

ITEM 9 - Action
January 20, 2016

Approval of Funding Recommendations for the Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program and an Amendment of the FY 2015-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include the Projects

Staff

Recommendation: Receive briefing on the recommended projects for funding under the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility program.

Approve Resolution R7-2016 to approve the projects for funding and to amend the FY2015-2020 TIP to include the projects.

Issues: None

Background: COG is the designated recipient of the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program funding for the Washington DC-VA-MD Urbanized Area. A grant solicitation for Enhanced Mobility funds was conducted from August 14 to November 2, 2015. A selection committee, chaired by Mr. Wojahn, reviewed the grant applications and recommended projects to be presented to the TPB for approval. The Board will be briefed on the solicitation and selection process and asked to approve the projects for funding and inclusion in the TIP.

**NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD
777 North Capitol Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20002**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PROJECTS FOR FUNDING UNDER THE SECTION
5310 ENHANCED MOBILITY OF SENIORS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES
PROGRAM OF THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) AND TO
AMEND THE FY2015- 2020 TIP TO INCLUDE THE PROJECTS**

WHEREAS, the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB), the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Washington Region, has the responsibility under the provisions of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP- 21) for developing and carrying out a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process for the Metropolitan Area; and

WHEREAS, MAP-21 created the Enhanced Mobility program which provides capital and operating grants to eligible subrecipients to “improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities ... by removing barriers to transportation services and expanding the transportation mobility options available”;

WHEREAS, under MAP-21, projects funded by the Enhanced Mobility program must respond to strategies in a “locally developed, coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan”; and

WHEREAS, the TPB created the Human Services Transportation Coordination Task Force in July 2006 to oversee the development of a Coordinated Human Service Transportation Plan (“Coordinated Plan”) and a competitive selection process for the SAFETEA-LU Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom programs;

WHEREAS, in June 2013 the Governor of Maryland, the Governor of Virginia and the Mayor of the District of Columbia designated COG, as the administrative agent for the TPB, the recipient of the Enhanced Mobility program for the Washington, DC-VA-MD Urbanized Area; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force oversaw the update to the Coordinated Plan to prepare for the implementation of the Enhanced Mobility program and approved the update in May 2014;

WHEREAS, the Task force includes representatives from public, private and non-profit transportation and human services providers, as well as members of the public who provided insight into local transportation needs and strategies for improvement; and

WHEREAS, the Coordinated Plan also includes the selection criteria to be used in the selection of Enhanced Mobility projects; and

WHEREAS, the TPB adopted an Update to the Coordinated Human Service Transportation Plan at its regular meeting on November 19, 2014 (R9-2015); and

WHEREAS, a solicitation for Enhanced Mobility grant applications was conducted from August 14, 2015 to November 2, 2015 during which approximately 1,200 individuals received an announcement of the grant opportunity; and

WHEREAS, five pre-application conferences were conducted during the solicitation period for interested organizations and agencies to receive technical assistance on the application process and FTA requirements; and

WHEREAS, a selection committee comprised of five people representing aging, disability, transit and human service transportation coordination met in December 2015 to review the applications and evaluate them against the selection criteria; and

WHEREAS, the selection committee recommended funding twenty projects described in the attached memorandum; and

WHEREAS, the attached FY2015-2020 TIP amendment includes the project information for these projects;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD approves the twenty projects for funding described in the attached memorandum and TIP amendment under the Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility program of the Federal Transit Administration and amends the FY2015-2020 TIP to include the projects.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Transportation Planning Board
FROM: Wendy Klancher, Principal Transportation Planner
SUBJECT: Funding Recommendations for the 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Grant Program
DATE: January 14, 2016

This memorandum outlines the recommendations for funding under FTA's Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities program for approval at the January 20, 2016 meeting. The grant recommendations result from an independent and objective Selection Committee, chaired by TPB Member Patrick Wojahn. The recommendations were reviewed by the three TPB Officers who concurred with presenting them to the Board for approval.

These recommendations would fund 21 out of the 24 applications received and expend approximately \$5 million available in FY2014 and FY2015 federal Enhanced Mobility funds. Some of the applications would be partially funded and some funded with remaining Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom funds that prior grantees could not expend. \$416,688 remaining JARC funds would be reallocated and \$184,875 in New Freedom funds would be reallocated to fund two applications from the 2015 solicitation.

OVERVIEW

The Enhanced Mobility program provides funding for transportation for people with disabilities and older adults who have difficulty using public transit or need improved access to it. COG is the Designated Recipient for this program for the Washington DC-VA-MD Urbanized Area; and under MAP-21, the program provided approximately \$2.8 million per year. These federal funds must be matched: 20 percent for capital or mobility management projects and 50 percent for operating projects.

