


 National Capital Region  
Transportation Planning Board

Status Report on TPB 2012 Solicitation  
For Job Access Reverse Commute  
(JARC) and New Freedom Projects

Item 4  
June 1,  
2012



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 Background

- **TPB Designated Recipient in 2006**
  - JARC
  - New Freedom
- **Project Selection/ Administration**
  - Evaluation criteria
  - Selection committee
  - Ongoing funding / administration
- **Task Force Membership**
  - Public transit agencies
  - DOTs
  - Private and nonprofit providers
  - Human service agencies
  - Consumers

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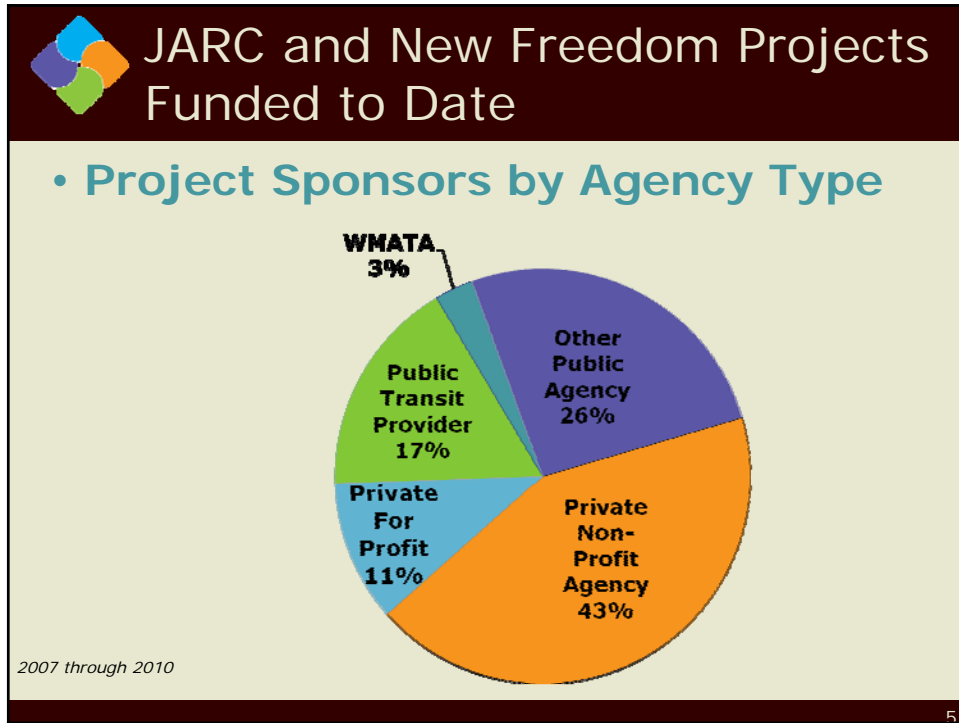
## Projects Funded to Date

- **JARC**
  - 25 projects
  - \$5.3 million in Federal funds
  - \$9 million total
- **New Freedom**
  - 24 projects
  - \$4.5 million in Federal funds
  - \$6.3 million total
- **One joint JARC and New Freedom project (WMATA) (travel training)**
  - \$987,000 in Federal funds (\$1.2 million total) (70% JARC; 30% New Freedom)


## Types of Projects

- Breakdown of 50 projects funded from 2007 – 2011

Project Type	Number of Projects	Total Amount
Travel Training	5	\$2,078,604
Tailored Transportation Services	12	\$6,091,664
Vouchers	8	\$1,083,712
Fixed Route / Demand Response	8	\$2,850,229
Car Loans	6	\$2,016,378
Accessible Cabs	5	\$1,591,658
Planning / Promotional Activities	6	\$1,393,084



- ## Assessment Recommendations
- Final report presented to TPB in January 2012
  - Provide project templates as resources to prepare applications
  - Rotate selection committee members more often
  - After 2012, solicit for grants every 2 years
  - Refresh Task Force membership
  - Strengthen performance measurements / monitoring
  - Provide opportunities for grantee exchange on lessons learned
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## 2011 Program Assessment

- Recommendations incorporated into solicitation
  - project templates / other resources
  - application
    - previous grant outcomes and performance
    - Resources on how to refine estimated number of people to be served
    - More detailed milestones
  - selection committee rotation



The image shows three overlapping brochures. The top one is titled 'Low Interest Auto Programs' and is from the 'NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD' under the 'JOB ACCESS REVERSE COMMUTE GARD PROJECT TEMPLATE'. The middle one is titled 'Travel Training' and is from the 'NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD' under the 'NEW FREEDOM PROJECT TEMPLATE'. The bottom one is titled 'Developing a travel training program' and includes text about applying for a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) New Freedom grant to conduct travel training. It mentions that the brochure will provide tips for preparing an application and that more information is available on the agency's website at [www.tpbnewfreedom.org](http://www.tpbnewfreedom.org). It also states that travel training educates people who are unfamiliar with public transportation.

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## Examples of Grants Funded

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## Regional bus stop improvements

- \$1.2 New Freedom grant awarded to WMATA in 2011
- Consultant assistance to prioritize stops
- Improvements to 50 stops



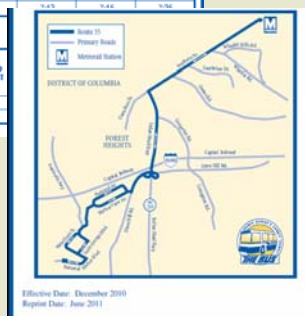
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## New fixed route service in MD

- Awarded to Prince George's County Department of Public Works & Transportation
- Establishes connection between National Harbor and Southern Ave Metrorail

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National Harbor/Southern Avenue Metrorail/ National Harbor/Gaylord Hotel				
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## Rideshare coordinator in VA

- Awarded to Dulles Area Transportation Association
- Promotes employee carpools / employer vanpools



## 2012 Solicitation Details

- **Solicitation Details**
  - February 16 through April 11
  - Funding amounts
    - JARC: \$2.1 million
    - New Freedom: \$1.5 million
    - Local match required (20% capital; 50% operating)
- **Outreach**
  - 1,800 organizations received brochure
  - Three pre-application conferences
    - 1 in MD, 1 in VA, 1 in DC



## Solicitation Priorities

- **Priority projects developed by HSTC Task Force**
  - Rideshare or Vanpool Activities
  - Low Interest Car Loan Programs
  - Travel Training
  - Door Through Door Service
  - Volunteer Driver Programs


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## Solicitation Outcomes

- 18 applications received
  - 2 in DC
  - 4 regional
  - 6 in Suburban MD
  - 6 in Northern VA


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## Selection Process

- **Selection Committee**
  - Chaired by Patrick Wojahn
  - Applications scored using selection criteria established in Coordinated Plan
  - 2 meetings in April/May
  - 5 members from national and local agencies
    - Disability issues
    - Workforce Development
    - Public Transit
    - Private Providers
- **Funding recommendations**
  - Presented to TPB for final approval on June 20, following review by TPB Officers

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## Next Solicitation

- **2014 Solicitation**
  - Biennial solicitation process – Assessment recommendation
  - Funding for the 2014 solicitation
    - Any carryover from 2012 solicitation
    - Additional funding contingent on reauthorization of surface transportation bill
  - Priority projects established by Task Force
  - Reauthorization may change program structure and requirements

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