project readiness will receive higher consideration

Application Process

- The application will be sent to:
  - GMA (Georgia Municipal Association)
  - Regional Commissions
  - DNR (Department of Natural Resources)
  - ACCG (Association County Commissioners of Georgia)
  - ACEC (American Council of Engineering Companies of Georgia)

Eligible Projects

Pedestrian and bicycle facilities that:

- Connect and develop documented regional or statewide non-motorized transportation networks
- Are appropriate for the need and user types targeted
- Benefit state tourism or economic development initiatives
- If locally significant, have strong transportation connection and involve planning efforts or serve as connectors to regional networks
- Are a priority on GDOT, county or regional non-motorized transportation plans
- Address documented pedestrian/bike deficiencies
- Are part of a broader non-TAP funded non-motorized system

Eligible Projects

Streetscape Improvements, that:

- Are located in established traditional downtowns or historic districts
- Use a creative design approach that enhances pedestrian safety and takes into account the community identity, history, context, and the human environment
- Accomplish multiple goals (traffic calming, enhancement, aesthetics, pedestrian safety, tied with other initiatives, etc.)
- Receive input and support from citizens, local businesses, economic developers, traffic engineers, etc.

Safe Routes to School Program, that:

Meet the requirements under section 1404 of the SAFETEA-LU

Schedule

- The initial Call for projects will be made May 31, 2018

- All Application submittals are due by August 31, 2018

- Applications will be reviewed GDOT - Projects meeting the state and federal requirements will be prioritized, evaluated, scored and ranked.

Webpage and Email

- Georgia Department of Transportation Website http://www.dot.ga.gov/TAPprojects

- Applications are to be submitted via email to the TAPapplications@dot.ga.gov mailbox

Questions?