The TPB issued the solicitation on August 14 with a deadline of November 2, 2015. Approximately 1,200 individuals received notice of the \$5 million available in federal funding. At the conclusion of the solicitation, 24 applications were submitted totaling \$13.9 million in federal funding requests. The selection was very competitive this year, with funding requests two and half times the federal amount available.

Additional information about the following recommendations, the TPB's Coordinated Human Service Transportation Plan, and the solicitation and selection process are provided in the "Background" section of this memorandum.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. **Seabury Resources for Aging**
Project: ConnectorCard expansion; transportation subsidy program for use on taxis and services like Uber
Geographic Focus: District of Columbia
Federal: \$373,116 **Total:** \$746,232
2. **Capitol Hill Village**
Project: Volunteer driver program enhancement and increased awareness about transportation options
Geographic Focus: District of Columbia
Federal: \$322,983 **Total:** \$403,729
3. **Jewish Council for the Aging**
Project: Volunteer driver resource center
Geographic Focus: Suburban Maryland and Northern Virginia
Federal: \$250,000 **Total:** \$312,500
4. **Montgomery County Professional Drivers Union**
Project: Support for operating costs, dispatch, training and marketing of new driver's co-op for wheelchair accessible taxis; companion to #17
Geographic Focus: Montgomery County, MD
Federal: \$159,790 **Total:** \$284,750
5. **Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind**
Project: Public transportation Orientation & Mobility (O&M) services and internship program
Geographic Focus: Located in Silver Spring, MD but serves the entire region
Federal: \$308,334 **Total:** \$385,418
6. **Lifestyles of Maryland Foundation, Inc.**
Project: Volunteer driver program start-up for medical trips from Charles, Calvert and St Mary's Counties to the Washington DC-VA-MD Urbanized Area
Geographic Focus: Southern Maryland
Federal: \$133,145 **Total:** \$266,290
7. **Sunrise of Maryland, Inc.**
Project: Accessibility improvements to adult day center building employing people with intellectual and physical disabilities
Geographic Focus: Lanham, MD
Federal: \$116,248 **Total:** \$145,310
8. **The Arc of Northern Virginia**
Project: Train the Travel Trainer for schools and human service agencies
Geographic Focus: Northern Virginia
Federal: \$250,000 **Total:** \$312,500
9. **Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission**
Project: Transportation voucher program on taxis for health-related trips

Geographic Focus: Prince William County, City of Manassas and Manassas Park, VA
Federal: \$125,000 **Total:** \$250,000

Vehicle Acquisition Recommendations

10. **Woodley House, Inc.**

Project: Two accessible minivans to support clients with disabilities who are homeless
Geographic Focus: District of Columbia
Federal: \$64,587 **Total:** \$80,734

11. **Yellow Transportation LLC**

Project: Seven wheelchair accessible taxis, one 15-passenger bus, and preventative maintenance
Geographic Focus: District of Columbia
Federal: \$330,000 (\$145,125 Enhanced Mobility and \$184,875 New Freedom) **Total:** \$412,500

12. **Liberty Transportation Management Corporation**

Project: Eight wheelchair accessible taxis, preventive maintenance and operating support
Geographic Focus: District of Columbia
Federal: \$330,000 **Total:** \$414,372

13. **The Arc of Prince George's County**

Project: Four accessible minivans to support client transportation to community-based programs
Geographic Focus: Prince George's County, MD
Federal: \$122,133 **Total:** \$152,667

14. **Jewish Council for the Aging**

Project: Three 19-passenger buses and preventive maintenance for providing group trips to older adults
Geographic Focus: Primarily Montgomery County, MD with trips throughout the region
Federal: \$270,948 **Total:** \$338,685

15. **Community Support Services**

Project: 12 minivans and preventive maintenance to provide client transportation and reduce reliance on MetroAccess
Geographic Focus: Montgomery County, City of Gaithersburg and City of Rockville, MD
Federal: \$362,728 **Total:** \$453,410

16. **University of Maryland College Park**

Project: Three 15-passenger buses and operating support for paratransit service on campus
Geographic Focus: University of Maryland, College Park campus
Federal: \$383,847 **Total:** \$609,193

17. **Regency Taxi**

Project: 12 wheelchair accessible taxis to be operated by the Drivers Co-Op, companion to #4
Geographic Focus: Montgomery County, MD
Federal: \$375,000 **Total:** \$468,750

18. The Arc of Greater Prince William/INSIGHT, Inc.

Project: Five 15-passenger buses for client transportation

Geographic Focus: Prince William County, City of Manassas, City of Manassas Park, and Fairfax County, VA

Federal: \$252,384 **Total:** \$315,480

19. Fairfax County Neighborhood & Community Services

Project: Five replacement vehicles for door-to-door human service transportation

Geographic Focus: Fairfax County, City of Fairfax and City of Falls Church, VA

Federal: \$239,374 **Total:** \$299,217

20. Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA)

Project: Approximately 12 MetroAccess replacement vehicles

Geographic Focus: Regional

Federal: \$475,000 **Total:** \$558,824

JARC Funding Recommendation

As stated earlier, there are unspent Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) funds due to prior grantees not being able to expend the full amount of their grant award. One of the applications fit the objectives of the JARC program, Diamond Transportation, and is recommended for JARC funding along with the Enhanced Mobility funding recommendations.

