



FY 2025-2026 VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES SET-ASIDE PROGRAM

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Overview

- TAP Background
- TPB TAP Selection Process
- Virginia: Schedule + Project Recommendations

TA Set Aside Background

- **PURPOSE:** A federal formula program that provides funding to projects considered “alternatives” to traditional highway construction
- **FEDERAL AUTHORIZATION**
 - MAP-21 (2012) – Established as the “Transportation Alternatives Program”
 - FAST Act (2015) - Renamed “Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside”
 - IIJA (2021) – Increased funding
- **TPB ROLE:** Large MPOs are sub-allocated funds and given the responsibility for selecting projects for those funds

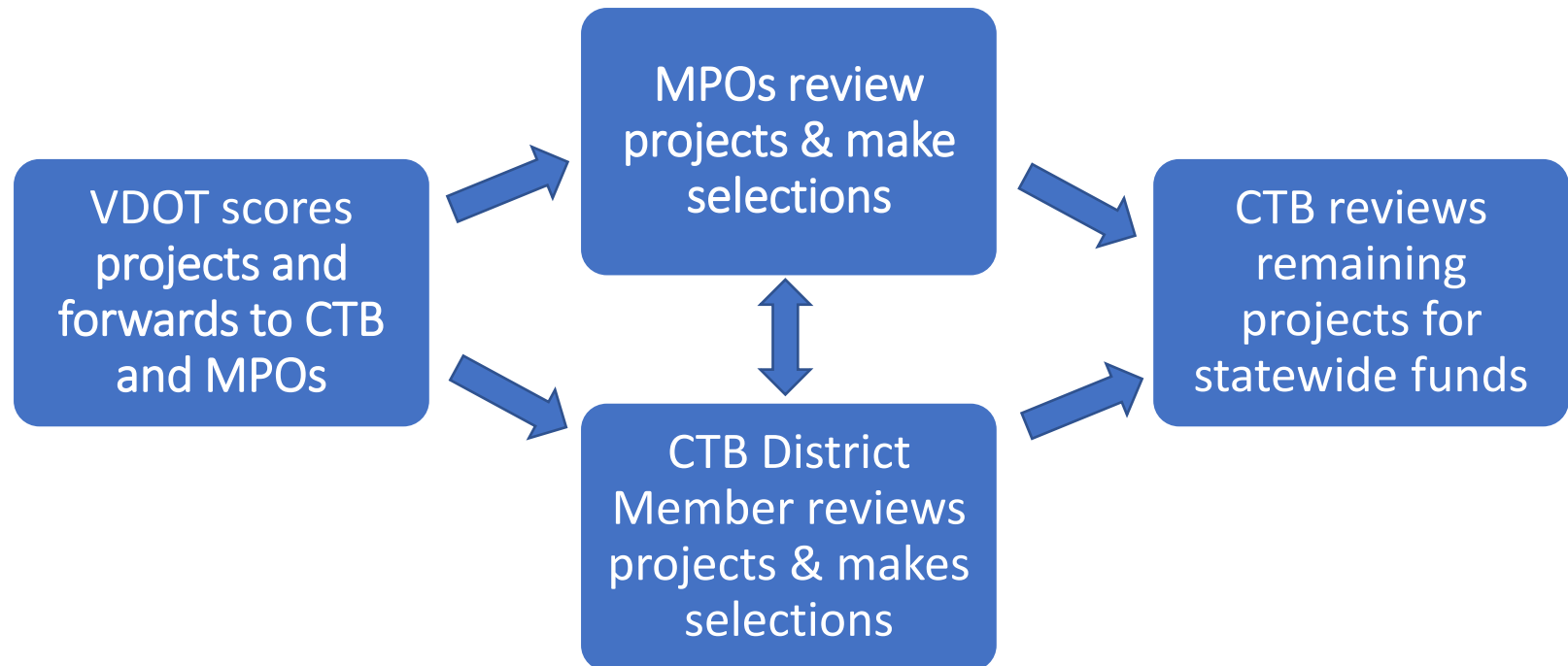


Virginia: FY 2025-26 Schedule

- June 30, 2023 Pre-application deadline
- October 3 Application deadline
- Nov-Jan VDOT reviewed and scored applications scores
- Jan-Feb 2024 TPB Selection Panel reviewed and scored applications
- Jan-Feb TPB staff coordinated with CTB Member Mary Hynes
- March 1 Panel recommendations announced
- March 20 TPB action

