



MEMORANDUM

TO: Transportation Planning Board
FROM: Kanti Srikanth, TPB Staff Director
SUBJECT: Steering Committee Actions and Report of the Director
DATE: April 11, 2019

The attached materials include:

- Steering Committee Actions
- Letters Sent/Received
- Announcements and Updates



MEMORANDUM

TO: Transportation Planning Board
FROM: Kanti Srikanth, TPB Staff Director
SUBJECT: Steering Committee Actions
DATE: April 11, 2019

At its meeting on April 5, the TPB Steering Committee approved the following resolutions:

- **SR17-2019:** To amend the FY 2019-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include \$3.4 million in advanced construction (AC) funding, \$2.5 million in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality program and matching funds, and \$1.4 million in National Highway Performance Program (NHPP) and matching funds for the HOT Lanes Bicycle/Pedestrian Facilities – Phase II project; and \$5 million in AC funding for the Frontier Drive Extension project, as requested by the Virginia Department of Transportation. The HOT Lanes Bicycle/Pedestrian Facilities project is exempt from the air quality conformity requirement, and the Frontier Drive Extension project is included in the conformity analysis of Visualize 2045 and the FY 2019-2024 TIP.
- **SR18-2019:** to amend the FY 2019-2024 TIP to include \$600,000 in NHPP and matching funds for the 31st Street NW Bridge over the C&O Canal project; and \$35 million in local funding for the Florida Avenue NE Streetscape project. These projects are exempt from the air quality conformity requirement.

The Steering Committee also reviewed a draft amendment to the FY 2019-2024 TIP that has been requested by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) to update project and funding information for FY 2020 through FY 2024 in order to match the proposed FY 2020-2025 Capital Improvement Program. The Steering Committee recommended that the TIP amendment be approved by the TPB with resolution R17-2019 under Item 8 of the April 17 meeting.

The TPB Bylaws provide that the Steering Committee “shall have the full authority to approve non-regionally significant items, and in such cases, it shall advise the TPB of its action.”

Attachments

- TPB Steering Committee Attendance
- SR17-2019
- SR18-2019

**TPB STEERING COMMITTEE
ATTENDANCE – APRIL 5, 2019**

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**NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD
777 North Capitol Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20002**

RESOLUTION ON AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2019-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) THAT IS EXEMPT FROM THE AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY REQUIREMENT TO INCLUDE FUNDING FOR THE HOT LANES BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES – PHASE II AND FRONTIER DRIVE EXTENSION PROJECTS IN FAIRFAX COUNTY, AS REQUESTED BY THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (VDOT)

WHEREAS, the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB), which is the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Washington Region, has the responsibility under the provisions of the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act for developing and carrying out a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process for the Metropolitan Area; and

WHEREAS, the TIP is required by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) as a basis and condition for all federal funding assistance to state, local and regional agencies for transportation improvements within the Washington planning area; and

WHEREAS, on October 17, 2018 the TPB adopted the FY 2019-2024 TIP; and

WHEREAS, in the attached letters of March 28, 2019 VDOT has requested that the FY 2019-2024 TIP be amended to include \$3.4 million in advanced construction (AC) funding, \$2.5 million in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) and match funding, and \$1.4 million in National Highway Performance Program (NHPP) and match funding for the HOT Lanes Bicycle/Pedestrian Facilities – Phase II project (TIP ID 6273); and \$5 million in AC funding for the Frontier Drive Extension project (TIP ID 6449), as described in the attached materials; and

WHEREAS, the HOT Lanes Bicycle/Pedestrian Facilities – Phase II project is exempt from the air quality conformity regulations, as defined in Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) Transportation Conformity Regulations as of April 2012, and the Frontier Drive Extension project is included in the Air Quality Conformity Analysis of Visualize 2045 and the FY 2019-2024 TIP (CON ID 724, VSF46);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Steering Committee of the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board amends the FY 2019-2024 TIP to include \$3.4 million in AC funding, \$2.5 million in CMAQ and match funding, and \$1.4 million in NHPP and match funding for the HOT Lanes Bicycle/Pedestrian Facilities – Phase II project (TIP ID 6273); and \$5 million in AC funding for the Frontier Drive Extension project (TIP ID 6449), as described in the attached materials.

Adopted by the Transportation Planning Board Steering Committee at its regular meeting on April 5, 2019.



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

4975 Alliance Drive
Fairfax, VA 22030

Stephen C. Brich, P.E.
COMMISSIONER

March 28, 2019

The Honorable Martin Nohe, Chair
National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board
Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
777 North Capitol Street, N.E., Suite 300
Washington, DC 20002-4201

RE: National Capital Region FY 2019-2024 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment
for the Frontier Drive Extension & Braided Ramps (Springfield), UPC 106742

Dear Mr. Nohe:

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) requests an amendment to the FY 2019-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add funding for the Frontier Drive Extension and Braided Ramps in Springfield.

