



TRANSPORTATION/LAND USE CONNECTIONS

FY 2022 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

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Agenda Item #8

Background on the TLC Program

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- Promotes TPB policy objectives:
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New Specificity this Year

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 - Access to transit → **Transit Access Focus Areas**
 - Key regional trails → **National Capital Trail Network**



Program Components

- Planning and design projects
- Small (\$30,000-\$80,000)
- Short-term (8-9 months)
- Cover a range of issues, including ped/bike planning, corridor and small area planning, and development of analytical tools



Funding for Technical Assistance in FY22

- Total funding for FY 2022: \$600,000
 - *Core Regional Funds*: \$260,000 – All projects are eligible
 - *Maryland Technical Assistance*: \$260,000 – Maryland projects are eligible
 - *Virginia Technical Assistance*: \$80,000 – Virginia projects are eligible



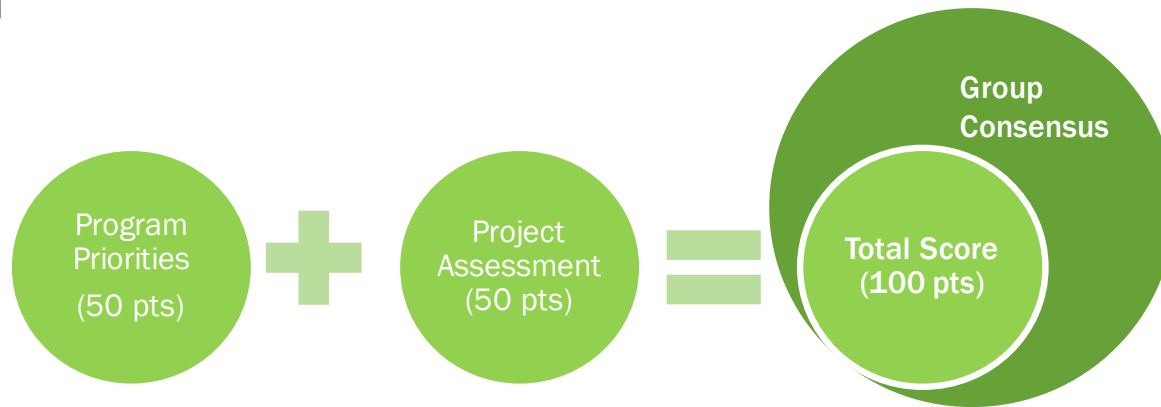
Solicitation

- Application solicitation period: January 8–March 8, 2021
 - Optional Abstracts were due January 26
- 27 applications were received
 - 3 applications from the District of Columbia, 14 from Maryland, and 10 from Virginia
 - Total of \$1,645,000 in requested funding



Selection

- Panel
 - External experts (Institute of Transportation Engineers, Urban Land Institute, Transportation Research Board) and COG/TPB staff
- Evaluation



- Panel seeks to fund a variety of types of projects, provide regional value, and reflect geographic balance among projects
- Final recommendations based on consensus

Recommended Projects

- Total funding: \$600,000
- 11 applications recommended
 - 11 projects – in/near Activity Centers
 - 10 projects – in/near Equity Emphasis Areas
 - 11 projects – in/near high-capacity transit stations
 - 8 projects – in/near Transit Access Focus Areas (TAFAs)
 - 9 projects – support National Capital Trail Network (NCTN)
 - 3 projects – directly part of the NCTN
 - 6 projects – support connections to the NCTN.



Draft Funding Recommendations

Jurisdiction Name	Project	Panel Recommendation
College Park	Discovery District Multi-Use Trail Transit Access Plan	\$60,000
District of Columbia	Congress Heights Pedestrian Access Study	\$60,000
District of Columbia	Assessment of Microtransit	\$30,000
Fairfax County	Active Transportation Plan near Huntington Metrorail	\$55,000
Falls Church	East End Transportation Study	\$60,000
The City of Frederick	East Street Redesign	\$60,000
Greenbelt	Greenbelt Road Corridor Plan	\$55,000
Kensington (Mont. Co)	Connecticut Avenue Corridor Planning	\$55,000
Montgomery County	Cool-Street Design Guidelines and Standards	\$50,000
Prince George's County	Anacostia Gateway Connector	\$60,000
Prince William County	Innovation Park Shuttle Service Feasibility Study	\$55,000

