

### **What Is The Transportation Enhancement (TE) Program?**

The 1991 Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) called for a ten percent designated share of all Surface Transportation Program funds to be used for Transportation Enhancement Activities. The intent of the program is to afford an opportunity to develop "livable communities" by selecting projects that preserve the historic culture of the transportation system and/or enhance the operation of the system for its users. The 1998 Transportation Equity Act for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (TEA-21) continued the Transportation Enhancement Program and expanded the eligible use of funds. Also, visit the [National Transportation Enhancement Clearinghouse](#) website for more information.

The following activities are eligible if such activities relate to Surface Transportation:

- Provision of facilities for bicyclists and pedestrians
- Provision of safety and educational activities for bicyclists and pedestrians
- Acquisition of scenic easements and scenic or historic sites
- Scenic or historic highway programs (including the provision of tourist and welcome center facilities)
- Landscaping and other scenic beautification
- Historic preservation
- Rehabilitation and operation of historic transportation buildings, structures or facilities (including historic railroad facilities and canals)
- Preservation of abandoned railway corridors (including the conversion for use as bicycle paths and pedestrian facilities)
- Control and removal of outdoor advertising
- Archaeological planning and research
- Environmental mitigation to address water pollution due to highway runoff or reduce vehicle-caused wildlife mortality while maintaining habitat connectivity
- Establishment of transportation museums

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Transportation Enhancement Program (TE):

The Transportation Enhancement (TE) program provides funding for the enhancement of transportation in communities across the United States.

Funding is provided through the Federal Highway Administration for eligible projects.

For more information, contact LRPC TAC.

Eligible projects include:

1. Pedestrian & Bicycle Facilities
2. Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety & Education Activities.
3. Acquisition of Scenic or Historic Easements and Sites
4. Scenic or Historic Highway Programs, Including Tourist & Welcome Centers
5. Landscaping And Scenic Beautification
6. Historic Preservation
7. Rehabilitation and Operation of Historic Transportation Buildings, Structures, or Facilities.
8. Preservation of Abandoned Railway Corridors
9. Control and Removal of Outdoor Advertising
10. Archaeological Planning and Research
11. Mitigation of Highway Runoff and Provision of Wildlife Undercrossings
12. Establishment of Transportation Museums.

*Source: "A Quick Guide to Transportation Enhancements",  
USDOT Brochure*

TE program information: [www.enhancements.org](http://www.enhancements.org)

Transportation Enhancements (TE) activities are federally funded community-based projects that expand travel choices and enhance the transportation experience by improving the cultural, historic, aesthetic and environmental aspects of our transportation infrastructure. TE projects must be one of 12 eligible activities and must relate to surface transportation.

For example, projects can include creation of bicycle and pedestrian facilities, streetscape improvements, refurbishment of historic transportation facilities, and other investments that enhance communities and access. The federal government provides funding for TE projects through our nation's surface transportation legislation.

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