

FTA SECTION 5310 ENHANCED MOBILITY PROGRAM

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

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Purpose

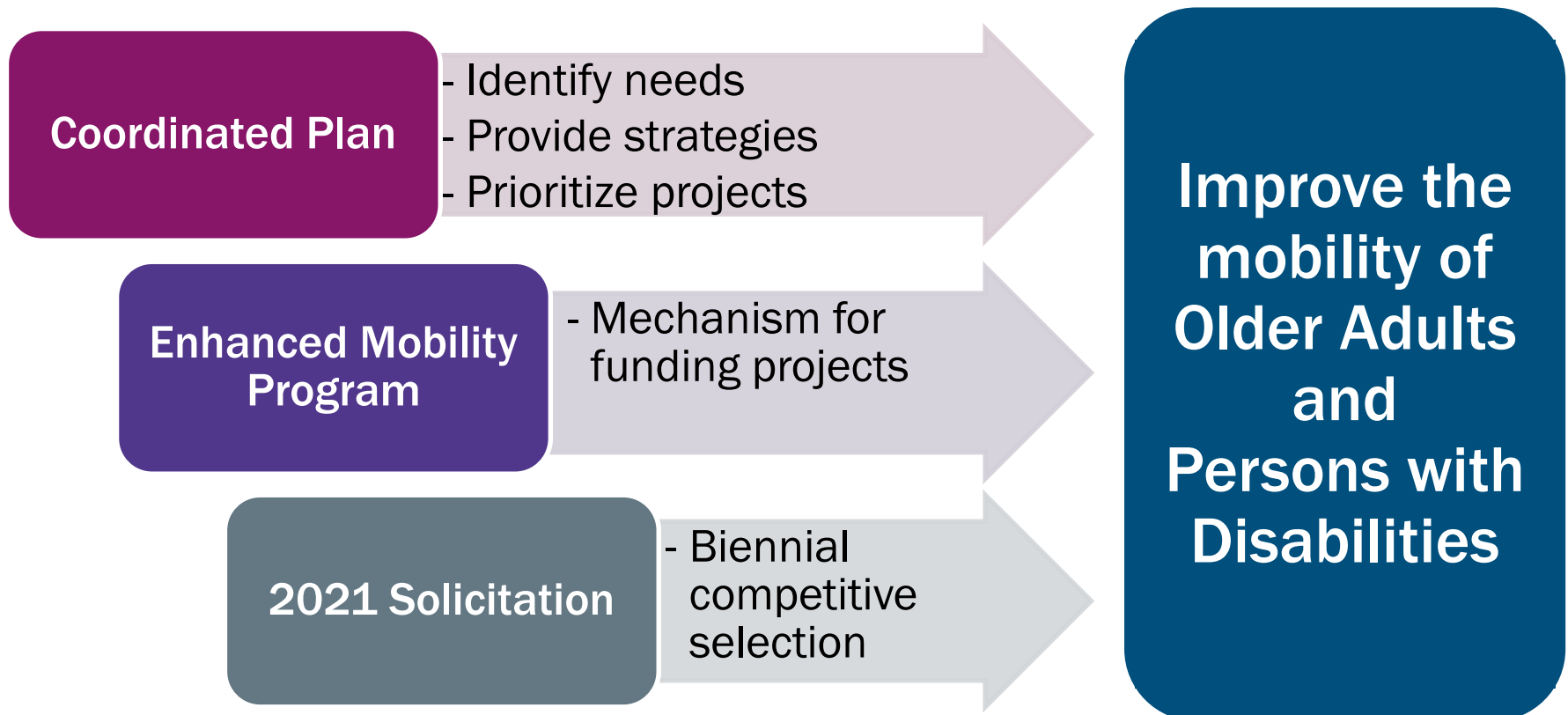
- Provide an overview of the Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility program
- Review solicitation process
- TPB action in November to approve funding recommendations



Source: NADTC



Process and Goal



Coordinated Plan

- FTA required plan to guide implementation of the Enhanced Mobility program
- Updated every 4 years
- Developed with input from TPB's Access for All Advisory Committee
- To be updated in 2022