Diamond Transportation Services

Project: Acquisition of accessible vehicles and operating costs to support door-to-door transportation for individuals with disabilities going to employment sites.

Geographic Focus: Northern Virginia, District of Columbia

Federal: \$416,668 **Total:** \$708,845

NEXT STEPS

If the TPB approves these funding recommendations, the approximately \$5 million in FY14 and FY15 Enhanced Mobility funds would be expended. Applicants would be officially notified of the recommendations and asked to prepare the FTA-required documentation that is needed before COG can submit the projects to FTA for approval.

The three applicants with projects not recommended for funding are Boat People, SOS, the D.C. Office on Aging and WMATA (Bus Stop Survey), further details are on page 14 of this memorandum. The applicants would receive a letter with suggestions for improving their application for the next Enhanced Mobility grant solicitation. Applicants would also be offered a debriefing about their application with TPB staff.

Under the new transportation law, "Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act" (FAST), the Enhanced Mobility Program continues and the funding level is expected to be comparable to MAP-21 (approximately \$2.8 million annually). The TPB would conduct the next solicitation for grant applications after the appropriation for FY16 and FY17 Enhanced Mobility funds is determined under FAST.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ENHANCED MOBILITY GRANTS

The following section provides more information about the solicitation and selection process, the TPB's Coordinated Human Service Transportation Plan, and the funding recommendations.

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH JARC AND NEW FREEDOM

COG served as the Designated Recipient for the former Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom programs. The TPB conducted seven solicitations and awarded 66 JARC and new Freedom grants totaling over \$25 million in Federal and matching funds. These grants included travel training, wheelchair-accessible taxis, low-interest car loan programs, reverse commute bus services and door-through-door transportation services. A complete list of the 66 grants awarded between 2007 and 2013 is available [here](#). The TPB's experience with JARC and New Freedom were used to update the federally required Coordinated Human Service Transportation Plan ("Coordinated Plan") and enhance the Enhanced Mobility program application and selection process.

ENHANCED MOBILITY PROGRAM

MAP-21 (Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century) created the Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities program; an entirely new program, with additional requirements than the JARC or New Freedom programs. The Enhanced Mobility program provides funding for transportation for people with disabilities and older adults, beyond traditional public transportation services and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) complementary paratransit services. Federal rules require that at least 55% of the Enhanced Mobility funds be spent on Capital projects for non-profit agencies. The federal funds must be matched: 20 percent for capital or mobility management projects and 50 percent for operating projects.

The TPB approved funding recommendations from the 2014 Enhanced Mobility solicitation in January 2015 which resulted in 13 projects. A complete list of the projects is available [here](#).

COORDINATED PLAN AND SELECTION CRITERIA

The TPB approved an update to the Coordinated Human Service Transportation Plan ("Coordinated Plan") on November 19, 2014. The Coordinated Plan outlines priority projects for Enhanced Mobility funding, the selection process, including the criteria for funding recommendations (see table below). The criterion reflect the Coordinated Plan's call to increase human service coordination in the region, and specifically examine to what extent an applicant is coordinating with other organizations or jurisdictions. Another strong emphasis is placed on the institutional capacity of an applicant to manage and administer an FTA grant given the numerous federal requirements under the Enhanced Mobility program, as well as an applicant's prior grant performance, including the rate of expending grant funds and meeting stated objectives.

Selection Criteria for Enhanced Mobility Grants

Criterion	Maximum Points
Responsiveness to strategies in the Coordinated Plan	20
Coordination among agencies and organizations	25
Institutional capacity to manage and administer an FTA grant	20
Project feasibility	15
Regional need and impact	10
Customer focus and input	10
Total	100

2015 SOLICITATION FOR ENHANCED MOBILITY PROJECTS

The second TPB solicitation for Enhanced Mobility funds was conducted from August 14 through November 2, 2015. The Human Service Transportation Coordination Task Force confirmed the following twelve priorities outlined in the Coordinated Plan for the 2015 solicitation. Applicants could submit proposals that did not address the priorities, and the proposals that did respond to these priorities did not receive extra points when scored.

