

FTA SECTION 5310 ENHANCED MOBILITY PROGRAM

Providing matching grants for projects serving Older Adults and People with Disabilities

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Agenda Item # 5

Purpose

- Provide an overview of the Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility program
- Review solicitation process
- Notice of TPB action and Next Steps

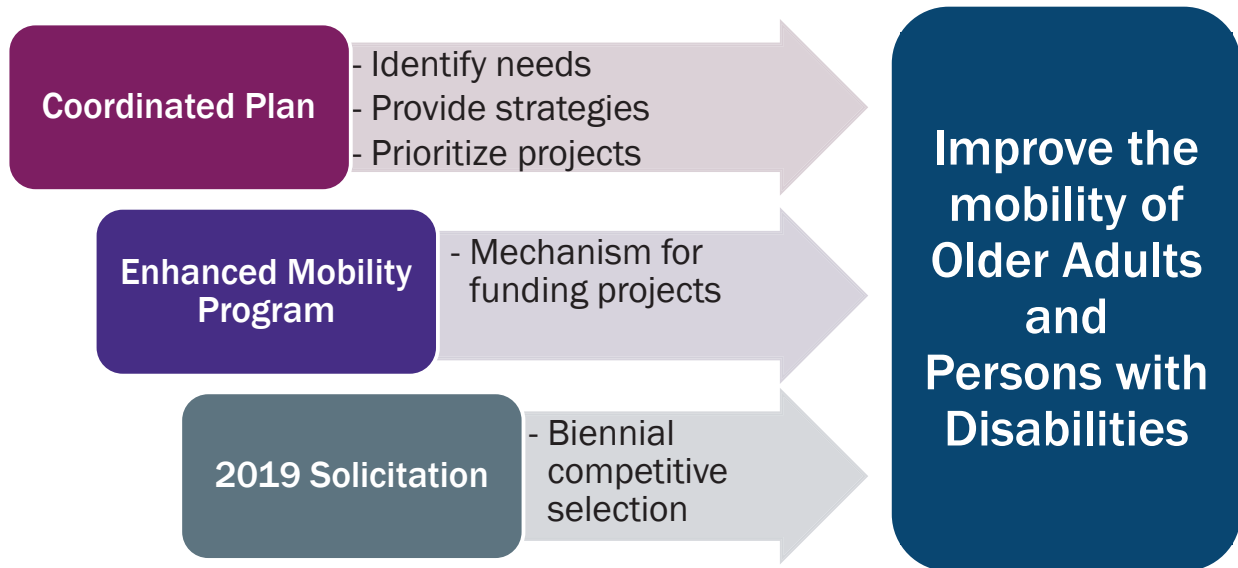


Source: Arc of Greater Prince William



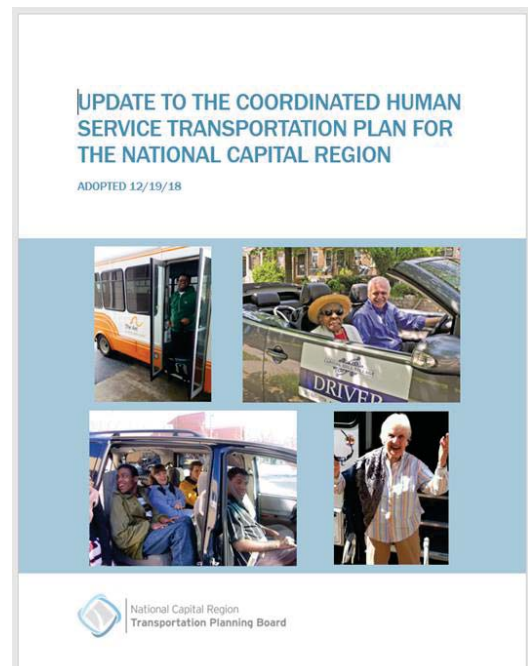
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Process and Goal