UPDATE TO THE COORDINATED HUMAN SERVICE TRANSPORTATION PLAN FOR THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

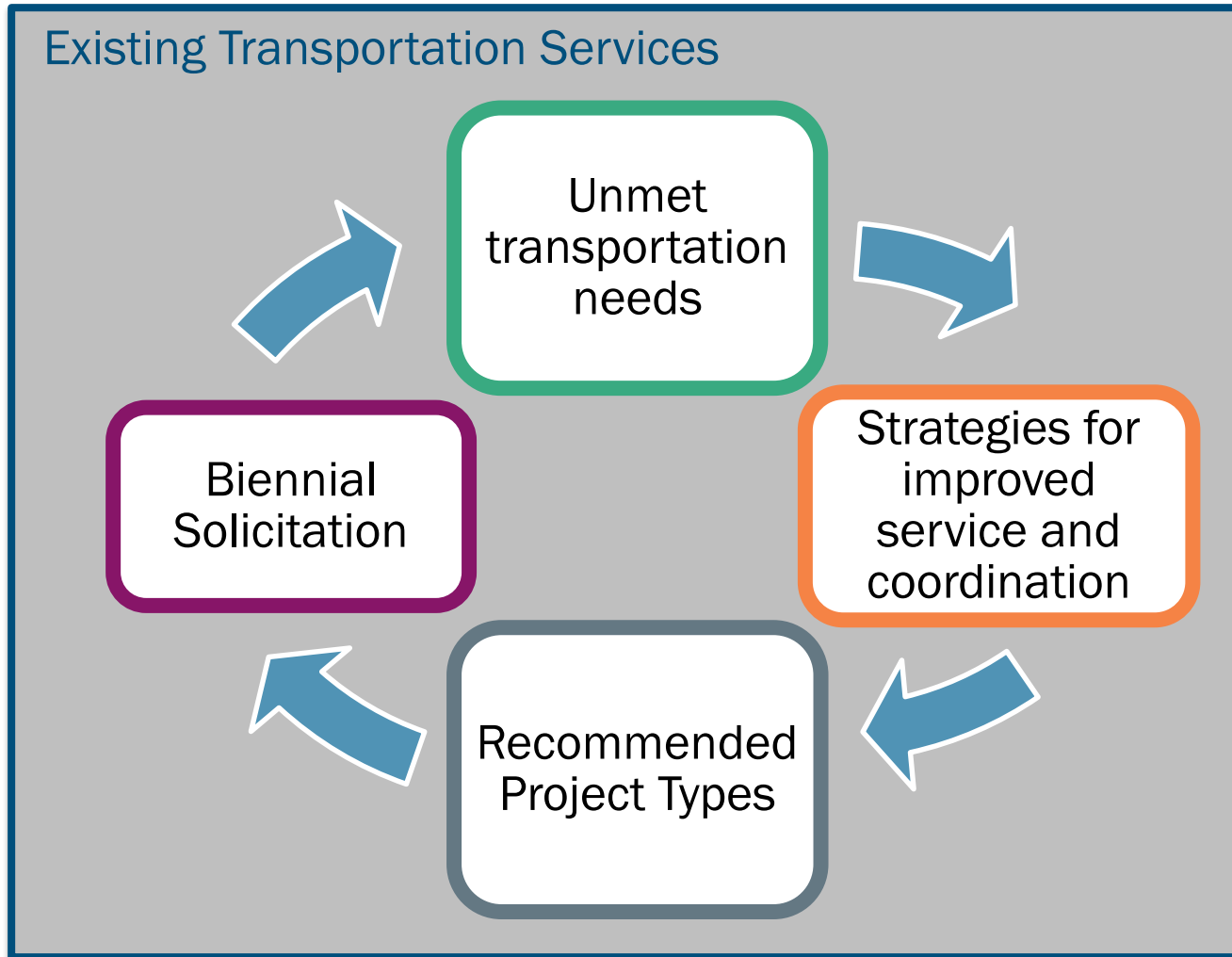
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Tackling Unmet Need