Priority Projects As Outlined in the Coordinated Plan

- Mobility Manager Positions at the Local Government Level
- Challenge Grant for Coordinated Planning Efforts
- Personal Mobility Counseling Services
- Travel Training
- Door-through-Door or Escorted Transportation Service
- Expanded and On-Going Sensitivity and Customer Service Training for Taxi, Bus & Paratransit Drivers
- Shuttle or Taxi Service to Bus Stops and Rail Stations
- Bus Stop and Sidewalk Improvements
- Deviated or Feeder Service for Targeted Area or Population Groups
- Pilot Programs that Expand the Use of Taxis for Medical Trips
- Volunteer Driver Programs
- Tailored Transportation Service for Clients of Human Service Agencies

Approximately 1,200 individuals received an email announcing the availability of grant funds. TPB staff conducted five pre-application conferences for interested applicants and provided an overview of the online application, project eligibility and Federal requirements. Conferences were held in Falls Church, VA, Silver Spring, MD and at COG. Over 40 different organizations and agencies attended. At the

conclusion of the solicitation period, 24 complete applications were received for Enhanced Mobility funding.

SELECTION COMMITTEE AND PROCESS

Patrick Wojahn chaired the Selection Committee, which was comprised of five people representing aging, disability, transit and human service transportation coordination. The Selection Committee members were:

1. Ms. Susie McFadden-Resper, D.C. Office of Disability Rights
2. Ms. Daria Cervantes, Arc of Montgomery County, MD
3. Ms. Spring Worth, D.C. Department of Transportation (DDOT)
4. Ms. Maria Gonzales Jackson, Grantmakers in Aging, National Organization
5. Mr. Tim Roseboom, Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)

Each member reviewed the applications using the TPB-approved selection criteria prior to the Selection Committee meeting on December 18, 2015. The committee had follow-up questions for some applicants, and made final funding recommendations after the responses were received. After a thoughtful and deliberative processes, the following recommendations were made. All of the recommended projects address one or more of the priority projects from the Coordinated Plan.

FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

With approval of these recommendations, 21 out of the 24 applications would be funded and the approximately \$5 million in FY14 and FY15 Enhanced Mobility funds would be expended. Some applications are recommended to be partially funded due to the competitive nature of the selection and in some cases, to allow the applicant to pilot the proposal on a smaller scale. The partial funding recommendations are based on the scaled down options that the applicants provided in their application. Two applications would receive remaining Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom funds that prior grantees could not expend. Three applications are not recommended for funding, as described at the end of this memorandum.

The following projects are recommended for funding:

1. **Seabury Resources for Aging –ConnectorCard Program:** Increased availability of ConnectorCard, a user-side subsidy program that Seabury implements in partnership with the D.C. Office of Aging. The program provides reloadable cards for the purchase of trips on taxis and providers such as Uber to D.C.residents 60 and older who have limited incomes; the grant would allow expansion of the program to both older adults and younger people with disabilities (18-59) who also have limited incomes.

Geographic Focus: District of Columbia

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$482,317	Federal Funds	\$373,116
Required Match	\$482,317	Required Match	\$373,116
Total Project	\$964,634	Total Project	\$746,232

2. **Capitol Hill Village – Get Smart about Transportation:** Enhance and improve volunteer transportation services for Capitol Hill Village and other villages in D.C. “Villages” provide support to older adults that allow them to stay in their homes as they age. The project would outreach to public housing facilities and faith-based groups to enhance the volunteer driver portion of the project, and also train seniors about available transportation options.

Geographic Focus: District of Columbia

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$403,729	Federal Funds	\$322,983
Required Match	\$100,932	Required Match	\$80,746
Total Project	\$504,661	Total Project	\$403,729

3. **Jewish Council for the Aging - Volunteer Driver Resource Center of the Washington Metropolitan Region:** Regional volunteer driver resource center that will provide a limited number of community-based organizations, such as Villages, with technical assistance (program development, marketing, volunteer management and driver recruitment) and resources (shared ride scheduling software, bulk background checks and liability insurance) to start or enhance volunteer driver programs.

Geographic Focus: Suburban Maryland and Northern Virginia

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$639,578	Federal Funds	\$250,000
Required Match	\$159,894	Required Match	\$62,500
Total Project	\$799,472	Total Project	\$312,500

4. **Montgomery County Professional Drivers Union – MontCo Union Taxi Co-operative:** Support for operating costs, dispatch, training and marketing of the new MontCo Union Taxi Co-op which has been allocated fifty passenger vehicle licenses to operate wheelchair-accessible taxi vehicles. This project is a companion to Regency Taxi (# 17) which would receive approximately 12 wheelchair accessible taxis that would be operated and ultimately owned by the MontCo Co-op.

