

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

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO
THE LOCUST STREET TRAIL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN VIENNA, VIRGINIA USING FUNDING
FROM THE FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES SET-ASIDE PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB), as the federally designated metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Washington region, has the responsibility under the provisions of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, reauthorized November 15, 2021 when the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) was signed into law, for developing and carrying out a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process for the metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, the FAST Act's Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA Set-Aside) Program, which is part of the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), provides a portion of funding based on the relative share of the total State population sub-allocated to large urbanized areas, and the MPO is required "to develop a competitive process to allow eligible entities to submit projects for funding ... in consultation with the relevant State"; and

WHEREAS, the TA Set-Aside Program provides funding for transportation programs and projects defined as eligible per Section 1109 of the FAST Act; and

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia Department of Transportation (DDOT), the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT), and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) are responsible for determining the total federal funding amount allocated to the TPB, determining project eligibility, project implementation, and project oversight; and

WHEREAS, the TA Set-Aside Program provides an opportunity to fund projects that implement regional policies reflected in the Regional Transportation Priorities Plan, in the Equity Emphasis Areas, and related to the seven initiatives endorsed by the TPB in December 2017 and January 2018, which include promoting Regional Activity Centers, improving pedestrian and bicycle access to transit, and completing the National Capital Trail Network; and

WHEREAS, the Locust Street Trail Improvement project in Vienna in FY 2024 received a total of \$1,322,079 in funding from the TPB's TA Set-Aside suballocations; and

WHEREAS, the Locust Street Trail Improvement project requires \$385,859 in additional federal TA Set-Aside funding to complete design and construction; and

WHEREAS, the TPB has a significant surplus in its TA Set-Aside balance of funds for projects in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, on July 12, 2019, the TPB approved Resolution SR1-2020 which established a policy for off-cycle fund transfers of TA Set-Aside funding to projects previously approved by the TPB, and the transfer requested by VDOT is consistent with that policy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Steering Committee of the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board approves the transfer of \$385,859 in federal TA Set-Aside funds to the Locust Street Trail Improvement project, as described in the attached material.



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Stephen C. Brich, P.E.
Commissioner

1401 East Broad Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219

August 29, 2024

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

RE: Request to transfer Transportation Alternatives (TA) funding from Balance Entry account to approved project.

Dear Chairman Henderson:

There is \$1,228,320 of previous federal TA set aside funding available from previously cancelled or surplus of NOVA TPB project funding in the TA Statewide NOVA TPB Balance Entry Account (70466). This request is for Transportation Planning Board concurrence for the following "Out of Cycle" transfer:

- UPC 125420 LOCUST STREET TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS (Town of Vienna) – TA Set Aside project with original MPO allocation of \$1,322,079. Request to transfer from TA Statewide NOVA TPB Balance Entry (UPC 70466) **\$385,859** of TA Set Aside funds to the LOCUST STREET TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS (UPC 125420) to cover the full estimated request of the TA application that was partially funded in FY2024. The funding is needed to complete design and construction. The Town of Vienna is committed to the \$96,465 of TA funds match requirement.

The funding transfer request above has been coordinated with the Local Assistance TA Program Coordinator.

VDOT requests approval of this transfer at the next Steering Committee meeting. VDOT's representatives will be available to answer questions. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Cuttler".

Bill Cuttler, P.E.
Northern Virginia District Engineer

Cc: John Swanson, National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board
Carol Bondurant, VDOT Programming Manager
Maria Sinner, P.E., VDOT PIM



MEMORANDUM

TO: TPB Steering Committee
FROM: John Swanson, Principal Transportation Planner
SUBJECT: Request for transfer of Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (TAP) funding for a project in Virginia
DATE: August 30, 2024

The TPB Steering Committee on September 6, 2024 will be asked to approve a transfer of Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (TAP) funds, which has been requested by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT).

The transfer will use funding from a surplus in the TPB's TAP sub-allocation for Virginia. The transferred funds will be added to a project titled "Locust Street Trail Improvements" in the town of Vienna. The TPB provided partial TAP funding to this project, in the amount of \$1,322,079, as part of a package of FY 2024 TAP projects approved on March 20, 2024.

At the time of that action, the TPB's selection panel for TAP recommended only partial funding for the Locust Street project because funding was insufficient in the TPB's suballocation. In making that recommendation, however, the panel recommended that VDOT should provide full funding for the project should additional funding become available. VDOT has now indicated that the TPB's balance in its TAP suballocation is sufficient to provide full funding to the project.

Taking into account the previously approved \$1,322,079 in TAP funding for the project, VDOT is now requesting an additional \$385,859 in transferred TAP funding to the Locust Street Trail Improvements project.

TPB staff have confirmed that this request is allowable under the TAP transfer policy approved by the Steering Committee in July of 2019. That policy, among other potential actions, permits the Steering Committee to transfer funds to previously awarded projects from unspent TAP sub-allocations that were not fully awarded to projects.

For more information about this request, please contact Carol Bondurant at VDOT (Carol.Bondurant@VDOT.Virginia.gov) or John Swanson at COG/TPB (jswanson@mwkog.org).