This project will extend Frontier Drive (Route 2677) from its southern terminus at Franconia-Springfield Parkway (Route 289) to Loisdale Road in order to relieve traffic congestion and improve access and safety for users to sites and facilities throughout the project area, including the existing Franconia-Springfield Metro station, the Springfield Mall and Town Center area, and the General Services Administration (GSA) warehouse on Springfield Center Drive. The project includes:

- A four-lane divided roadway, which includes a combination of new construction and improvements to Springfield Center Drive and a new bridge over Long Branch, with on-road bicycle facilities, as well as a shared-use path on one side and a sidewalk on the other side
- Braided ramps at the Frontier Drive and Franconia-Springfield Parkway interchange to improve access and eliminate weaving movements
- Improvements to the Franconia-Springfield Metro station circulatory road, access to the Metro station parking structures, and a direct connection from the transit center to eastbound Franconia-Springfield Parkway

This amendment adds \$5,000,000 (AC-Other NVTA) for the PE phase in FY19. The total cost estimate is approximately \$140.0 million.

This project is included in Visualize 2045 and the related Air Quality Conformity Analysis. The funding is also included in the Visualize 2045 Financial Plan. The amendment will not affect the Air Quality Conformity or Financial Constraint findings of Visualize 2045.

VDOT requests that these amendments be placed on the agenda of the Transportation Planning Board's Steering Committee at its meeting on April 5, 2019. VDOT's representative will attend the meeting and will be available to answer any questions about the amendment.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Helen Cuervo, P.E.
District Administrator
Northern Virginia District

cc:

Ms. Rene'e Hamilton, VDOT-NoVA ,
Ms. Maria Sinner, P.E., VDOT-NoVA,
Mr. Norman Whitaker, AICP, VDOT-NoVA



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RE: National Capital Region FY 2019-2024 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment for I-495
HOT Lanes Bicycle/Pedestrian Facilities - Phase II, UPC 104005

Dear Mr. Nohe:

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) requests an amendment to the FY 2019-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add funding and updating the cost estimate for design and construction of bicycle/pedestrian facilities to provide connections from Route 123 & Old Meadow Road to Tysons One Place & Fashion Boulevard (2.0000 MI).

This amendment adds an additional \$694,290 (CMAQ) in FFY19 for the ROW phase. It also adds an additional \$1,612,586 (AC-Other Local) and an additional \$3,412,586 (AC-Other AR) in FFY20 for the CN phase. The total cost of this project is estimated to be \$13 million.

This project is exempt from the Air Quality Analysis and its funding is anticipated in the of Visualize 2045 Financial Plan. The amendment will not affect the Air Quality Conformity or Financial Constraint findings of Visualize 2045.

VDOT requests that these amendments be placed on the agenda of the Transportation Planning Board's Steering Committee at its meeting on April 5, 2019. VDOT's representative will attend the meeting and will be available to answer any questions about the amendment.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Helen Cuervo, P.E.
District Administrator
VDOT, Northern Virginia District

cc:

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Mr. Norman Whitaker, AICP, VDOT-NoVA

**NORTHERN VIRGINIA
FY 2019-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
CAPITAL COSTS (in \$1,000)**

Source		Fed/St/Loc	Previous Funding	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	Source Total
TIP ID: 6273 Agency ID: 104005		Title: HOT Lanes Bicycle/Pedestrian Facilities - Phase II				Complete:		Total Cost:		\$13,000
Facility: I 495		AC	100/0/0	1,800 c		3,413 c				3,413
From: VA 123 Chain Bridge Road /Old Meadow Rd		CMAQ	80/20/0	1,600 b	2,468 b					2,468
To: Tysons One Place & Fashion Boulevard				605 c						
		NHPP	100/0/0	2,587 c	582 b					582
		NHPP 1	80/20/0			806 c				806
Total Funds:										7,269

Description: HOT Lanes Bicycle/Pedestrian Facilities

Amendment: Add Project to TIP

Approved on: 4/5/2019

This project has been funded in previous TIPs. It is being added to the FY 2019-2024 TIP with \$ 694,290 (CM) for FFY19 ROW phase; and add an additional \$1,612,586 (AC-Other Local), & \$41 (AC-Other AR) in FFY20 for the CN phase.

TIP ID: 6449 Agency ID: 106742		Title: Frontier Dr Extension				Complete: 2024		Total Cost:		\$13,000
Facility: Frontier Dr		AC	0/100/0	1,000 a	5,000 a					5,000
From: VA 289 Franconia-Springfield Parkway		NVTA	0/100/0	2,000 a						
To: VA 789 Loisdale Rd		NVTA-BOND	0/100/0	2,000 a						
Total Funds:										5,000

Description: Extend Frontier Drive from Franconia-Springfield Parkway to Loisdale Road.