Geographic Focus: Montgomery County, Maryland

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$159,790	Federal Funds	\$159,790
Required Match	\$124,960	Required Match	\$124,960
Total Project	\$284,750	Total Project	\$284,750

5. **Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind (CLB)– Orientation & Mobility for All (OMA):** Continuation of CLB’s regional Travel Training program supported in part by prior New Freedom grants which teaches people who are blind, visually impaired and deaf-blind to use public transportation independently. The Orientation & Mobility (O&M) internship program

teaches delivery of O&M to draw more professionals to the field. WMATA partners with CLB on travel training and refers customers to agency for travel training.

Geographic Focus: Located in Silver Spring, Maryland but serves the region

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$308,334	Federal Funds	\$308,334
Required Match	\$77,084	Required Match	\$77,084
Total Project	\$385,418	Total Project	\$385,418

6. **Lifestyles of Maryland Foundation, Inc. – Southern Maryland Rides:** Volunteer driver program start-up that would provide rides to medical appointments for people with disabilities or older adults from Charles, Calvert and St Mary’s Counties to the Washington DC-VA-MD Urbanized Area. The project would include operating support, outreach and marketing for both the program and to recruit volunteer drivers.

Geographic Focus: Southern Maryland

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$133,145	Federal Funds	\$133,145
Required Match	\$133,145	Required Match	\$133,145
Total Project	\$266,290	Total Project	\$266,290

7. **Sunrise of Maryland, Inc. – Adult Day Program Capital Accessibility Improvements:** Disability access improvements to Sunrise’s new building where its Adult Day Training program is located and employs people with intellectual and physical disabilities. Capital improvements include enlarging the main entrance to accommodate large wheelchairs, installation of hollow metal frame doors with ADA openers at the main entrance and two additional external doors, and building a steel canopy over the main entrance.

Geographic Focus: Lanham, MD

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$116,248	Federal Funds	\$116,248
Required Match	\$29,062	Required Match	\$29,062
Total Project	\$145,310	Total Project	\$145,310

8. **The Arc of Northern Virginia – Train-the-Travel Trainer Program** Continuation of a travel training program funded through a prior New Freedom grant that trains staff in K-12 schools to be travel trainers. This train-the-trainer project utilizes TravelMate (an app and curriculum that provides customizable, interactive instructions on how to use public transit) to teach professionals to provide individualized travel training to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Geographic Focus: Northern Virginia

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$334,782	Federal Funds	\$250,000
Required Match	\$83,696	Required Match	\$62,500
Total Project	\$418,478	Total Project	\$312,500

9. **Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC) – Wheels to Wellness:** Transportation vouchers to subsidize health-related trips by taxi for seniors (80+ years of age) and people with disabilities not eligible for Medicaid non-emergency transportation.

Geographic Focus: Prince William County, City of Manassas and Manassas Park, VA

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$125,000	Federal Funds	\$125,000
Required Match	\$125,000	Required Match	\$125,000
Total Project	\$250,000	Total Project	\$250,000

Vehicle Acquisition Funding Recommendations

10. **Woodley House, Inc. – Van Acquisition Project:** Two minivans and preventive maintenance to provide accessible transportation to residents of Woodley House, a community-based organization providing housing and independent living skills to the chronically mentally ill, the homeless and older adults in Washington, D.C.

Geographic Focus: District of Columbia

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$64,587	Federal Funds	\$64,587
Required Match	\$16,147	Required Match	\$16,147
Total Project	\$80,734	Total Project	\$80,734

11. **Yellow Transportation LLC – Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle Replacement and Addition:** Seven wheelchair accessible minivans for general public taxi service and one fifteen-passenger van for specialized transportation for use by community groups or other organizations, plus preventive maintenance and equipment (painting, dome lights and computer systems). Yellow was one of the two providers in the rollIDC pilot program implemented by the TPB which brought wheelchair accessible taxis to D.C. for the first time. Yellow is also a provider in the Transport DC program which provides subsidized taxi trips to MetroAccess customers.

Geographic Focus: District of Columbia

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$328,800	Federal Funds	\$330,000*
Required Match	\$82,200	Required Match	\$82,500
Total Project	\$411,000	Total Project	\$412,500

*This recommendation includes \$184,875 in New Freedom funds and \$145,125 in Enhanced Mobility funds.

12. **Liberty Transportation Management Corporation – Operation Transport:** Eight wheelchair accessible minivans for general public taxi service, plus preventive maintenance and operating costs (insurance and driver incentives). Liberty was one of the two providers in the rollDC pilot program implemented by the TPB which brought wheelchair accessible taxis to D.C. for the first time. Liberty is also a provider in the Transport DC program which provides subsidized taxi trips to MetroAccess customers.