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



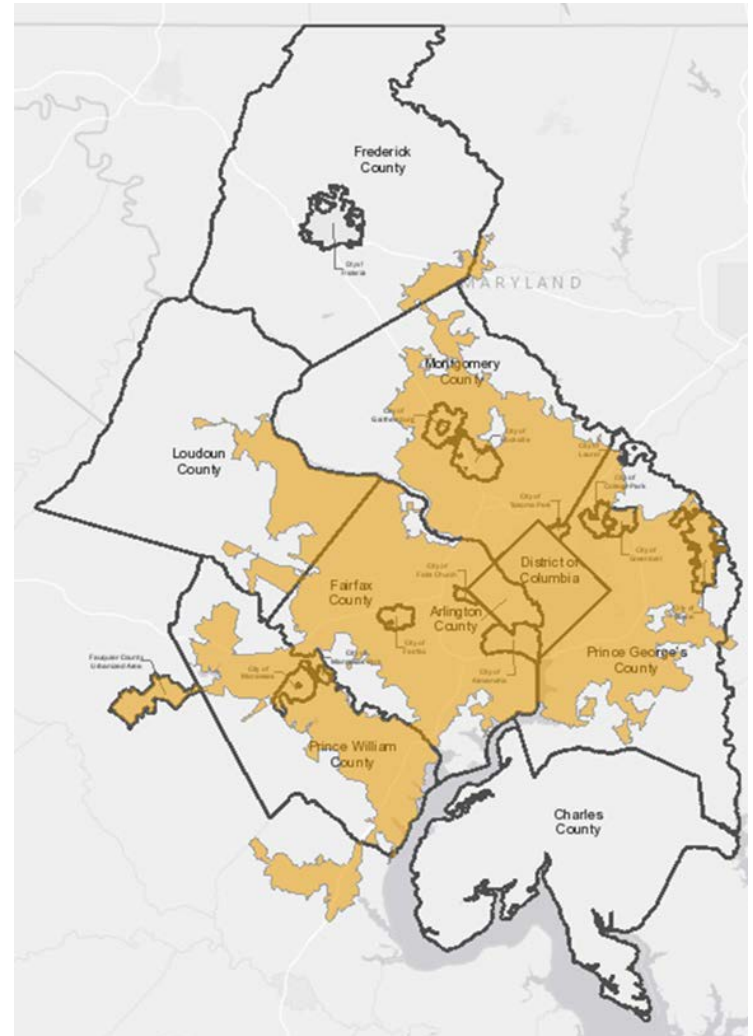
Tackling Unmet Need - Priority Projects

- 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)



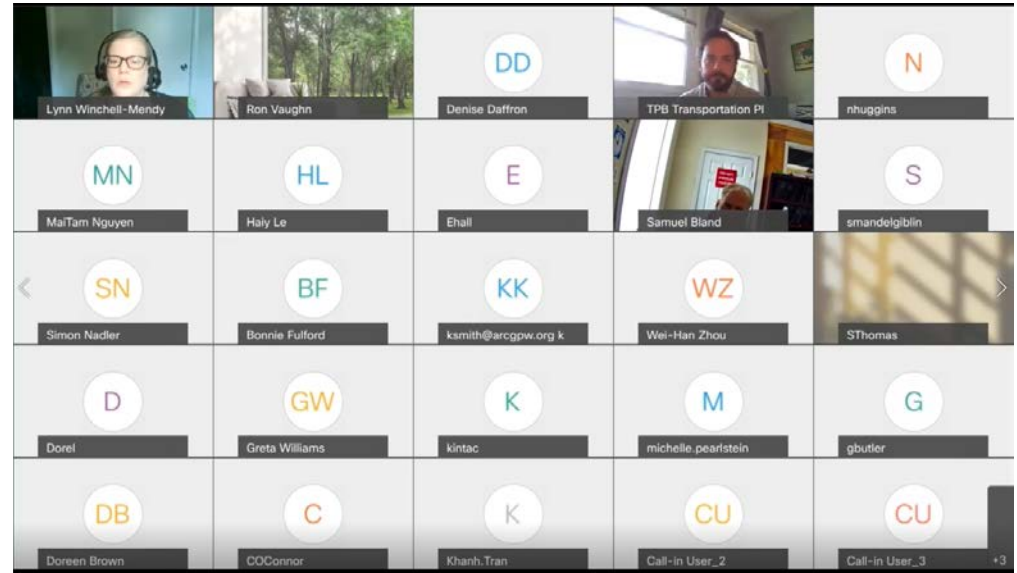
Enhanced Mobility Program

- Must benefit populations in the Washington DC-VA-MD Urbanized Area
- Unique TPB role to prioritize and select while COG implements
- Approximately \$3.0 million per year in matching grants
- Matching required
 - 20% for Capital or Mobility Management
 - 50% for Operating



2021 Solicitation

- July 1 through September 1, 2021
- Five virtual pre-application conferences
- Promoted through *TPBNews* and social media



2021 Solicitation

3,000+	Contacts received notice
23	Applications submitted
\$11.1 M	Requested in federal dollars
\$6.6 M	In federal funding available including reallocated dollars
\$1.68	Requested for every \$1 available
109	Wheelchair accessible minivans and buses requested



2021 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

- **October**
 - Complete Selection Committee recommendations
- **November**
 - Tech notice with review of applications received
 - TPB approval and TIP amendment
 - TPB staff notify applicants and begin submission process with FTA
- **Next Solicitation**
 - Summer 2023



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