Amendment: Add Project To TIP

Approved on: 4/5/2019

This project has been funded in previous TIPs. It is being added to the FY 2019-2024 TIP with \$5,000,000 (AC-Other NVTA) for PE phase in FY 2019.

**NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD
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RESOLUTION ON AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2019-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) THAT IS EXEMPT FROM THE AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY REQUIREMENT TO INCLUDE FUNDING FOR THE 31ST STREET NW BRIDGE OVER C&O CANAL AND FLORIDA AVENUE NW STREETScape PROJECTS, AS REQUESTED BY THE DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DDOT)

WHEREAS, the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB), which is the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Washington Region, has the responsibility under the provisions of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act for developing and carrying out a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process for the Metropolitan Area; and

WHEREAS, the TIP is required by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) as a basis and condition for all federal funding assistance to state, local and regional agencies for transportation improvements within the Washington planning area; and

WHEREAS, on October 17, 2018 the TPB adopted the FY 2019-2024 TIP; and

WHEREAS, in the attached letter of March 27, 2019 DDOT has requested that the FY 2019-2024 TIP be amended to include \$600,000 in National Highway Performance Program (NHPP) and match funding and to change the name of the project from "Replacement of 31st Bridge, NW over C&O Canal" to "31st Street NW Bridge over C&O Canal" (TIP ID 3181); and to add \$35 million in local funding for the Florida Ave. NE Streetscape project (TIP ID 6195), as described in the attached materials; and

WHEREAS, these projects are exempt from the air quality conformity requirement, as defined in Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Transportation Conformity Regulations as of April 2012;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Steering Committee of the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board amends the FY 2019-2024 TIP to include \$600,000 in NHPP and match funding and to change the name of the project from "Replacement of 31st Bridge, NW over C&O Canal" to "31st Street NW Bridge over C&O Canal" (TIP ID 3181); and to add \$35 million in local funding for the Florida Ave. NE Streetscape project (TIP ID 6195), as described in the attached materials.

Adopted by the Transportation Planning Board Steering Committee at its regular meeting on April 5, 2019.

Government of the District of Columbia
Department of Transportation



d. Planning and Sustainability Division

March 27, 2019

The Honorable Martin Nohe, Chairman
National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board
Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
777 North Capitol Street N.E., Suite 300
Washington, DC 20002-4290

Dear Chairman Nohe,

The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) requests that the FY 2019-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) be amended to reinstate, increase funding, and change the name for one project and just increase funding for one project as detailed below:

Project proposed for reinstatement, funding increase, and name change:

1. 31st Street NW Bridge over C&O Canal (TIP ID# 3181) – Reinstatement project and increase NHPP funding in 2019 for Construction by \$600,000. Change name from “Replacement of 31st Bridge, NW over C&O Canal”

Project proposed for funding increase:

1. Florida Ave NE Streetscape (TIP ID# 6195) – Increase Local funding in 2020 for ROW Acquisition by \$35,000,000.

The proposed amendments do not add additional capacity for motorized vehicles and do not require conformity analysis or public review and comment. The funding sources have been identified, and the TIP will remain fiscally constrained. Therefore, DDOT requests that the TPB Steering Committee approve this amendment at its April 5th, 2019 meeting.

We appreciate your cooperation in this matter. Should you have questions regarding this amendment, please contact Mark Rawlings at (202) 671-2234 or by e-mail at mark.rawlings@dc.gov. Of course, feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

James Sebastian
Associate Director, Planning and Sustainability Division (PSD)

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
FY 2019-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
CAPITAL COSTS (in \$1,000)**

Source	Fed/St/Loc	Previous Funding	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	Source Total
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DDOT

TIP ID: 3181	Agency ID: CD066A	Title: 31st Street NW Bridge over C&O Canal	Complete:	Total Cost:	\$6,800
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Facility: 31st Street NW Bridge over C&O Canal	NHPP	80/20/0	6,200 c						
From:									
To:	NHPP 1	83/17/0		600 c					600
Total Funds:									600

Description: Removal and replacement of deteriorated deck, repair and painting of structural steel, and substructure repairs. Lighting, signing, drainage and safety features will be upgraded.

Amendment: Reinstate project and increase funding **Approved on: 4/5/2019**
 Reinstate project and increase NHPP funding in 2019 for Construction by \$500,000. Change name from "Replacement of 31st Bridge, NW over C&O Canal"

TIP ID: 6195	Agency ID: ZU033A	Title: Florida Ave NE Streetscape	Complete:	Total Cost:	\$62,670
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Facility: Florida Avenue, NE	State	0/100/0		35,000 b					35,000
From:									
To:	STBG	80/20/0	2,000 a						
	STBG 1	83/17/0	1,500 a 150 b	2,000 a		22,020 c			24,020
Total Funds:									59,020

Description: Implementation of Florida Avenue Transportation Study recommendations, which includes reconstruction, safety improvements, and streetscape upgrades.

