

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

RESOLUTION ON AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) THAT IS EXEMPT FROM THE AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY REQUIREMENT TO INCLUDE TIP ACTION 23-15.1 WHICH ADDS FUNDING FROM THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATIONS' INNOVATIVE COORDINATED ACCESS AND MOBILITY PILOT PROGRAM FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE TPB'S REACH-A-RIDE PLATFORM, AS REQUESTED BY THE DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DDOT) ON BEHALF OF THE TPB

WHEREAS, the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB), as the federally designated metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Washington region, has the responsibility under the provisions of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, reauthorized November 15, 2021 when the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) was signed into law, for developing and carrying out a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process for the metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Circular 9030.1E Section V, Paragraph 1: "All transit projects for which federal funds are expected to be used and that are within metropolitan planning boundaries must be included in a metropolitan transportation plan and TIP developed and approved by the MPO and the governor of a state, and must be included in a statewide transportation improvement plan (STIP) that has been approved by FTA and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Projects listed in the TIP must be consistent with the MPO metropolitan transportation plan and projects listed in the STIP must be consistent with the long-range statewide transportation plan"; and

WHEREAS, on June 15, 2022 the TPB adopted the FY 2023-2026 TIP; and

WHEREAS, the FTA's Innovative Coordinated Access and Mobility (ICAM) grants seek to improve access to public transportation by building partnerships among health, transportation and other service providers. This program provides competitive funding to support innovative projects for the transportation disadvantaged that will improve the coordination of transportation services and non-emergency medical transportation services; and

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2021, FTA announced the opportunity to apply for grant funds under the ICAM program; and

WHEREAS, COG/TPB staff submitted a grant application on December 6, 2021 that proposed to move the existing Reach-a-Ride platform towards a one-call, one-click Information and Referral/ Assistance tool for transportation options in the region; and

WHEREAS, on July 30, 2022, the COG Board of Directors adopted Resolution R32-2022 authorizing COG to receive and expend grant funds from the FTA for its ICAM grant; and

WHEREAS the TPB's portion of the FY 2023-2026 TIP is proposed to be amended to include the Reach-a-Ride Platform Improvements (T11628) with \$100,000 in federal ICAM program funds and \$25,000 in regional/local matching funds from the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), as described in the attached materials; and

WHEREAS, the attached materials include:

ATTACHMENT A) Programming Overview report showing how the project will appear in the TIP following approval,

ATTACHMENT B) Memo from Nicholas Ramfos, TPB Transportation Operations Programs Director to the TPB dated September 21, 2022 informing the Board of the program's successful funding application,

ATTACHMENT C) Summary of COG Board Resolution R32-2022 authorizing the Executive Director, for his designee, to receive and expend grant funds from the FTA's ICAM Program; Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number: 20.513; and

WHEREAS, this project has been entered into the TPB's Project InfoTrak database under TIP Action 23-15.1, creating the 15th amended version of the FY 2023-2026 TIP, which supersedes all previous versions of the TIP and can be found online at www.mwcog.org/ProjectInfoTrak; and

WHEREAS, this project is exempt from the air quality conformity requirement, as defined in Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Transportation Conformity Regulations as of April 2012; and

WHEREAS, this resolution and amendment to the FY 2023-2026 TIP shall not be considered final until the Transportation Planning Board has had the opportunity to review and accept these materials at its next full meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Steering Committee of the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board amends the FY 2023-2026 TIP to include TIP Action 23-15.1 which adds the Reach-a-Ride Platform Improvements (T11628) with \$100,000 in federal ICAM program funds and \$25,000 in regional/local matching funds from WMATA, as described in the attached materials.



<i>TIP ID</i>	T11628	<i>Lead Agency</i>	TPB	<i>Project Type</i>	Ridesharing
<i>Project Name</i>	Reach-a-Ride Platform Improvements	<i>County</i>		<i>Total Cost</i>	\$125,000
<i>Project Limits</i>		<i>Municipality</i>		<i>Completion Date</i>	2025
		<i>Agency Project ID</i>			

Description The purpose of the project will be to convene a consortium of regional stakeholders to move the existing Reach a Ride platform towards a one-call, one-click Information and Referral/Assistance tool for transportation options in the region.

