

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

RESOLUTION ON AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) THAT IS EXEMPT FROM THE AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY
REQUIREMENT TO INCLUDE FUNDING FOR THE RIDES TO HEALTH PROJECT IN
MONTGOMERY COUNTY

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, Pursuant Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Circular 9030.1E Section V, Paragraph 1: "All transit projects for which federal funds are expected to be used and that are within metropolitan planning boundaries must be included in a metropolitan transportation plan and TIP developed and approved by the MPO and the governor of a state, and must be included in a statewide transportation improvement plan (STIP) that has been approved by FTA and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Projects listed in the TIP must be consistent with the MPO metropolitan transportation plan and projects listed in the STIP must be consistent with the long-range statewide transportation plan"; and

WHEREAS, on November 1, 2019, the FTA announced through a Notice of Funding Availability competitive Innovative Coordinated Access and Mobility (ICAM) pilot program grants (CFDA 20.513). The ICAM grants are intended to support capital projects that address the challenges the transportation disadvantaged face when accessing healthcare and other essential community services. Eligible recipients of federal ICAM funds include States, tribes, designated or direct recipients under 49 U.S.C. 5307, 5310, or 5311; and

WHEREAS, on January 6, 2020, COG submitted an ICAM application to be considered by FTA. The proposed project, *Rides to Health*, was developed in partnership with ITCurves, based in Montgomery County, Maryland. The *Rides to Health* project will develop a technology platform that integrates and synchronizes transportation services to/from dialysis centers, including making reservations, scheduling trips, and monitoring on-time arrivals; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020 the TPB adopted the FY 2021-2024 TIP; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, FTA advised COG that projects funded by ICAM are required to be included in the TIP before activity can begin; and

WHEREAS, on June 5, 2020, the FTA announced that COG's *Rides to Health* project was selected for funding at the fully requested federal amount of \$151,200. The total project budget is \$189,000, which includes \$37,800 (20% of project total) local matching funds, to be paid using revenue funds from ITCurves; and

WHEREAS, on July 8, 2020, the COG Board of Directors adopted the attached Resolution R23-2020 – a resolution authorizing COG to receive and expend grant funds from the FTA for its ICAM grant; and

WHEREAS the TPB's portion of the FY 2021-2024 TIP is proposed to be amended to include \$151,200 in federal ICAM funds and \$37,800 in matching funds in FY 2021 for the **Rides to Health project (TIP ID 6729)**, as described in the attached table and memorandum to the TPB;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD amends the FY 2021-2024 TIP to include \$151,200 in federal ICAM funds and \$37,800 in matching funds for the **Rides to Health project (TIP ID 6729)**, as described in the attached materials.



MEMORANDUM

TO: National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board
FROM: Nicholas Ramfos, Director, Transportation Operations Programs
SUBJECT: Federal Transit Administration's Innovative Coordinated Access and Mobility (ICAM - Mobility for All) Pilot Program Grant Award
DATE: July 22, 2020

On November 1, 2019, The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announced the opportunity to apply for approximately \$3.5 million in Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 funds nationally under the Innovative Coordinated Access and Mobility (ICAM - Mobility for All) pilot program; (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number: 20.513).

This funding opportunity seeks to improve mobility options through employing innovative coordination of transportation strategies and building partnerships to enhance mobility and access to vital community services for older adults, individuals with disabilities, and people of low income.

COG/TPB staff submitted a \$189,000 grant application on January 6, 2020 titled "Rides to Health." The Rides to Health pilot project proposal outlined the development of a technology platform which will integrate and synchronize transportation services to/from dialysis centers for underserved populations. The need to identify and provide greater mobility flexibility and access to dialysis centers has been documented in the Coordinated Human Service Transportation Plan for the National Capital Region.

On June 5, 2020, COG/TPB staff was notified that it had been one of 17 projects nationally that had been awarded a ICAM - Mobility for All Pilot program grant for the full grant dollar application amount; \$151,200 (80%) of the grant award will be federal, and the remaining \$37,800 (20%) will be a local match provided by IT Curves, a private entity and grant subrecipient tasked with the development and deployment of the technology service platform. COG's responsibilities will be to develop and submit an application in TrAMS, FTA's grants management system, manage and implement the grant, file Quarterly Milestone Progress Reports and Federal Financial Reports, review and approve invoices, and make drawdowns and reimburse the subrecipient for the 18-month period of the award.

NEXT STEPS

The COG Board was asked to approve the receipt and expenditure of the grant funds at its July 8, 2020 Board meeting. The TPB will be asked to approve the designation of TPB, with COG as its administrative agent, as the Designated Recipient of the Innovative Coordinated Access and Mobility (ICAM - Mobility for All) Pilot Program Grant Award at its September 16, 2020 meeting.

COG/TPB staff will complete an application in TrAMS to receive the funds from FTA and contract with the subrecipient (IT Curves) to manage the award.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS
July 2020

RESOLUTION R23-2020 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COG TO RECEIVE AND EXPEND GRANT FUNDS FROM THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION FOR ITS INNOVATIVE COORDINATED ACCESS AND MOBILITY PILOT PROGRAM

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution 23-2020 authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to receive and expend COG funds from the Federal Transit Administration’s Innovative Coordinated Access and Mobility Pilot Program (ICAM Pilot Program; Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number: 20.513) in the amount of \$151,200 Federal funds. The pilot project, titled Rides to Wellness, will be contracted to IT Curves of Montgomery County, Maryland, who will provide matching funds. No COG matching funds are required for this grant.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R23-2020.

RESOLUTION R24-2020 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COG TO PROCURE AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO COMPLETE A REGIONAL ANALYSIS OF THE IMPEDIMENTS TO FAIR HOUSING CHOICE.

The board will be asked to adopt Resolution 24-2020 authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to expend COG funds from the Department of Community Planning and Services in the amount of up to \$500,000. The resolution also authorizes the Executive Director, or his designee, to proceed with procurement for a contractor, or contractors, and enter into a contract to complete a Regional Analysis of the Impediments to Fair Housing Choice. No COG matching funds are required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R24-2020.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing resolutions were adopted by the COG Board of Directors July 8, 2020

Janele Partman
COG Communications Specialist

FY 2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Amendment request for TPB Steering Committee consideration on 9/4/2020

All amounts shown in \$1,000s

Agency: National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board

Title: Rides to Health

TIP ID:	6729	Description:	Projected Completion:	2022
Agency ID:		Develop a technology platform that integrates and synchronizes transportation services to/from dialysis centers, including making reservations, scheduling trips, and monitoring on-time arrivals.		
Facility:				
From:				
To:				

Total Project Cost: \$189

SOURCE CODE	Federal/State/Local.	Total Funds Prior to FY 2020	Prev. Annual Element FY 2020	ANNUAL ELEMENT				TOTAL BY SOURCE FY 21-24	4-YEAR PROGRAM TOTAL
				FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024		
ICAM	100/0/0			151	e			151	189
Local	0/0/100			38	e			38	

Amendment or Modification Description and Approval Date

Amendment: Amendment: 21-07: Amend New Project to TIP	Requested on: 9/4/2020
Amend project into the FY 2021-2024 TIP with \$151,200 in federal ICAM funding and \$37,800 in matching funds in FY 2021.	