- a. Florida Ave from 2nd St to H St NE
- b. Florida Ave and New York Ave NE Intersection

Amendment: Funding Increase **Approved on: 4/5/2019**
 Increase local funding in 2020 for ROW Acquisition by \$35,000,000.

Modification: Funding Increase and add subprojects **Approved on: 2/4/2019**
 Increase STBG funding in 2019 for PE by \$2,000,000. Revise description to list subprojects.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Transportation Planning Board
FROM: Kanti Srikanth, TPB Staff Director
SUBJECT: Letters Sent/Received
DATE: April 11, 2019

The attached letters were sent/received since the last TPB meeting.

April 10, 2019

The Honorable Martin Nohe
Chairman
National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board
Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
777 N. Capitol Street NE, Suite 300
Washington DC 20002

Dear Chairman Nohe:

We are writing to update you and the members of the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB) on the status of the Traffic Relief Plan I-495 and I-270 Managed Lanes Study within the schedule of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process and request your attendance and input at one of the eight upcoming public workshops in April and May.

Multiple studies over the last decade have shown that the National Capital Region is one of the most congested in the nation and Marylanders face the second highest commuting times in the country. Today, on average, travelers have to navigate seven hours of traffic congestion daily on I-270. The duration is even worse on I-495 with travelers having to navigate 10 hours of congestion daily.

To address this congestion, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA) are completing the I-495 and I-270 Managed Lanes Study. This study is looking to provide a solution that addresses congestion, improves trip reliability, and enhances existing and planned mobility and connectivity for other modes of travel including transit. The study begins on I-495 at the George Washington Memorial Parkway in Virginia and extends to west of MD 5 and includes I-270 from I-495 to I-370. Importantly, it includes addressing the serious regional bottleneck at the American Legion Bridge.

Since presenting the Preliminary Range of Alternatives in July 2018, MDOT SHA completed an initial screening which reduced the preliminary alternatives to seven recommended Screened Alternatives. These alternatives will be highlighted in the April and May public workshops.

The Honorable Martin Nohe
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There has been extensive public outreach and coordination for the I-495 and I-270 Managed Lanes Study. To date, MDOT SHA has held eight public workshops, attended three pop-up events, attended 11 community association meetings, spoke at five industry events, and presented briefings to nine statewide, county, and local legislative bodies. During the public comment periods for both the scoping and preliminary range of alternatives, MDOT SHA received over 10,000 comments from over 2,500 individuals by comment forms at meetings, online comment forms, email, and mail submissions. For the past year, MDOT SHA has also been meeting on a monthly basis with senior staff from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to closely coordinate and ensure compatibility with the I-495 Express Lanes Northern Extension study, also referred to as 495 NEXT. Similarly, we coordinate meetings with the National Park Service (NPS) and attend each other's public workshops to better align our efforts as we progress through the NEPA process.

Please plan to attend one of the eight upcoming events in Montgomery and Prince George's counties; the attached flyer includes the dates, times, and locations for these events. Two of the events will be held on Saturday to accommodate busy schedules, which was a popular request in the last round of meetings. The MDOT SHA team will guide attendees through the public workshops, presenting interactive map displays and hard copy maps that will highlight the limits of disturbance of the Screened Alternatives, as well as detailed traffic, environmental, and financial analyses. Updated information on the study and public involvement opportunities can be found on the I-495 and I-270 P3 Program website at www.495-270-P3.com.

If you need further assistance, please contact Lisa B. Choplin, DBIA, MDOT SHA I-495 and I-270 P3 Office Director, at 410-637-3320 or via email at lchoplin@sha.state.md.us. Ms. Choplin will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,



R. Earl Lewis, Jr.
Deputy Secretary

Attachment

- I-495 I-270 Flyer 4-2-2019

cc: National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board Members
Lisa B. Choplin, DBIA, Director, I-495 and I-270 P3 Office, MDOT SHA
Mr. Kanti Srikanth, Director, Department of Transportation Planning, TPB
Mr. Gregory Slater, Administrator, MDOT SHA

