



**TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM
FOR THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION**

**Implementing the
Transportation Alternatives Program
for the National Capital Region**

Safe Routes to School Regional Meeting
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Basic Facts: The Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program

- A new 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)
- Largely maintains eligibility from the earlier programs
- Large MPOs will play new role in project selection for those program funds that are suballocated to large metropolitan regions.



Transportation Planning Board

The TPB is a Federally Designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The TPB is responsible for coordinating planning and funding for the region's transportation system. Members include:

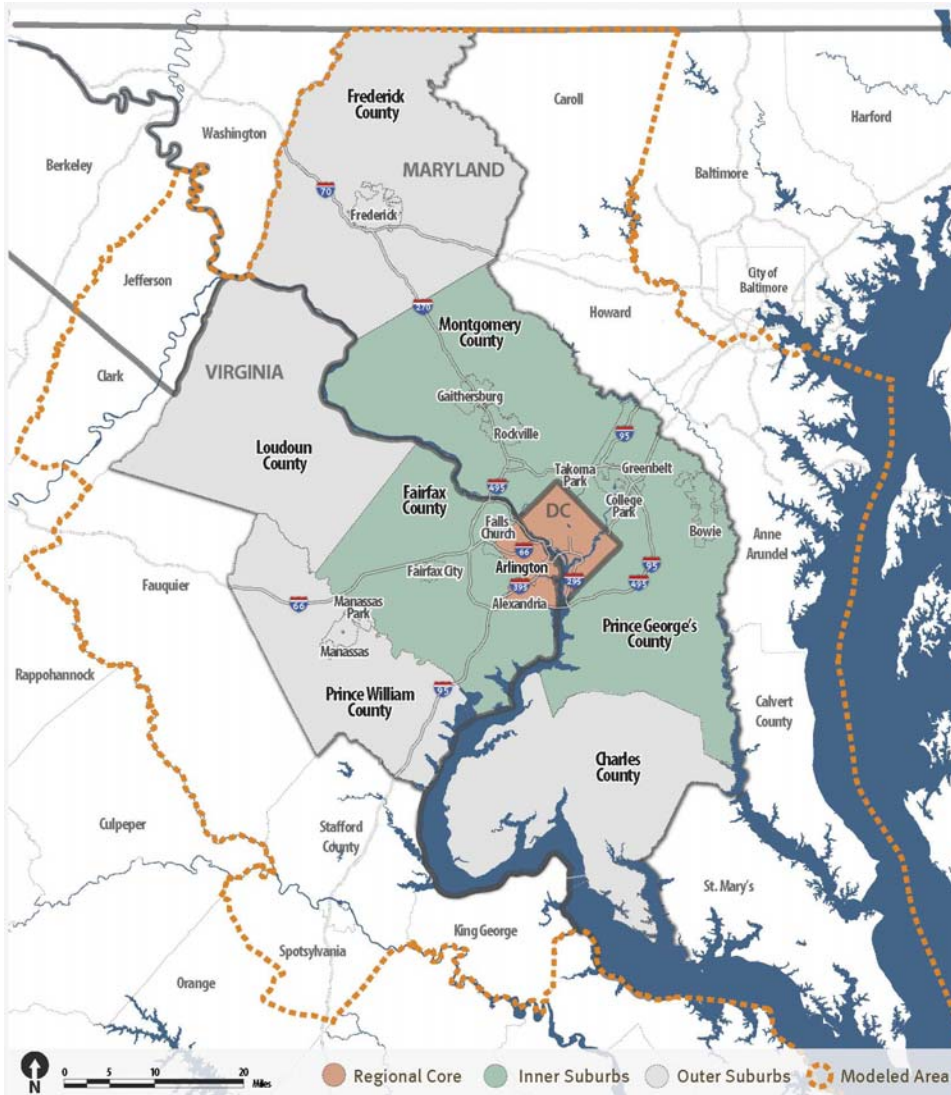
- Representatives of local governments
- State Transportation Agencies
- VA, MD, and DC state legislatures
- Washington Metropolitan Area Transportation Authority (Metro)

Key roles of an MPO:

- Federally required planning process
- Forum for regional coordination
- Technical resources for decision-making



Transportation Planning Board



District of Columbia
Suburban Maryland
Northern Virginia

3,000 square miles

3.2 million jobs

5.2 million people

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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
- Region Forward



Regional Application

Regional TA Program application categories:

- Accessibility for all users
 - Broaden regional mobility choices
 - Create safer transportation facilities
- Accessibility to Transit and Employment
 - Proximity to Regional Activity Centers and Metrorail
- Safe Routes to School
- Project Coordination
 - Origination in local planning efforts
 - Public Involvement



Application Process: Maryland

The TPB is participating in a joint solicitation with the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) for FY 2013 and FY 2014 TA Program funding.

- All application materials may be found on the MDOT/SHA website, including the regional application.
- Regional TAP Application Manual
- Application materials must be submitted directly to MDOT.



Application Process: District of Columbia

The TPB is soliciting applications for FY 2013 and FY 2014 regional funding.

- Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact TPB staff to clarify questions regarding eligibility.
- The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) may conduct a separate process to select TA Program projects using statewide funds.
- Applicants must complete two application pieces:
 - Regional TA Program Application
 - Regional TA Program Project Information Application for the District of Columbia



Application Process: Virginia

The TPB is soliciting applications for FY 2014 regional funding for new projects.

- Applicants must complete two application pieces:
 - Regional TA Program Application
 - Regional TA Program Project Information Application for Northern Virginia
- The TPB will consider applications for existing projects submitted as part of VDOT's FY 2014 TA Program solicitation. These applicants must submit a Regional TA Program Application.



Regional Selection Criteria

Projects should strive to meet as many criteria as possible:

- Support a broad range of transportation choices within the region that maximize mobility and transportation options for non-drivers
- Improve access within and between Regional Activity Centers
- Collaboration and public involvement
- ADA accessibility and disadvantaged communities
- Safe Routes to School
- Environmental mitigation, historic preservation, and other eligible activities
- Match funding; innovation



Regional Funding Suballocations

District of Columbia

- FY 2013 and FY 2014: **\$2.3 million**

Maryland

- FY 2013 and FY 2014: **\$3.28 million**

Virginia

- FY 2014: **\$2.44 million**

The TPB does not intend to use its TA Program suballocated funding for planning.

- Planning assistance is available regionally through the TLC Program.



District of Columbia Projects

Contact Agency	Project	Federal Funding Request	Federal Funding Recommended
District Department of the Environment	Green Alleys	\$950,000	\$950,000
District Department of the Environment	Hazard Tree Removal	\$416,000	\$416,000
District Department of the Environment	Permeable Sidewalks	\$400,000	\$400,000
District Department of the Environment	Planting Space Creation and Expansion	\$328,048	\$327,928
National Park Service	Multi-Use Trail Improvements: 14th Street Bridge to East Basin Drive	\$206,072	\$206,072
District of Columbia Funding Requested		\$2,300,120	
District of Columbia Funding Available (FY 2013 & FY 2014)		\$2,300,000	
District of Columbia Funding Recommendation			\$2,300,000
Funding Carryover to FY 2015			\$0



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Maryland Projects

Applicant Jurisdiction	Project	Federal Funding Request	Federal Funding Recommended	Notes
City of Takoma Park	Ethan Allen Gateway Streetscape	\$1,422,323	\$1,255,123	Recommend partial funding due to duplication of recent SHA construction
City of Takoma Park	Flower Avenue Green Street Project	\$1,040,330	\$1,040,330	
Maryland Funding Requested		\$2,462,653		
Maryland Funding Available (FY 2013 & FY 2014)		\$3,275,000		
Maryland Funding Recommendation		\$2,295,453		
Funding Available for second FY 2014 Solicitation with Maryland SHA		\$979,548		



Virginia Projects

Applicant Jurisdiction	Project	Federal Funding Request	Federal Funding Recommended	Notes
Arlington County	Rosslyn-Ballston Corridor Accessibility Improvements	\$180,000	\$180,000	This project will implement a TLC study
National Park Service	Improvements to the Mount Vernon Trail at Theodore Roosevelt Island Trailhead (Arlington County)	\$400,000	\$400,000	
City of Fairfax	Fairfax Mason to Metro Bicycle Route	\$40,000	\$40,000	
Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority	Pickett Road Trail Underpass (City of Fairfax)	\$149,840	\$149,840	
Fairfax County	Reston Bike Share Infrastructure Support	\$400,000	\$400,000	This project will implement a TLC study
Prince William County	Powells Creek Pedestrian Footbridge and Sidewalk Connection on Jefferson Davis Highway (Route 1)	\$568,000	\$568,000	

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Virginia Projects

Applicant Jurisdiction	Project	Federal Funding Request	Federal Funding Recommended	Notes
Fairfax County	Cross County Trail: Lorton	\$400,000	\$280,653	The CTB partially funded this project
Town of Haymarket	Town of Haymarket Route 55 Washington Street Enhancement Project	\$315,792	\$30,792	The CTB partially funded this project
Town of Purcellville	Purcellville Downtown Streetscapes Enhancement	\$68,000	\$0	The CTB fully funded this project
Northern Virginia Funding Requested		\$2,521,632		
Northern Virginia Funding Available (FY 2014)		\$2,437,363		
Northern Virginia Funding Recommendation		\$2,049,285		
Funding Carryover to FY 2015		\$388,078		

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Regional TA Program: Lessons Learned

The TPB worked closely with the DOTs, yet tried to develop a distinct regional program.

- It is most productive to work within existing structures rather than reinvent the wheel.
- To ensure broad participation, we need to engage a wide spectrum of stakeholders prior to and during each solicitation.
- We will need one more year to determine if the regional selection criteria is effective.



Next Steps: Regional TA Program

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

- Virginia: FY 2015 solicitation this fall with a tentative deadline of November 1, 2013
- Maryland: Anticipates reissuing the FY 2014 solicitation in March 2014
- District: DDOT and TPB staff will work together to determine a solicitation timeline for FY 2015