Phase	AC/ACCP Source	Prior	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	Future	4 Year Total	Total	*Map Has Not Been Marked
OTHER	LOCAL	-	\$25,000	-	-	-	-	\$25,000	\$25,000	
OTHER	ICAM	-	\$100,000	-	-	-	-	\$100,000	\$100,000	
	<i>Total Other</i>	-	\$125,000	-	-	-	-	\$125,000	\$125,000	
	<i>Total Programmed</i>	-	\$125,000	-	-	-	-	\$125,000	\$125,000	

Version History

<i>TIP Document</i>	<i>MPO Approval</i>	<i>FHWA Approval</i>	<i>FTA Approval</i>	<i>Current Change Reason</i>
23-15.1 Amendment 2023-2026	Pending	Pending	N/A	SCHEDULE / FUNDING / SCOPE - New Project



MEMORANDUM

TO: Transportation Planning Board
FROM: Nicholas Ramfos, Transportation Operations Programs Director
SUBJECT: Federal Transit Administration's Innovative Coordinated Access and Mobility Pilot Program (ICAM Pilot Program; Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number: 20.513) and Enhancing Mobility Innovation (EMI) Program; Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number: 20.530 -- Public Transportation Innovation
DATE: September 21, 2022

COG/TPB staff applied for two grants from the Federal Transit Administration that included the ICAM Pilot and EMI Public Transportation Innovation programs. Each grant application was approved for funding.

The ICAM project is in the amount of \$100,000 in federal funds and \$25,000 in matching funds from the Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority (WMATA) for a total budget of \$125,000. The purpose of the project will be to convene a consortium of regional stakeholders to move the existing Reach a Ride platform towards a one-call, one-click Information and Referral/Assistance tool for transportation options in the region. The grant period of performance will be over a two year timeframe after the grant contract is signed with FTA. The COG Board was asked to approve the receipt of the ICAM grant funds during its July 30, 2022 meeting. Resolution R32-2022 authorizing COG to receive and expend grant funds from the Federal Transit Administration for its ICAM Mobility Pilot Program was approved and COG will act as the administrative agent for the project.

The EMI project is in the amount of \$250,000 in federal funds and \$62,500 in matching funds from the District, Maryland, and Virginia Departments of Transportation from the CCWP for a total budget of \$312,500. The purpose of the project will be to design an open-source, cross platform mobile application to convert existing and future vanpools into microtransit providers to provide additional mobility solutions to environmental justice populations. Partnerships with employers and vanpool operators in the region through Commuter Connections will be used to improve occupancy rates on existing vanpools and set the groundwork for new vanpool formation. This will create a self-sustaining cycle in which new vanpool formations will provide wider mobility options for commuters and additional microtransit routes. The grant period of performance will be over a two year timeframe after the grant contract is signed with FTA. The COG Board was asked to approve the receipt of the EMI grant funds during its September 14, 2022 meeting. Resolution R36-2022 authorizing COG to receive and expend grant funds from the Federal Transit Administration for its EMI Public Transportation Innovation was approved and COG will act as the administrative agent for the project.

COG/TPB is currently working on completing applications in TrAMS to receive the funds from FTA and contract with the two subrecipients to manage the grant awards.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS
July 2022

A. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COG TO RECEIVE A GRANT FROM THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) FOR ITS INNOVATIVE COORDINATED ACCESS AND MOBILITY PILOT PROGRAM

The board will be asked to adopt Resolution R32-2022 authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to receive and expend grant funds from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Innovative Coordinated Access and Mobility Pilot Program (ICAM Pilot Program; Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number: 20.513) in the amount of \$100,000 in federal funds and \$25,000 in matching funds from the Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority (WMATA) for a total budget of \$125,000. The purpose of the project will be to convene a consortium of regional stakeholders to move the existing Reach a Ride platform towards a one-call, one-click Information and Referral/Assistance tool for transportation options in the region. No COG matching funds are required for this grant.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R32-2022.

B. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COG TO PROCURE AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO SURVEY AND IDENTIFY A QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE TRASH THRESHOLD

The board will be asked to adopt Resolution R33-2022 authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to procure and enter into a contract in the amount of \$49,915 to survey and identify a quantitative and qualitative trash threshold. This survey will provide a better understanding of how different qualitative and quantitative trash characterization may support or impair the potential recreational use of the river and streams. COG funds for this procurement are available in the Department of Environmental Programs Anacostia Restoration Program.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R33-2022.

C. RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR LEGAL MIGRANTS ARRIVING TO THE WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN REGION AS A RESULT OF POLICIES IMPLEMENTED BY BORDER STATES

The board will be asked to adopt Resolution R34-2022 expressing support for the funding efforts initiated by the District of Columbia's Congressional Representative Eleanor Holmes-Norton seeking additional federal resources to sustain the human services needs of those arriving to the Washington metropolitan region. Furthermore, the board directs the Human Services Policy Committee to consider this issue at an upcoming meeting to further explore opportunities for establishing partnerships and coordinating efforts which result in increased supportive services, and directs the Executive Director, or his designee to work with local Human Services Directors, Emergency Managers, nonprofit relief agencies and other appropriate organizations to facilitate the coordination of policies, programs and response efforts in support of the migrants.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R34-2022.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing resolution was adopted by the COG Board of Directors
July 30, 2022
Janele Partman
COG Communications Specialist**