MANAGED LANES STUDY

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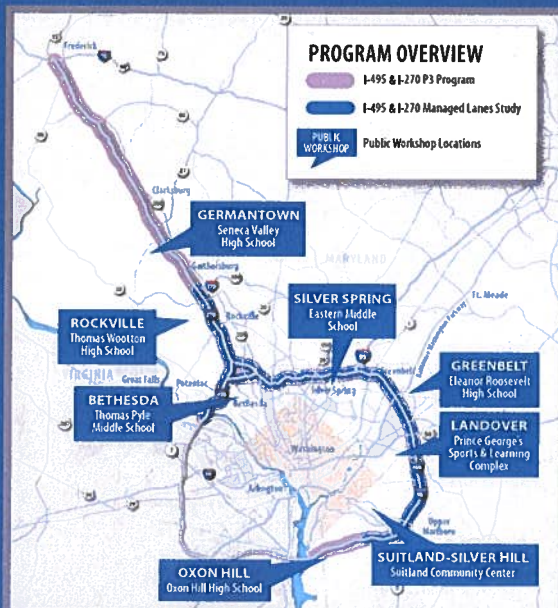
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i ABOUT THE STUDY

Multiple studies over the last decade have shown that the National Capital Region is one of the most congested in the nation, and Marylanders face the second highest commuting times in the country. Today, on average, travelers have to navigate seven hours of traffic congestion daily on I-270. The duration is even worse on I-495 with travelers having to navigate 10 hours of congestion daily.

To address this congestion, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA) are completing the I-495 & I-270 Managed Lanes Study. This study is looking to provide a solution that addresses congestion, improves trip reliability, and enhances existing and planned mobility and connectivity for other modes of travel including transit. The study begins on I-495 south of the George Washington Memorial Parkway in Virginia, and includes addressing the serious regional bottleneck at the American Legion Bridge, and extends to west of MD 5 and includes I-270 from I-495 to I-370.

Since presenting the Preliminary Range of Alternatives in July 2018, MDOT SHA completed an initial screening which reduced the preliminary alternatives to seven recommended Screened Alternatives. Public workshops are being held to present the traffic, environmental, and financial analyses for the recommended Screened Alternatives along with the recommendations for the alternatives to be retained for detailed study in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.



MEETING FORMAT

- The MDOT SHA team will guide attendees through the workshop materials that will include informational displays, handouts, and interactive and hard copy mapping. Staff will be available to answer questions.
- During the week, two presentations will occur at 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. On Saturday, two presentations will occur at 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Presentations are the same and will provide an overview of where we are today with time for questions and answers.
- A virtual workshop will also be available on the program website 495-270-p3.com starting April 11, 2019.
- Comments will be accepted at the public workshops and online. Throughout the study we welcome your feedback. Provide your comments:

@ Email Study Team:
495-270-p3@sha.state.md.us

Submit a comment online 495-270-p3.com or by mail to: Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration, I-495 & I-270 P3 Office, 707 North Calvert Street, Mail Stop P-601, Baltimore, MD 21202



PUBLIC WORKSHOPS

Mark your calendar and plan to attend one of these eight public workshops in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties:

Thursday, April 11th

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Prince George's Sports and Learning Complex
8001 Sheriff Rd., Landover, MD 20785

Saturday, April 13th

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Thomas Pyle Middle School
6311 Wilson Ln., Bethesda, MD 20817

Tuesday, April 23rd

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Eleanor Roosevelt High School
7601 Hanover Pkwy., Greenbelt, MD 20770

Wednesday, April 24th

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Eastern Middle School
300 University Blvd E, Silver Spring, MD 20901

Thursday, April 25th

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Thomas Wootton High School
2100 Wootton Pkwy., Rockville, MD 20850

Saturday, April 27th

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Suitland Community Center
5600 Regency Ln., Suitland-Silver Hill, MD 20746

Tuesday, May 14th

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Oxon Hill High School
6701 Leyte Dr., Oxon Hill, MD 20745

Thursday, May 16th

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Seneca Valley High School
19401 Crystal Rock Dr., Germantown, MD 20874

REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE: The Maryland Relay Service can assist teletype users at 7-1-1. Persons requiring assistance to participate, such as an interpreter for hearing/speech difficulties or assistance with the English language, should contact the project toll-free number at 833-858-5960.



495-270-P3.com

MDOT MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION



MEMORANDUM

TO: Transportation Planning Board
FROM: Kanti Srikanth, TPB Staff Director
SUBJECT: Announcements and Updates
DATE: April 11, 2019

The attached documents provide updates on activities that are not included as separate items on the TPB agenda.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Transportation Planning Board
FROM: John Swanson, Transportation Planner
SUBJECT: Upcoming Solicitations for Applications for the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program
DATE: April 11, 2019

SUMMARY

Under the federal Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA Set-Aside) Program, the TPB is responsible for selecting projects using sub-allocated funding for Suburban Maryland, Northern Virginia, and the District of Columbia. The TA Set-Aside, which is part of the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program, was previously known as the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and that name is still commonly used.

The next solicitation periods for TA Set-Aside applications have been scheduled as follows:

- District of Columbia
March 26 - May 17, 2019
See ddot.dc.gov/page/transportation-alternatives-program.
- Maryland
April 15 - May 15, 2019
See www.roads.maryland.gov/index.aspx?PagelD=144
- Virginia
 - Pre-applications: May 15 – July 1, 2019
(NOTE: Pre-applications are mandatory for the first time)
 - Applications: Due October 1
(NOTE: Virginia is now on a two year funding cycle)See www.virginiadot.org/business/prenhancegrants.asp.