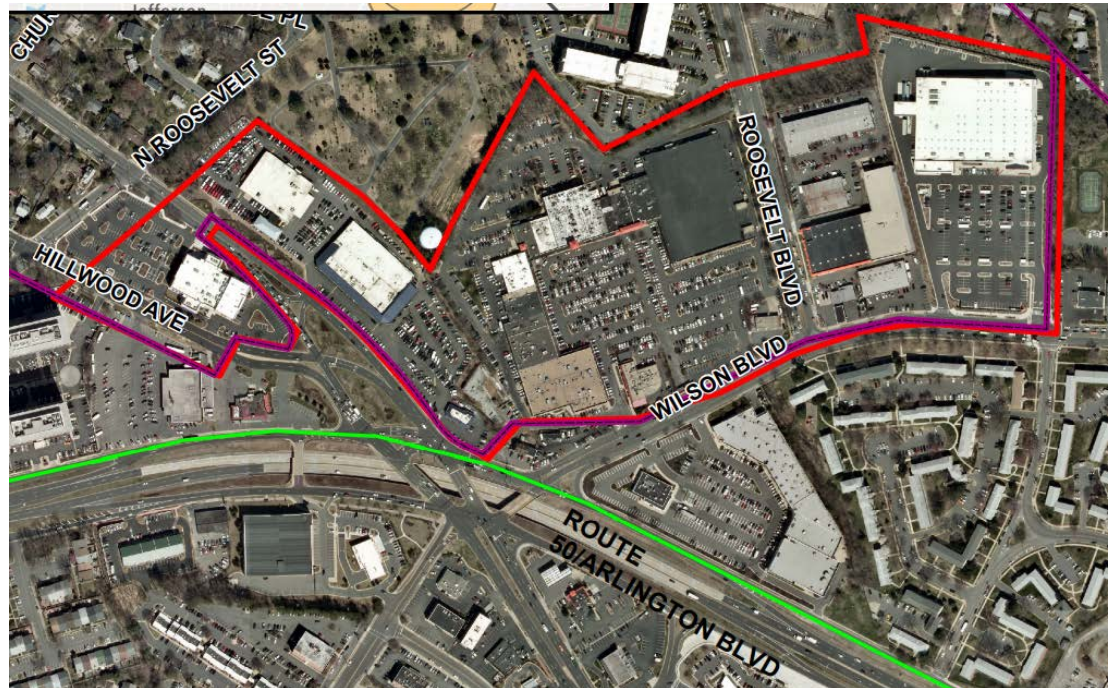


Details from a few examples...



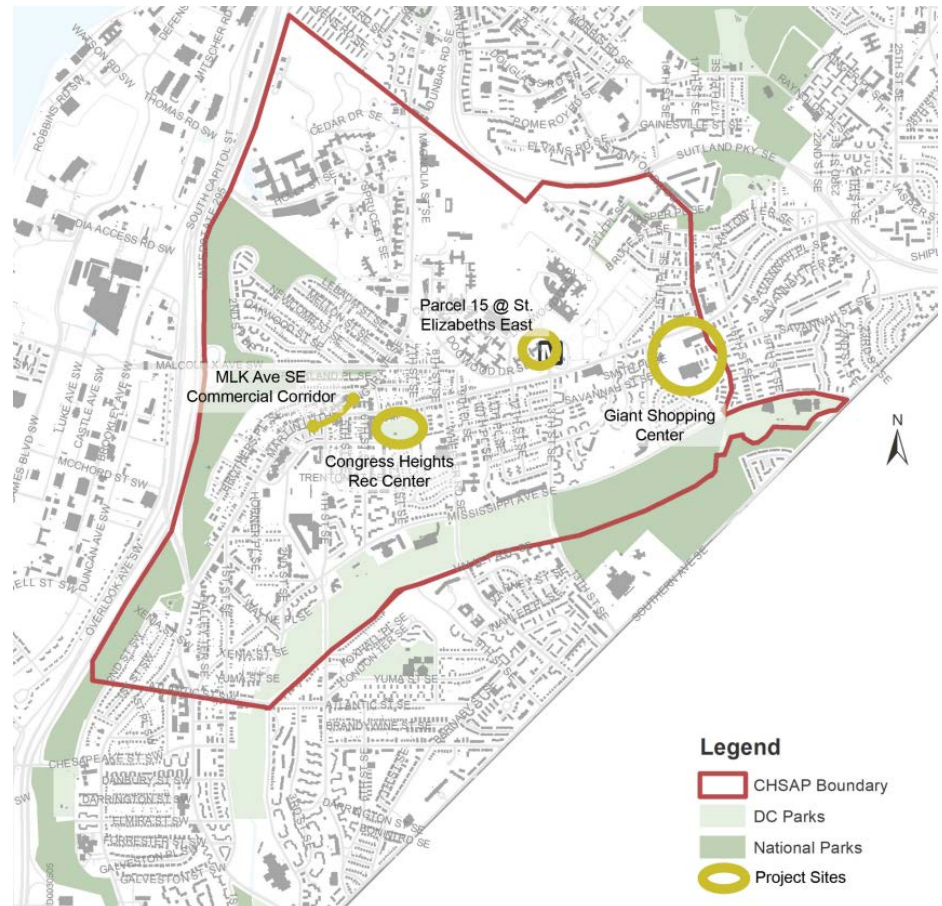
Falls Church: East End Transportation Study