Virginia Project Selection

- VDOT's Local Assistance Division oversees project solicitation & admin
- FY 2025-2026 project solicitation: May 2023 – October 2023
- Funds are split into three pots: CTB Districts, Large MPOs, & CTB statewide



TPB Selection Process

- Selection Panel included staff from DDOT, MDOT, and the TPB. Staff from VDOT served as a technical resource
- Panel members individually scored projects



- The selection panel used the average scores as a basis for discussion. However, the final recommendations were based on consensus.

Regional Policies Criteria

- Expanding Multimodal Transportation Options for Non-Drivers
- Supporting Regional Activity Centers
- Completing the National Capital Trail Network
- Access to High-Capacity Transit
- Increased Access in Equity Emphasis Areas
- Safe Routes to School
- Increased Access for People with Disabilities

FY 2025-26 Project Recommendations

- 24 applications were received representing a total funding request of \$38,866,422.
- Total funding for TPB and CTB District Member is \$23,600,000
 - TPB suballocation: \$19,500,00
 - CTB Member Mary Hynes' suballocation: \$4,100,000
- TPB Selection panel and Ms. Hynes are jointly recommending funding 15 projects for a total of \$22,277,921.
- We are still determining recommendations for the use of the remaining surplus.



Project Recommendations

Applicant	Title	Funding Recommendation
Alexandria	Safe Routes to School Curb Extensions	\$1,870,935
Fairfax Co	Shrevewood ES SRTS	\$1,140,000
Fairfax Co	FCPS Non-Infrastructure SRTS Program	\$276,000
Manassas Park	Manassas Drive Sidewalk Improvements	\$1,378,251
Prince William Co	Graham Park Road Sidewalk	\$2,500,000
Fairfax City	Fern Street Neighborhood Connection	\$285,119
Fairfax City	Chain Bridge Road Shared Use Path	\$2,098,314
Fairfax Co	Lake Braddock SRTS	\$356,425
Purcellville	G Street Sidewalk Improvements	\$1,485,487
Fairfax Co	Bush Hill ES SRTS	\$700,000
Herndon	Central Elden Walkability Improvements	\$2,500,000
Prince William Co	Colchester Road Sidewalk	\$2,500,000
Lovettsville Town	N Berlin Pike Shared Use Path	\$2,500,000
Prince William Co	Lions Field Road Sidewalk	\$2,500,000
Lovettsville	East Broad Way Sidewalk	\$187,390
		\$22,277,921



A few examples...