Geographic Focus: District of Columbia

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$669,896	Federal Funds	\$330,000
Required Match	\$260,714	Required Match	\$84,372
Total Project	\$930,610	Total Project	\$414,372

13. **The Arc of Prince George’s County – Traditional 5310:** Four minivans for a new service, “Community Links,” that the Arc is mandated to conduct by the State of Maryland, Developmental Disabilities Administration. “Community Links” aims to connect individuals with community based programs for the purpose of community inclusion.

Geographic Focus: Prince George’s County, Maryland

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$122,133	Federal Funds	\$122,133
Required Match	\$30,534	Required Match	\$30,534
Total Project	\$152,667	Total Project	\$152,667

14. **Jewish Council for the Aging – Replacement and Expansion of JCA Elderbuses:** Three 19-passenger buses, preventive maintenance, and safety cameras for specialized transportation program providing group trips for seniors and people with disabilities.

Geographic Focus: Primarily Maryland, but trips throughout the region

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$332,464	Federal Funds	\$270,948
Required Match	\$83,116	Required Match	\$67,737
Total Project	\$415,580	Total Project	\$338,685

15. **Community Support Services – Expansion of transportation options for individuals supported by CSS:** Twelve minivans to expand existing fleet transporting people with disabilities, including children with severe developmental disabilities. Vehicles will be used to transport clients to therapeutic programs community based activities, and evening and weekend residential support activities. A component of travel training will be included if clients are able to use bus or rail. CSS completed a successful pilot program with WMATA and the MD Department of Transportation (MDOT) in which clients were transported on CSS purchased transportation rather than using MetroAccess. This is a further effort to reduce CSS client reliance on MetroAccess.

Geographic Focus: Montgomery County, Maryland

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$362,728	Federal Funds	\$362,728
Required Match	\$90,682	Required Match	\$90,682
Total Project	\$453,410	Total Project	\$453,410

16. **University of Maryland College Park – Enhanced Mobility for the University of Maryland Community:** Expansion of UMD paratransit service; scheduled, fare-free, curb-to-curb service for students and employees with temporary and permanent disabilities to serve the University of Maryland Campus in College Park through the purchase of 15-passenger vans for system expansion, radios, GPS systems, and operating costs.

Geographic Focus: College Park, Maryland campus

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$383,847	Federal Funds	\$383,847
Required Match	\$225,346	Required Match	\$225,346
Total Project	\$609,193	Total Project	\$609,193

17. **Regency Taxi – Enhanced Mobility through Accessible Vehicles:** Approximately 12 wheelchair accessible minivans to be used for general public taxi service by the MontCo Professional Drivers Union. Regency Taxi would be providing the funding and oversight of the vehicles, based on a draft MOU between the MontCo Professional Drivers Union and Regency Taxi. At the end of the project, the vehicle ownership would transfer from Regency to the drivers. The award is contingent upon a signed MOU and lease agreements agreeable to both parties. This is a companion to recommendation #4,

Geographic Focus: Montgomery County, Maryland

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$1,484,788	Federal Funds	\$375,000
Required Match	\$371,197	Required Match	\$93,750
Total Project	\$1,855,985	Total Project	\$468,750

18. **The Arc of Greater Prince William/INSIGHT, Inc. – Acquisition of Vehicles:** Five 15-passenger vans, GPS systems, and safety cameras to provide transportation for clients who have moderate to severe developmental disabilities.

Geographic Focus: Prince William County, Virginia

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$252,384	Federal Funds	\$252,384
Required Match	\$63,096	Required Match	\$63,096
Total Project	\$315,480	Total Project	\$315,480

19. **Fairfax County Neighborhood & Community Services – Human Services Transportation 5310 Bus Replacement:** Five replacement vehicles used as part of the County’s human service transportation which provides coordinated door-to-door transportation services for residents with physical and cognitive disabilities, and older adults.

Geographic Focus: Fairfax County, City of Fairfax, and City of Falls Church, VA

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$239,374	Federal Funds	\$239,374
Required Match	\$59,843	Required Match	\$59,843
Total Project	\$299,217	Total Project	\$299,217

20. **Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) – Specialized Paratransit Vehicle Acquisition:** Approximately 12 paratransit vehicles to replace a portion of the aging fleet used to provide the ADA-required MetroAccess service for eligible customers. This grant would go directly to WMATA, rather than administered by COG, and WMATA would have oversight and reporting responsibilities and procure the vehicles using the agency’s own process. Paratransit vehicles used in ADA complementary service are eligible for an 85 percent federal funding share versus the 80 percent share for other vehicles.

Geographic Focus: Regional

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$3,952,500	Federal Funds	\$475,000
Required Match	\$697,500	Required Match	\$83,824
Total Project	\$4,650,000	Total Project	\$558,824

JARC Funding Recommendation

As stated earlier, there are unspent Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) funds due to prior grantees not being able to expend the full amount of their grant award. One of the applications fit the objectives of the JARC program, Diamond Transportation, and is recommended for funding along with the Enhanced Mobility funding recommendations.

