



## Application Period Opens on January 6 for TLC and Roadway Safety Programs

The application period will open soon for the TPB's two flagship technical assistance programs – the Transportation Land-Use Connections (TLC) Program and the Regional Roadway Safety Program (RRSP). As in the past, applicants will be able to fill out one joint application to apply for either or both programs.

The deadline for applications is March 7, 2025. The deadline for submitting abstracts for proposed projects, which is an optional step, is January 22, 2025.

For more information, and to submit an online application, go to:

- TLC: [www.mwcog.org/tlc](http://www.mwcog.org/tlc)
- RRSP: [www.mwcog.org/rrsp](http://www.mwcog.org/rrsp)

### Anticipated Solicitation Schedule for FY 2026

- Application period opens: January 6, 2025
- Abstracts due: January 22, 2025
- Applications due: March 7, 2025
- Panel recommendations: March-April, 2025
- TPB approves projects: April-May, 2025
- Consultant selection: June-July, 2025
- Contracting process: August 2025
- Project kick-off meetings: Fall 2025

### Application Process

Any local jurisdiction in the National Capital Region that is a member of the Transportation Planning Board is eligible to apply for either or both programs. Projects are eligible to receive up to \$80,000 in assistance for planning projects and up to \$100,000 for design. Recipients will receive short-term consultant services. They will not receive direct financial assistance.

The FY 2026 application period is open between January 6 and March 7, 2025. Potential applicants may also submit an optional abstract by January 22, 2025. TPB staff will provide preliminary feedback on the abstracts approximately one week after their submittal.

For each program, a panel of industry experts and COG/TPB staff will review the application submissions and recommend projects to the TPB for funding. The panels' recommendations will represent a cross-section of jurisdictions throughout the region. The TPB is scheduled to approve the applications for the two programs in April and/or May.

FY 2026 projects will begin in fall 2025 and must be completed by June 30, 2026.

## TLC Program

The Transportation Land Use Connections (TLC) Program provides short-term consultant services to local jurisdictions for small planning projects that promote mixed-use, walkable communities and support a variety of transportation alternatives. Any local jurisdiction in the National Capital Region that is a member of the TPB is eligible to apply. Non-profits and non-member jurisdictions in the region may apply as secondary recipients to a TPB member jurisdiction. Recipients receive short-term consultant services and no direct financial assistance. Projects are eligible to receive up to \$80,000 in technical assistance for planning projects and up to \$100,000 for design projects. TLC projects typically last 6-8 months.

As in past years, TLC projects may provide a range of services for community-oriented planning activities, such as:

- Small area & transit station area planning
- Bicycle and pedestrian safety & access
- Transit-oriented development studies
- Housing studies
- Economic development studies
- Roadway design guidelines & standards
- Streetscape improvement plans
- Safe Routes to School planning
- Trail planning and design
- Transit demand and feasibility analysis

The TPB encourages applications that address long-standing TPB priorities, including support for multimodal transportation options and land use enhancements in Activity Centers. The TPB is particularly interested in applications that support walking and biking improvements in high-capacity transit areas, especially Transit Access Focus Areas (TAFAs); projects to plan and design missing links in the National Capital Trail Network (NCTN); and projects that support access in Equity Emphasis Areas (EEAs).

## Regional Roadway Safety Program

The Regional Roadway Safety Program (RRSP) provides short-term consultant services to local jurisdictions for small planning and preliminary engineering projects that focus on roadway safety in the National Capital Region. Any local jurisdiction in the region that is a member of the TPB is eligible to apply. Non-profits and non-member jurisdictions may apply as secondary recipients to a TPB member jurisdiction. Recipients receive short-term consultant services and no direct financial assistance. Similar to the TLC Program, all projects are eligible to receive up to \$80,000 in technical assistance for planning and up to \$100,000 for design projects.

Proposed projects may provide a range of services to support roadway safety efforts, including.

- Support of local roadway safety plans
- Bicycle and pedestrian safety & access studies
- Roadway safety audits
- Crash data analysis
- Jurisdictional efforts to leverage the “Street Smart” program

- Identification of jurisdictional “high injury networks”
- Road diet design
- Lighting and signage improvements
- Intersection improvements
- Enhanced pedestrian infrastructure
- Safety guides or toolkits
- Safety guidelines and standards

The TPB encourages applications that address five TPB priorities: safety improvements for Equity Emphasis Areas (EEAs), improvements to road user behavior, identifying and designing safety countermeasures, understanding safety data, and cross-jurisdictional collaboration.

## About the TPB

The TPB is the federally designated metropolitan planning organization for the metropolitan Washington region. It is responsible for developing and carrying out a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in the metropolitan area. The TPB is staffed by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG).

## Questions?

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