

Proposal on the Role of the  
TPB in Human Service  
Transportation Coordination  
Planning

National Capital Region Transportation  
Planning Board (TPB)  
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Human Service  
Transportation Programs  
Provided by SAFETEA-LU

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## Elderly Individuals and Persons with Disabilities (5310)

- Purpose: Transportation services for elderly persons and persons with disabilities
- Distributed by formula to the states



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## Job Access Reverse Commute (5316)

- Purpose: Transportation to help low-income workers get to jobs
- Previously was earmarked, now will be distributed by formula to urbanized areas



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## New Freedom Program (5317)

- **Purpose:**  
 Transportation that goes above and beyond the Americans with Disabilities (ADA) requirements
- **Distributed by formula**  
 to urbanized areas



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## SAFETEA-LU Human Service Transportation Funding Amounts

<b>Program</b> <i>All Formula Based</i>	<b>Federal FY2006</b>	<b>Total Funding With Match</b> <small>(Millions)</small>
<b>Elderly and Disabled</b>	Differs by State	Only capital projects are eligible 80/20 match
<b>JARC</b>	\$1.2 million	\$2.4 Operating (50% match) \$1.5 Capital (20% match)
<b>New Freedom</b>	\$1.0 million	\$2.0 Operating (50% match) \$1.25 Capital (20% match)

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## SAFETEA-LU and the Coordinated Plan

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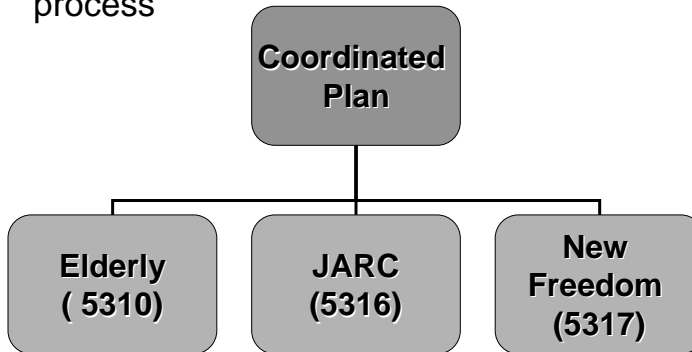
### Coordinated Plan is a Requirement for Funding

- Projects selected for funding must be derived from a “locally developed, coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan”
  1. Elderly and Disabled Individuals Program (5310)
  2. Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC, 5316)
  3. New Freedom Initiative(5317)

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## Coordinated Plan Guides Project Selection

- Plan development must include stakeholders
- Projects for JARC and New Freedom must be selected on a competitive basis
- Designated recipient must conduct competitive process



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## The Proposal

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## Proposal Evolved from Stakeholder Meetings

- Actions needed for region to access available federal funds
- Ad-hoc group included:
  - State and District DOT's
  - WMATA
  - Public and private transportation providers
  - Human Service agencies
  - AFA members
- Group met April 6, May 12 and June 1

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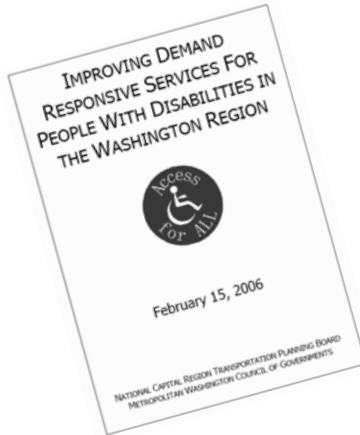
## New TPB Task Force would Develop Coordinated Plan

- Human Service Transportation Coordination Task Force
  - Chaired by TPB member
  - Representation from:
    - Public transit providers
    - Private and non-profit providers
    - Human service agencies
    - Low-income populations, persons with disabilities and older adults
- TPB would review and approve the Coordinated Plan



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## Recent TPB work would inform Coordinated Plan



- Regional JARC Plan
  - Identified low-income populations and gaps in transportation services
- Access for All Advisory Committee
  - Subcommittee report on transportation improvements needed for low-income populations
  - MetroAccess / Demand Responsive Study

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## TPB would be Designated Recipient for JARC and New Freedom

- Governors and DC Mayor must designate a recipient for JARC and New Freedom
- March 15 Proposed FTA Guidance:
  - *“FTA recommends the designated recipient for these funds not be a provider of transportation of services”*
  - *“The designated recipient may be the MPO in an urbanized area”*
- June 13 WMATA Letter of Support



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TPB would oversee the competitive process for JARC and New Freedom

- Coordinated Plan would guide the competitive process
  - Framework for selection criteria
- Final project selection subject to TPB approval
- Use 10% of JARC and New Freedom funds provided under SAFETEA-LU for administrative costs

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## Summary of Proposal

- The proposed role of the TPB is to:
  - Develop a Human Service Transportation Coordinated Plan through a new Task Force
  - Become the Designated Recipient for Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC, 5316) and New Freedom (5317) funding
  - Oversee the competitive selection process for JARC and New Freedom

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## Next Steps

- TPB reviews and approves proposal (June-July 2006)
- TPB sends letters to MD and VA Governors and DC Mayor asking that the TPB be designated the recipient for JARC and New Freedom (July 2006)
- TPB Task Force is established (July to September 2006)
- Task Force begins development of Coordinated Plan and framework for competitive selection process (Fall 2006)
- TPB asked to approve Coordinated Plan and selection process (Winter 2006/2007)

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