Diamond Transportation Services – RouteSource:

Acquisition of accessible vehicles and operating costs to support door-to-door transportation for individuals with disabilities going to employment sites. The services will not only be provided to the current client base, but also offered to non-profit and governmental agencies serving seniors and people with disabilities.

Requested		Recommended JARC Funds	
Federal Funds	\$567,298	Federal Funds	\$416,668
Required Match	\$397,803	Required Match	\$292,177
Total Project	\$965,101	Total Project	\$708,845

APPLICATIONS NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING

The following table shows the three applications not recommended for funding. The Selection Committee rationale for not funding these applications includes:

- Applications were low-scoring;
- The applicants have an existing JARC or New Freedom grant for a similar project and performance was not as expected, both in reporting compliance and in reaching project goals; and
- The Selection Committee was concerned about providing additional funds when the results of the current project were not realized.

The three applicants below will receive a letter with recommendations for improving their application for the next Enhanced Mobility grant solicitation and will also be offered a debriefing about their application with TPB staff.

Applications Not Recommended for Funding			
Applicant	Geographic Focus	Proposed Project	Federal Funds Requested
Boat People, SOS	Northern Virginia	Travel training and navigation services for Vietnamese older adults	\$180,141
D.C Office on Aging	District of Columbia	Vehicles to replace and expand Connector services, pilot a Senior Shuttle and hire a D.C.-based Mobility Manager	\$1,613,712
WMATA	Regional	Bus stop survey of 19,000 stops for accessibility amenities to update a database with this information. WMATA currently has a New Freedom grant from the TPB for bus stop improvements that may be able to be repurposed for this activity.	\$684,000

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CAPITAL COSTS (in \$1,000)**

Source	Fed/St/Loc	Previous Funding	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	Source Total	
TIP ID: 6366 Agency ID: _____ Title: Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities										
Facility:	Sect. 5310	100/0/0	5,638 e	2,693 e	2,832 e	2,832 e	2,832 e	2,832 e	2,832 e	16,853
From:										Total Funds: 16,853
To:										

Description: This program is intended to enhance mobility for seniors and persons with disabilities by providing funds for programs to serve the special needs of transit-dependent populations beyond traditional public transportation services and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) complementary paratransit services.

These funds are for the urbanized area within the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia metropolitan region.

Subrecipient	Program Description	Total Project Cost (\$1,000s)	Federal Share	Location
Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind	Audible maps of key Metrorail stations for people with visual impairments.	\$311	\$249	Regional
Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services (Capital)	Increase coordination between the transportation and human service agencies within the County; outreach and marketing about existing transportation services.	\$136	\$109	Montgomery County, MD
Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services (Operating)	Outreach and marketing for volunteer driver recruitment and background checks for volunteers.	\$60	\$30	Montgomery County, MD
Yellow Transportation LLC (Capital)	Seven Wheelchair Accessible Taxis available to the general public with priority to customers in wheelchairs, preventive maintenance and equipment.	\$291	\$232	DC
Yellow Transportation LLC (Operating)	Driver training for wheelchair accessible taxi operators.	\$7	\$4	DC
Fairfax County Neighborhood and Community Services (Capital)	Bus replacement for the FASTRAN program that transports seniors and people with disabilities to County Adult Day Health Care and senior centers.	\$275	\$220	Fairfax County
Jewish Council for the Aging (Capital)	Bus replacement and preventive maintenance for vehicles that transport disabled seniors to community based activities.	\$284	\$227	Montgomery County, MD
ECHOWorks	Bus replacement for vehicles used to transport adults with developmental disabilities to sheltered workshop sites.	\$170	\$135	Loudon County, VA
The Arc of Greater Prince William/INSIGHT, Inc.	Bus replacement and fleet expansion, preventive maintenance and GPS systems for vehicles providing transportation to existing program serving individuals with disabilities, vocation work and recreational programs.	\$427	\$342	Prince William County, VA
CHI Centers, Inc.	Bus replacement for vehicles serving Adult Day Program clients with disabilities and weekly Small Group Recreation participants.	\$123	\$99	Montgomery County, Prince George's County, MD
The Arc of Montgomery County	Bus replacement and preventive maintenance for vehicles used to transport adults with intellectual disabilities to Vocation and Day Services.	\$201	\$160	Montgomery County, MD
The Arc of Prince George's County	Bus replacement and fleet expansion for vehicles transporting people with disabilities to existing programming and new programming being developed with partners.	\$162	\$130	Prince George's County, MD

