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Transportation Alternatives and Recreational Trails Annual Report

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Re: Docket No. FHWA-2026-0133
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On behalf of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), below are formal comments in response to the referenced request titled "Transportation Alternatives and Recreational Trails Annual Report," published in the Federal Register on February 9, 2026.

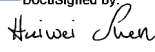
Federal Code requires states to submit the Transportation Alternatives (TAP) and Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Annual Report on applications and selections for TAP and RTP funds under 23 U.S.C. 133(h)(8).

FDOT recommends eliminating the TAP and RTP reporting requirements which are unique to these funding sources and provide limited value. State Transportation Improvement Plans provide transparency through published funding and project details, and Federal Highway of Administration division offices have sufficient opportunity to monitor the distribution and management of these funds. States should be trusted to manage their transportation plans and can provide accountability through other means.

FDOT is proud to be a national leader in the transportation industry. We support the focus on modernizing America's infrastructure by improving safety, streamlining Federal processes, and promoting economic growth.

If you have questions or would like more information on our comments, please contact me at (850)414-4911 or Huiwei.Shen@dot.state.fl.us.

Sincerely,

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