- Approximately 40 acres of commercial properties. Part of Eastern Gateway/Seven Corners
- A “crossroads” -- transportation connections; cultural and commercial; multi-jurisdictional
- Make recommendations for connectivity and accessibility



DC: Congress Heights Pedestrian Access Study

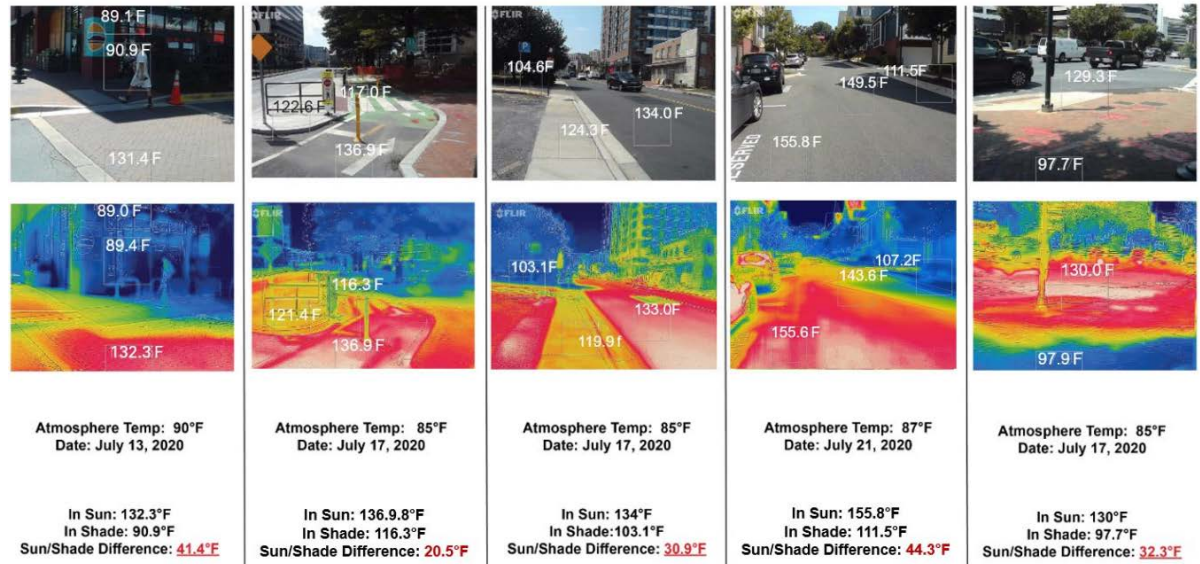
- Focus on pedestrian access to four community-serving sites
- Identify needs for safer pedestrian crossings, more accessible bus stops, enhanced access to green spaces and community services.
- Coordinated with previous and ongoing planning work, including St. Elizabeth's redevelopment



Montgomery County: Cool-Street Design Guidelines & Standards

- Identify ways to mitigate the effects of climate change on the escalating temperatures of the urban streetscape
- Create a more livable, usable, and tolerable streetscape even in the hottest of seasons.
- Build on the Silver Spring Downtown & Adjacent Communities Plan

Commercial Zone: Infrared Surface Temperature Readings



Next Steps

- Seek TPB approval of project recommendations at meeting on April 21
- Begin consultant selection process in May



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