Past recipients of technical assistance through the TPB's Transportation Land Use Connections (TLC) Program are encouraged to consider seeking funding through the TA Set-Aside Program. The TPB also encourages TA Set-Aside applications that support policies highlighted in Visualize 2045, our region's recently adopted long-range transportation plan.

BACKGROUND

The Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA Set-Aside) Program was established by federal law to fund a variety of smaller-scale transportation projects such as pedestrian and bicycle facilities, trails, safe routes to school (SRTS) projects, community improvements, and environmental mitigation. MAP

21, the surface transportation legislation enacted in 2012, established the program as the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). The FAST Act of 2015 renamed the program as the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program, but the key features of the program largely remain the same.

Information on the program is available from FHWA at:
https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/transportation_alternatives/.

The program provides sub-allocated funding for large metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) like the TPB (those classified as “Transportation Management Areas” or TMAs) to fund local projects. In addition to these sub-allocated funds, a portion of the TA Set-Aside funding is reserved for statewide project selection, which is conducted by the state departments of transportation.

For the National Capital Region, the program offers an opportunity to support and enhance regional planning activities. At the direction of the TPB, our region’s TA Set-Aside is framed as a complementary component of the TPB’s Transportation Land-Use Connections (TLC) Program, which provides technical assistance for small planning studies to TPB member jurisdictions. Past recipients of technical assistance through TLC are encouraged to consider seeking funding assistance through the TA Set-Aside Program.

The TA Set-Aside offers the region the ability to fund projects that support regional priorities and goals. Applicants from the National Capital Region are asked to show how their projects will serve regional criteria when they seek TA Set-Aside funds.

The selection criteria, which are rooted in TPB Policies and programs, include:

- Focus on expanding transportation options;
- Support for Regional Activity Centers;
- Access to high-capacity transit;
- Access in Equity Emphasis Areas;
- Support for the National Capital Trail; and
- Increased access for people with disabilities.

PROJECT SELECTION PROCESS

Since the establishment of the program in 2012, the TPB has combined its solicitations with the state departments of transportation in the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia. In each state, the state DOT conducts the solicitation through its website. Each state application also includes a supplementary form requesting information about how projects respond to the TPB’s regional priorities.

The following entities in the TPB’s planning area are eligible to apply: local governments (county, city, or town); regional transportation authorities; transit agencies; natural resource or public land agencies; school districts and agencies; and any local and governmental entity with oversight of transportation or recreational trails. Nonprofits are eligible to partner with any eligible entity on an application, if state or local requirements permit.

Applications must adhere to all federal requirements for the program, including providing a minimum 20 percent match.

The selection process is conducted separately for each state. Upon receipt of the applications, state staff screens the submissions for eligibility and conducts preliminary assessments of the proposed projects. Once applications are determined eligible, they are forwarded to the TPB for consideration and selection.

Working with the states, TPB staff conducts research on the proposed projects, which may include site visits and interviews with applicants. TPB staff convenes a separate selection panel for each state's applications. The panel members include COG/TPB staff as well as representatives from the state DOTs whose applications are not under consideration. Representatives from the DOTs in the states whose projects are under consideration are invited to participate in the selection process as technical resources.

Panel members individually review and score applications based on each reviewer's professional assessment (50 points) and regional selection criteria (50 points). The regional criteria are rooted in TPB policies and programs, with the understanding that some projects will not meet all criteria.

For each state, the panel's recommendations are forwarded to the TPB for approval. After that, the TPB's decision is forwarded to the DOT to include in the state's capital improvement program.

In addition to the funding allocated by the TPB, each DOT has responsibility for a statewide allocation of TA Set-Aside funding. The statewide funds represent half of the state's total allocation under the program. Project selection using these funds usually occurs after the TPB makes its selections, although a portion of Virginia's statewide funds are reserved for project selection by the district member of the Commonwealth Transportation Board. In recent year, the CTB member's selection process has been conducted in coordination with the TPB's project selection.

DETAILS FOR THIS YEAR

Here are some details related to the processes in the TPB's three state-level jurisdictions:

District of Columbia

- The next round of funding will be for FY 2020.
- The application was made available on the DDOT website on March 26, 2019.
- Applications are due by May 17, 2019.
- The FY 2020 sub-allocation to the TPB is expected to be \$1,150,000.
- The TPB is expected to approve D.C. projects for funding on July 24, 2019.
- For more information, contact Kelsey Bridges at DDOT, kelsey.bridges@dc.gov.