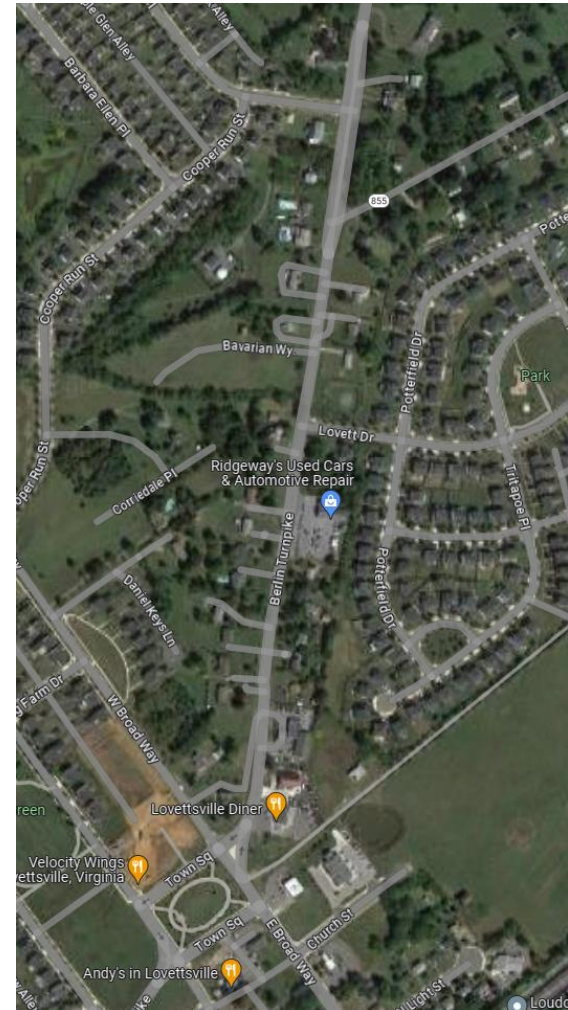
Graham Park Road Sidewalk

- \$2,500,000 – Prince William County
- Constructs a 1,624-foot sidewalk gap including crosswalks and ADA curb ramps along the front of Graham Park Middle School
- Serves students walking to and from school and residents of garden apartments across the street in an Equity Emphasis Area
- Supports and implements the sidewalk portion of the Graham Park Road Diet, an RRSP study funded by the TPB in 2021



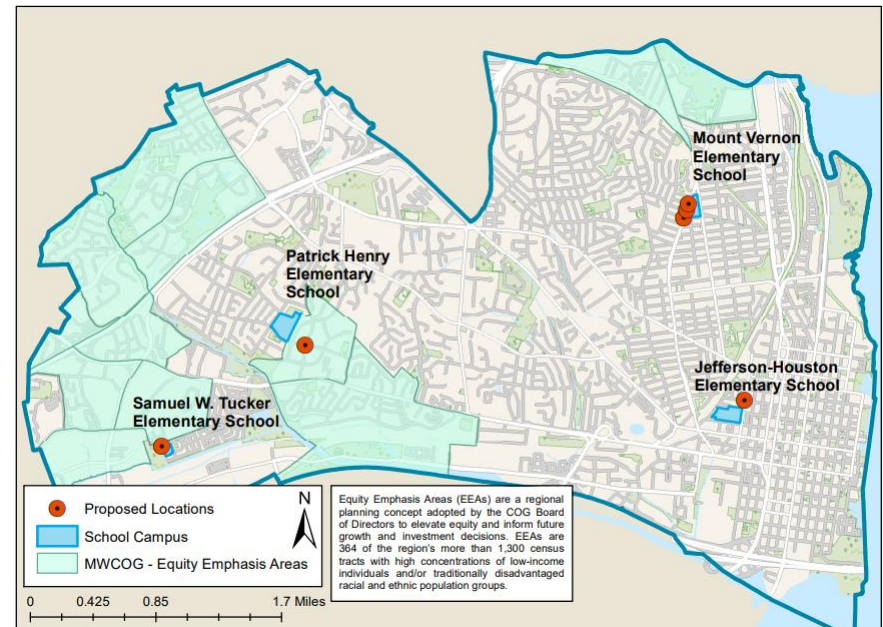
N Berlin Pike Shared Use Path

- \$2,500,000 – Town of Lovettsville
- Constructs an ADA compliant 10-foot wide shared use path with an 8-foot grass buffer, improving pedestrian and bicyclist safety and comfort where no facilities currently exist
- Continues building out the National Capital Trail Network as a planned trail in that system
- Provides active transportation facilities between housing developments and Lovettsville Town Square



Safe Routes to School Curb Extensions

- \$1,870,935 – City of Alexandria
- Safety and visibility improvement project for six intersections near four schools across Alexandria
- Includes new curb extensions (“bulbouts”), crosswalks, median refuges, and ADA curb ramps, which collectively shorten crossing distances and slow turning vehicles
- Schools are in/near 3 different Regional Activity Centers and within ~1/2 mile of 3 different High Capacity Transit Stations
- Builds upon 2017 SRTS Walk Audits



Manassas Dr Sidewalk Improvements

- \$1,378,251 – City of Manassas Park
- Significantly improves pedestrian connectivity between Park Central (recent mixed-use development) and Manassas Park VRE Station
- Builds a crucial sidewalk link across the railroad tracks, connecting higher-density communities on either side
- Provides a new ADA accessible connection to the train station
- Implements recommendations from the FY2023 TLC Active Transportation Plan for Manassas Park



Next Steps

- Finalize recommendations
- Seek TPB approval on March 21, 2024



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