



TRANSPORTATION/LAND USE CONNECTIONS

PROGRAM UPDATE

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Background

- Transportation/Land Use Program began in 2007
- Promotes TPB goals and priorities
- TLC Program
 - Technical Assistance: Regional Funds (\$260,000) and Maryland Technical Assistance (\$160,000)
 - 92 Technical Assistance projects funded for \$3.3 million between 2007-2016
 - Projects cover a range of planning issues, including trail planning, corridor studies, and TOD analysis
 - Transportation Alternatives Program/ (Surface Transportation Block Grant Program Set-Aside): Collaboration with state DOTs
 - Peer Exchange Network



2015 Program Evaluation

- Components
 - Analysis of program data between 2007 – 2015
 - Online survey to past recipients (53% response rate)
 - Interviews with past recipients
 - Case studies
- Overall positive feedback
- Recommendations
 - Prioritize Activity Centers, Access to Transit, Disadvantaged Groups



Evaluation Recommendations

1. Align TLC Funding with Regional Priorities & Program Strengths
2. Prioritize Projects in Activity Centers
3. Prioritize Projects that Improve Access to Transit
4. Prioritize Projects in Areas with High-Concentrations of Low-Income and Minority Residents
5. Support Collaborative Regional Projects



Evaluation Recommendations

6. Increase Funding and Staff Capacity for the TLC Program
7. Utilize TAP Funding to Implement TLC Projects
8. Develop a More Robust Peer Exchange Network
9. Create a TLC Awards Program
10. Establish a Monitoring Process



Proposed Action – Solicitation & Outreach

- Update application materials to emphasize Activity Centers, access to transit, regional transportation priorities (underway)
- More outreach to encourage projects in Activity Centers, station area access database, & communities of concern, & regional projects (short & long-term)
- Apply new TLC funding priorities to TAP, and encourage TAP applications from past TLC projects (short-term)



Proposed Action – Project Selection

- Pre-selection, screen applications for consistency with funding priorities and summarize for selection panel (underway)
- Consider developing quantitative scoring system to provide additional credit for funding priorities (e.g. Activity Centers, access to transit) (short-term)
- Post-selection, track and report out on awarded projects' consistency with funding priorities (short-term)



Solicitation

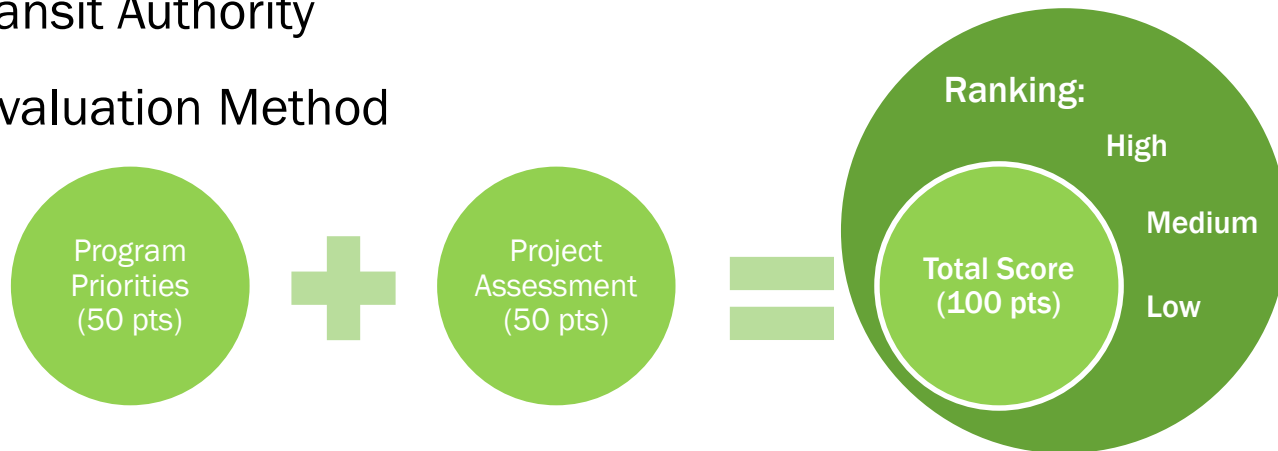
- Application solicitation between February 1 – April 1, 2016
 - Joint solicitation with Urban Land Institute Technical Assistance Panels
 - Optional abstracts were due February 25, 2016
- 20 applications were received for \$1,080,000 in funding requests
 - Increase of 44% from FY 2016
 - One project from the District of Columbia, ten projects from Maryland, and nine projects from Virginia



Selection

- Panel
 - Chaired by TPB member Julia Koster from the National Capital Planning Commission
 - American Institute of Architects, American Planning Association, American Society of Civil Engineers, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

- New Evaluation Method



- Panel also looks to reflect geographic balance among projects



Recommendations



- District of Columbia Metrorail Walksheds Improvements Study - \$40,000



- Falls Church West Falls Church Transportation Study - \$50,000



Recommendations



- City of Frederick Golden Mile Multimodal Access Enhancement Plan -
- \$80,000



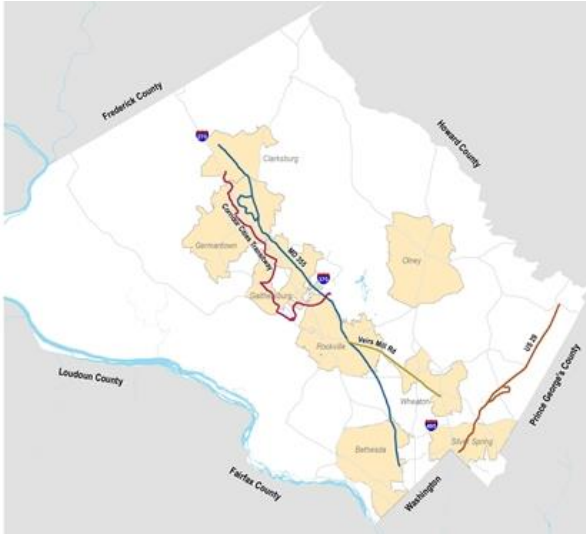
- Greenbelt Senior Mobility and Accessibility Needs and Barriers Study - \$30,000



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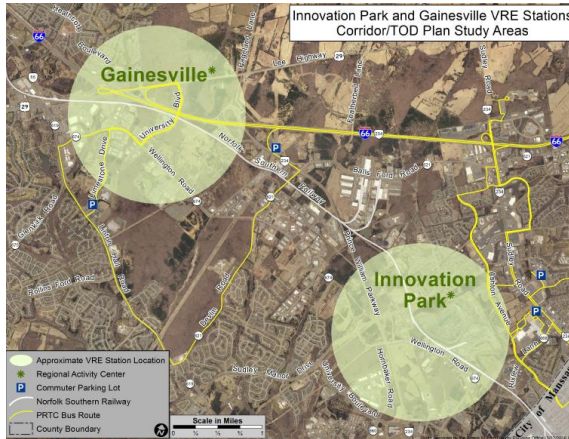


- Manassas Streetscape Design Standards for Mathis Avenue - \$30,000



- Montgomery County Bus Rapid Transit Station Design - \$80,000

Recommendations



- Prince William County Mixed Use and Multimodal Connectivity around Innovation Park and Gainesville VRE Stations - \$50,000



- Takoma Park New Ave Bikeway Design - \$60,000



Next Steps

- Wrap up FY 2016 projects
- Contact TLC FY 2017 project applicants
- Begin consultant selection process for FY 2017 projects
- Plan for summer Peer Exchange Network activity



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