Maryland

- The next round of funding will be for FY 2020.
- The application will be made available on the MDOT website on April 15, 2019.
- Applications are due by May 15, 2019.
- New application requirements for design and construction funding have been approved for this round (FY 2020): Construction funding will need to have 30 percent design plans, per

MDOT SHA checklist and guidance, in order to be considered for construction funding. To be considered for design funding, sponsors must include a completed concept, per MDOT SHA guidelines, as part of the application.

- The funding amount for the FY 2020 sub-allocation to the TPB is not yet known. For reference, however, the TPB in FY 2019 was sub-allocated \$1,217,150 for Maryland.
- The TPB is expected to approve Maryland projects for funding on July 24, 2019.
- For more information, contact Christy Bernal at SHA, CBernal@sha.state.md.us.

Virginia

- The next round of funding will be for FY 2021 and FY 2022 (Virginia conducts project selection for the TA Set-Aside Program every two years). The FY 2020 projects were selected last year (in April 2018) in conjunction with the FY 2019 selections.
- The pre-application form for the next round of funding will be made available on the VDOT website on May 15, 2019.
- The deadline for the pre-application, which is mandatory, is July 1, 2019.
- Final applications are due by October 1, 2019.
- The funding amount for the next sub-allocation to the TPB is not yet known. For reference, however, the TPB for FY 2019 and FY 2020 was sub-allocated a total of \$5,440,710 – which amounts to \$2,720,335 for each year.
- The TPB is expected to approve the next round of projects (FY 2021-22) in April of 2020.
- For more information, contact Pamela Liston at VDOT, pamela.liston@vdot.virginia.gov.

TPB CONTACT

For more information about the TPB's role in this program, please contact John Swanson at jswanson@mwcog.org or 202-962-3295.



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Street Smart Campaign Aims to Curb Spike in Pedestrian Deaths
Regional effort combines education and enforcement

On April 23, local and state officials from the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia will launch the spring campaign of the semi-annual [Street Smart](#) public safety program. The campaign educates drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists on how to better share the road and promotes long-term solutions to make sure everyone stays safe. The campaign runs through May 13 and aligns with a four-week window of increased law enforcement efforts targeting drivers who speed and/or fail to stop for pedestrians in a crosswalk.

In 2018, the number of pedestrian deaths nationally reached their highest level since 1990. In the greater D.C. area, the number of pedestrians and bicyclists killed in traffic incidents increased 19 percent, with pedestrian and cyclist deaths accounting for more than 33 percent of all traffic fatalities.

Regardless of whether you drive, walk, or bike, *Street Smart* encourages everyone to obey traffic laws and look out for each other. Fines for those who violate traffic safety laws can be up to \$500, and drivers can face getting points on their driver records.

WHAT: News conference and launch of the spring *Street Smart* pedestrian and bicycle safety campaign with officials from throughout the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Northern Virginia attending.

WHEN: Tuesday, April 23 at 10:00 A.M.

WHERE: Intersection of Richmond Highway and Lockheed Boulevard
3117 Lockheed Blvd
Alexandria, VA 22306

WHO:

- Sharon Bulova, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman
- Jeffrey C. McKay, Lee District Supervisor
- Daniel G. Storck, Mount Vernon District Supervisor
- Edwin C. Roessler, Jr., Fairfax County Police Chief
- John Saunders, DMV's Virginia Highway Safety Office Director
- Christine Nizer, Maryland Motor Vehicle Administrator,
- Everett Lott, District Department of Transportation Deputy Director

VISUALS: **Live Enforcement:** Media option to capture footage of live law enforcement activities immediately following the press conference.

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The Council of Governments is an independent, nonprofit association where area leaders address regional issues affecting the District of Columbia, suburban Maryland and Northern Virginia.

Save the Date: Dockless Vehicle

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Workshop
May 30, 2019
12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lunch at Noon

Walter A. Scheiber Board Room
Third Floor
Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
777 North Capitol Street NE, Suite 300
Washington, DC

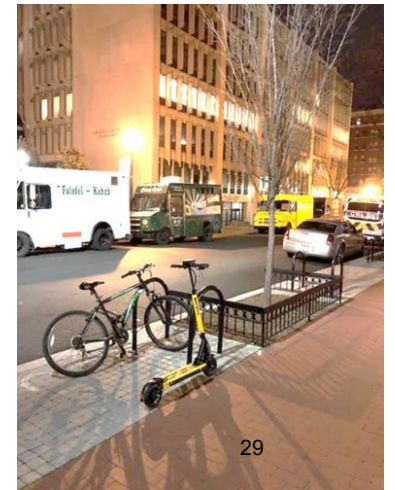


Image: DDOT

DOT and Planning Staff will discuss:

- The evolution of Dockless Vehicle (Bike and Electric Scooter) Share in the District of Columbia, Montgomery County, Arlington, Alexandria and Baltimore
- Results of Pilot Permit Programs
- Regional Coordination and Implications for Adjoining Jurisdictions
- Lessons learned and plans going forward

This is a free event, open to the public
Pre-registration is required
Register [HERE](#)



Public Meetings

Funding the Right Transportation Projects

You are invited to share comments on transportation projects that have been recommended for funding in the FY2020-2025 Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP). Additionally, pursuant to §33.2-202, comments will be accepted for new projects valued in excess of \$25 million. Hearings held in Northern Virginia and Fredericksburg will also provide opportunity for input on the I-95 Corridor Improvement Plan. The Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) will consider your comments as it develops the FY2020-2025 Six-Year Improvement Program. The program allocates public funds to highway, road, bridge, rail, bicycle, pedestrian, and public transportation projects. All federally eligible projects in the SYIP will be included in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program to document how Virginia will obligate its federal funds. Meeting materials will be available at <http://www.ctb.virginia.gov/planning/springmeetings/default.asp> beginning April 11, 2019.

Public hearings begin at 4 p.m. in each of the locations except as noted below:

A formal comment period will be held at these meetings.

<p>Thursday, April 11, 2019 Lynchburg District Holiday Inn Lynchburg 601 Main St. Lynchburg, VA 24504</p>	<p>Monday, April 15, 2019 Hampton Roads District Hampton Roads District Office Auditorium 7511 Burbage Drive Suffolk, VA 23435</p>	<p>Monday, April 22, 2019 Staunton District Blue Ridge Community College Plecker Center for Continuing Education One College Lane Weyers Cave, VA 24486</p>
<p>Tuesday, April 23, 2019 Bristol District Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center One Partnership Circle Abingdon, VA 24210</p>	<p>Thursday, April 25, 2019 Richmond District Richmond Marriott - Short Pump 4240 Dominion Boulevard Glen Allen, VA 23060</p>	<p>Monday, May 6, 2019 Culpeper District Culpeper District Auditorium 1601 Orange Road Culpeper, VA 22701</p>
<p>Tuesday, May 7, 2019 Salem District Holiday Inn Tanglewood 4468 Starkey Road Roanoke, VA 24018</p>	<p>Thursday, May 9, 2019 Fredericksburg District James Monroe High School 2300 Washington Avenue Fredericksburg, VA 22401</p> <p>**meeting begins at 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Monday, May 13, 2019 NOVA District Northern Virginia District Office Potomac Conference Room 4975 Alliance Drive Fairfax, VA 22030</p> <p>**meeting begins at 6 p.m.</p>

*The Northern Virginia District meeting will serve as the required joint public meeting with the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority, the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission, the Virginia Railway Express, and the CTB per § 33.2-214.3 of the Code of Virginia.

Beginning at 3 p.m. (except in Northern Virginia and Fredericksburg, which will begin at 5 p.m.), there will also be an open house with information and opportunities for public feedback on the statewide, multimodal transportation plan, known as VTrans. This open house will be the first of four for the new plan update and will cover the vision and goals for the plan as well as information on the required statewide multimodal Needs Assessment. More information can be found at www.VTrans.org or via email at comment@vtrans.org. There is no formal hearing for the VTrans open house.

You can also submit your comments via email or mail by May 27, 2019, to:

For roads and highways: Six-YearProgram@VDOT.Virginia.gov, or Infrastructure Investment Director, Virginia Department of Transportation, 1401 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219.

For rail and public transportation: DRPTPR@drpt.virginia.gov, Public Information Office, Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation, 600 East Main Street, Suite 2102, Richmond, VA 23219.

The Commonwealth is committed to ensuring that no person is excluded from participation in, or denied the benefits of, its services on the basis of race, color, or national origin, as protected by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. If you need further information on these policies or special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, please contact the Virginia Department of Transportation's Title VI Compliance Officer at 804-786-2730 or the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation's Title VI Compliance Officer at 804-786-4440 (TTY users call 711).

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Friday, April 5, 2019

VTrans Open Houses

Stop by one of the VTrans Open Houses being held in conjunction with the [Commonwealth Transportation Board's](#) (CTB) spring public meetings. The VTrans project team will be at the CTB's nine meeting locations throughout the state, between April 11th and May 13th.

This is a great opportunity for Virginians to meet with the VTrans team, learn more about the transportation planning process, and comment on the Commonwealth's vision for transportation and the upcoming VTrans Needs Assessment.

Check out www.vtrans.org/get-involved/events to find a meeting date and location near you!

Are you new to VTrans?

VTrans is Virginia's multimodal transportation plan developed by the CTB every four years. VTrans:

- Lays out the overarching Vision and Goals for transportation in the Commonwealth,
- Identifies transportation investment priorities, and
- Provides direction on the implementation strategies and programs to the CTB and various state transportation agencies.

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