



TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM FOR THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

Transportation Alternatives Program FY 2016 Proposed Projects for Funding in Northern Virginia

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Transportation Alternatives Program

- A formula program under MAP-21
- Provides funding to projects considered “alternatives” to traditional highway construction
- Combines three former programs:
 - Transportation Enhancements (TE)
 - Safe Routes to School (SRTS)
 - Recreational Trails (RTP)
- Large MPOs play a role in project selection for funds that are sub-allocated to large metropolitan regions.



Opportunities for Our Region

Fund regional priorities and goals

- Promote transportation choices and options
- Promote regional activity centers

Complement regional planning activities

- Transportation/Land-Use Connections (TLC) Program
- Regional Transportation Priorities Plan
- Inventory of ped/bike improvements at under-utilized rail station areas



Regional Selection Criteria

Projects should strive to meet as many criteria as possible:

- Transportation options
- Regional Activity Centers
- Access to transit
- Safe routes to schools
- Disadvantaged communities
- People with disabilities
- Local commitment



Northern Virginia Solicitation & Funding

- VDOT's FY 2016 solicitation
 - August 1 to November 1, 2014
- Three part selection:
 - Northern Virginia District CTB Member allocation (from statewide funding: \$1 million
 - MPO sub-allocation for Northern Virginia: \$2,546,740
 - Remaining statewide funding will be allocated by CTB
- Northern Virginia:
 - 17 applications received
 - A total funding request of \$5,416,359



Projects Recommended for Sub-Allocated funds

- Arlington County
 - \$220,000 - McKinley Road/N Ohio St SRTS Bicycle-Pedestrian Improvements
 - \$200,000 - Rosslyn-Ballston Corridor Accessibility Improvements
- Fairfax County
 - \$146,000 - Town of Vienna: Louise Archer Elementary School Missing Sidewalks
 - \$280,000 - Westbriar Elementary School Access - Old Courthouse Road Sidewalk
 - \$150,000 - Cinderbed Road Bikeway
 - \$280,000 – Town of Herndon: Van Buren Street Multi-modal Improvements Project
- Loudoun County
 - \$144,580 – Safe Routes to Schools, various locations
- Prince William
 - \$560,000 - Smoketown Rd/Gideon Road & Opitz Blvd/Potomac Mills Rd Pedestrian Improvements
 - \$566,160 - Old Bridge Road Sidewalk Project



Next Steps: Regional TA Program

The TPB will conduct future solicitations in partnership with each state:

- Maryland: Applications are due May 15
- District: DDOT and TPB staff will solicit projects jointly this summer
- Virginia: Expect to conduct the FY 2017 solicitation this fall



TPB Action Requested

The TPB is being asked to adopt Resolution R20-2015 to approve projects for funding under the MAP-21 Transportation Alternatives Program for FY 2016 in Northern Virginia

