

AGENDA ITEM VII - ACTION

November 18, 2009

Enhancement Projects

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Federal funding provides a mechanism for accomplishing non-traditional transportation related activities that have a relationship to the surface transportation system. For 2009 the TxDOT **Transportation Enhancement (TE) Program** will make available \$67.5 million on a statewide basis. The funds can be used for projects such as constructing walking and biking trails, improving existing facilities to make them safer and more user-friendly for bicyclists and pedestrians, adding amenities for pedestrians and bicyclists, etc.

In addition to numerous qualifying categories set by TxDOT, a candidate project must include a letter from the MPO supporting the project within their area and agreeing to place it on the STIP if selected.

ACTION REQUESTED:

The Transportation Policy Board (TPB) is requested to authorize staff to develop such letter to be signed by the MPO chairman for inclusion in the candidate project's packet.

ATTACHMENTS:

- none