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Easter Seals Serving DC MD VA		Fleet expansion and preventive maintenance for vehicles used to transport seniors and adults with disabilities to Easter Seals Adult Day Services.			\$95		\$76		Montgomery County, Prince George's County, MD
Fairfax County Neighborhood and Community Services (Capital)		Fairfax County will lead a multi-jurisdictional mobility management effort to coordinate services in Northern Virginia and train neighborhood groups to provide travel navigation support.			\$550		\$440		Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, Alexandria
Jewish Council for the Aging		Strengthen the "Connect-a-Ride" transportation information program with an improved database and a bi-lingual mobility specialist.			\$224		\$179		Primarily Montgomery County, but services available in Prince George's, Fairfax and Arlington Counties and D.C.
Seabury Resources for Aging		ConnectorCard expansion; transportation subsidy program for use on taxis and services like Uber			\$746		\$373		DC
Capitol Hill Village		Volunteer driver program enhancement and increased awareness about transportation options (mobility management)			\$404		\$323		DC
Jewish Council for the Aging		Volunteer driver resource center (mobility management)			\$313		\$250		Suburban Maryland and Northern Virginia
Montgomery County Professional Drivers Union (Capital)		Dispatch system for new driver's co-op for wheelchair accessible taxis			\$58		\$46		Montgomery County, MD
Montgomery County Professional Drivers Union (Operating)		Support for operating costs, training and marketing of new driver's co-op for wheelchair accessible taxis			\$226		\$113		Montgomery County, MD
Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind		Public transportation Orientation & Mobility (O&M) services and internship program (mobility management)			\$385		\$308		Located in Silver Spring, MD but serves entire region
Lifestyles of Maryland Foundation, Inc.		Volunteer driver program start-up for medical trips from Charles, Calvert and St. Mary's Counties to the Washington DC-VA-MD Urbanized Area			\$266		\$133		Southern Maryland
Sunrise of Maryland, Inc.		Accessibility improvements to adult day center building employing people with intellectual and physical disabilities			\$145		\$116		Lanham, MD
The Arc of Northern Virginia		Train the Travel Trainer for schools and human service agencies (mobility management)			\$313		\$250		Northern Virginia
Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission		Transportation voucher program on taxis for health-related trips			\$250		\$125		Prince William County, City of Manassas and Manassas Park, VA
Woodley House, Inc.		Two accessible minivans to support clients with disabilities who are homeless			\$81		\$65		DC
Yellow Transportation, LLC		Funding for wheelchair accessible taxis and preventive maintenance			\$181		\$145		DC

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Liberty Transportation Management Corporation (Capital)		Funding for Wheelchair accessible taxis, and preventive maintenance			\$292		\$269		DC
Liberty Transportation Management (Operating)		Operating expenses for wheelchair accessible taxis			\$122		\$61		DC
The Arc of Prince George's County		Four accessible minivans to support client transportation to community-based programs			\$153		\$122		Prince George's County, MD
Jewish Council for the Aging		Three 19-passenger buses and preventive maintenance for providing group trips to older adults			\$339		\$271		Primarily Montgomery County, MD with trips throughout region
Community Support Services		Twelve minivans and preventive maintenance to provide client transportation			\$453		\$363		Montgomery County, City of Gaithersburg and City of Rockville, MD
University of Maryland College Park (Capital)		Three 15-passenger buses and equipment for paratransit service on campus			\$264		\$211		University of Maryland, College Park campus
University of Maryland College Park (Operating)		Operating expenses for three 15-passenger buses			\$346		\$173		University of Maryland, College Park campus
Regency Taxi		Twelve wheelchair accessible taxis to be operated and owned by the MontCo Professional Driver's Co-Op			\$469		\$375		Montgomery County, MD
The Arc of Greater Prince William/INSIGHT, Inc.		Five 15-passenger buses for client transportation			\$315		\$252		Prince William County, City of Manassas, City of Manassas Park, and Fairfax County, VA
Fairfax County Neighborhood & Community Services		Five replacement vehicles for door-to-door human service transportation			\$299		\$239		Fairfax County, City of Fairfax and City of Falls Church, VA
Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA)		Approximately twelve MetroAccess replacement vehicles. Pending FTA approval of a Supplemental agreement, WMATA would receive and administer funding independent of COG.			\$559		\$475		Regional

Amendment: Update Funding and Project Description **Approved on: 1/21/2015**
 Reprogram FY 2015 to include \$2.693 million in Section 5310 funding carried over from FY 2013 and 2014 combined. Modify project description to include 2014 sub-recipients.

Modification: Modify Project Description **Approved on: 4/23/2015**
 Update the project description with the latest subrecipient and funding information

Amendment: Update Project Description **Requested on: 1/20/2016**
 Modify project description to include 2015 sub-recipients and latest funding information.

