Slide 1: Enhanced Mobility Program Selection Update – Understanding the Selection Process

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Slide 2: Purpose

* Provide an overview of the Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility program
* Review solicitation process
* TPB action in November to approve funding recommendations

Slide 3: Coordinated Plan

* FTA required plan to guide implementation of the Enhanced Mobility program
* Updated every four years
* Developed with input from TPB’s Access for All Advisory Committee
* Updated in 2023

Slide 4: Tackling Unmet Needs

1. Expand availability and coordination of transportation options
2. Increase awareness of existing transportation services
3. Improve accessibility of transportation options
4. Make transportation options more affordable and sustainable

Slide 5: Process and Goal

Coordinated Plan

* Identify Needs
* Provide strategies
* Prioritize projects

Enhanced Mobility Program

* Mechanism for funding projects

2023 Solicitation

* Biannual competitive selection

Each of these plans, programs, and solicitation improve the mobility of older adults and persons with disabilities.

Slide 6: Coordinated Human Service Transportation Plan

The solicitation is governed by the TPB Coordinated Human Service Transportation Plan. Selection Committee makes funding recommendations to the TPB based on seven selection criteria.

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| Selection Criteria | Points | Description |
| Coordination Among Agencies | 25 | Providing service to clients of multiple agencies, coordinated purchasing, joint project planning and operation. |
| Responsiveness to the TPB’s Coordinated Human Service Transportation Plan | 20 | How many Priority Projects from the Coordinated Plan does the project application address, and how well it responds to the strategies. |
| Institutional Capacity to Manage and Administer an FTA grant | 20 | Sufficient management, staff, and resources to implement a FTA grant. Stable and sufficient sources of funds to provide required match. Past grant performance. |
| Project Feasibility | 15 | Project consistent with the objectives of the program, clear implementation plan of the project, defined roles and responsibilities, and milestone/work plan achievable within the 2-year timeframe. |
| Regional Need | 5 | Applications that aim to serve more than one jurisdiction in the Washington DC-MD-VA Urbanized Area |
| Emphasis Areas | 5 | Projects proposing to serve Equity Emphasis Areas in the Washington DC-MD-VA Urbanized Area. |
| Customer Focus and Involvement | 10 | Demonstrate awareness of the needs of a targeted population group and involvement of customers in the development and implementation of the project. Consideration will be made if the applicant agency is already directly serving the targeted population. |

Slide 7: Enhanced Mobility Program Eligibility

* Must benefit populations in the Washington DC-VA-MD Urbanized Area
* Unique TPB role to prioritize and select while COG implements
* Approximately $5 million per year in matching grants
* Matching required
  + 20% for Capital or Mobility Management
  + 50% for Operating

This slide includes a map of the Washington DC-MD-VA Urbanized Area.

Slide 8: 2023 Solicitation

* 3000+ contacts received notice
* 30 applications submitted
* $15.76M requested in federal dollars
* $10.2M in federal funding available
* $1.53 requested for every $1 available
* 102 wheelchair accessible vehicles

This slide includes a bar graph that shows Enhanced Mobility program FTA apportionments over the years. Enhanced Mobility Year 1 included $2,525,002, Enhanced Mobility Year 2 included $5,659,098, Enhanced Mobility Year 3 included $5,959, 728, Enhanced Mobility Year 4 included $6,331,883, Enhanced Mobility Year 5 included $6,901,542, and Enhanced Mobility Year 6 included $10,291,291.

Slide 9: 2023 Selection Committee

COG staff have selected members from each jurisdiction of the Washington Urbanized Area, a Subject Matter National Expert, and a Committee Chair to form the 2023 Selection Committee.

* Committee Chair, Councilmember Christina Henderson
* District of Columbia Representative, Anthony DeLorenzo, DC Department of General Services
* Maryland Representative: Tanya Nichols, Maryland Department of Transportation
* Virginia Representative: Jeff Maffey, Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation
* National Expert: Eileen Schroff, US Aging

Slide 10: Timeline

* Selection Committee sends scores to Mohammad (November 3, 2023)
* Selection Committee finalizes recommendations (November 9, 2023)
* TPB Action Item and Approval (December 17, 2023)
* Successful applicants are given 30 days to complete FTA required paperwork (December 2023 – January 2024)
* Approval by FTA (can take 9 months)
* Subgrant agreements signed (Fall 2024)
* Grantees begin projects (by Spring 2025)
* Earliest possible vehicle delivery (August 2025)
* Next solicitation (Summer 2025)

Slide 11: Thank You

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