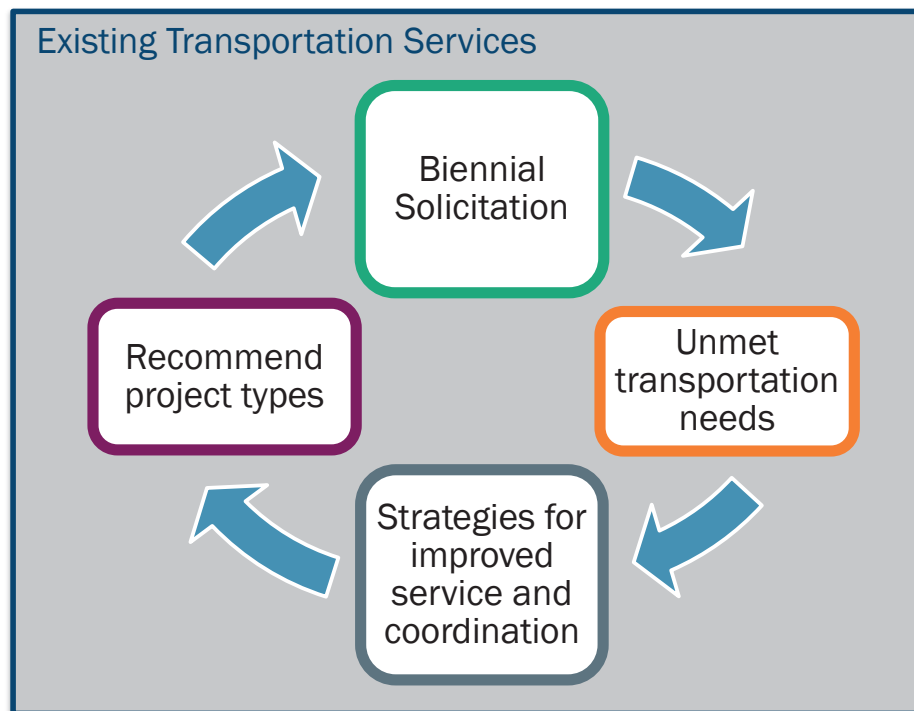


Coordinated Plan

- FTA required plan to guide implementation of the Enhanced Mobility program
- Updated every 4 years
- Guided with input from TPB's Access for All Advisory Committee



Tackling Unmet Need



Tackling Unmet Need - Strategies

- I. Expand availability and coordination of transportation options
- II. Increase awareness of existing transportation services
- III. Improve accessibility of transportation options
- IV. Make transportation options more affordable and sustainable



Source: Jewish Council for the Aging VillageRides

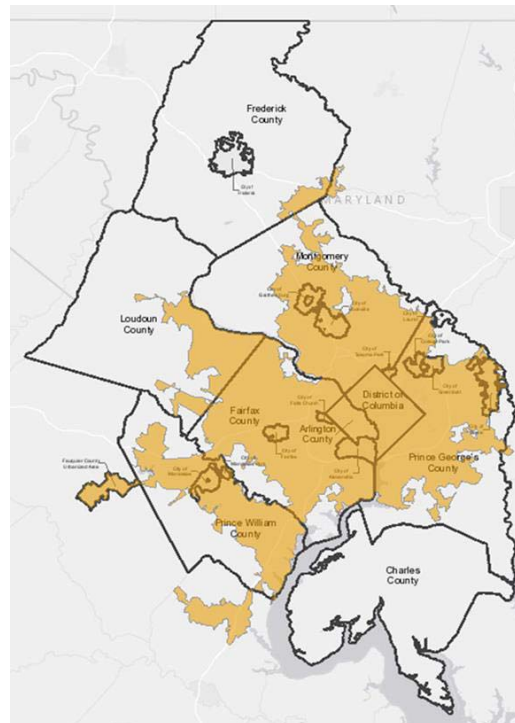


Tackling Unmet Need - Priority Projects

- Mobility Management
- Coordinated Planning Efforts
- Travel Training
- Door-through-door or Escorted Transportation Service
- Increase Access to Transit Stations
- Increase Wheelchair-Accessible Options in Taxi and Ride-Hailing Services
- Volunteer Driver Programs
- Tailored Transportation Service for Clients of Human Service Agencies (Vehicle Acquisition)

Enhanced Mobility Program

- Must benefit populations in the Washington DC-VA-MD Urbanized Area
- Unique TPB role to prioritize and select while COG implements
- Approximately \$2.8 million per year in matching grants
- Matching required
 - 20% for Capital or Mobility Management
 - 50% for Operating



2019 Solicitation

- August 14 through November 4, 2019
- More than \$7 million in federal funding available including reallocated dollars
- Five in-person pre-application conferences and one virtual
- Promoted through *TPBNews* and social media



2019 Solicitation

3,000+ Contacts received notice

29 Applications submitted

\$12.5 M Requested in federal dollars

\$1.70 Requested for every **\$1** available

137 Wheelchair accessible minivans and buses requested

2019 Selection

- Chaired by a member of the TPB
- Selection committee of local and national experts
- Recommend projects based on selection criteria:

Criterion	Maximum Points
Coordination among jurisdictions and agencies	25
Responsiveness to the TPB's Coordinated Plan: Priority Projects (up to 12 points) Strategies (up to 8 points)	20
Institutional capacity to manage and administer an FTA grant	20
Project feasibility	15
Regional need	5
Equity Emphasis Areas	5
Customer focus and input	10



Next Steps

- **December**
 - Complete Selection Committee recommendations
 - TPB notice of action at December 18 meeting
- **January**
 - Tech notice with review of projects received
 - TPB approval and TIP amendment
 - TPB staff notify applicants and begin submission process with FTA
- Next Solicitation: Summer 2021



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