

TPB SR10-2021
January 8, 2021

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

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS
FROM THE FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES SET ASIDE
PROGRAM FOR A PROJECT IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

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 Fixing American's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) for developing and carrying out a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process for the Metropolitan Area; and

WHEREAS, the FAST Act's Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA Set Aside) Program, which is part of the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), provides a portion of funding based on the relative share of the total State population sub-allocated to large urbanized areas, and the MPO is required "to develop a competitive process to allow eligible entities to submit projects for funding ... in consultation with the relevant State"; and

WHEREAS, the TA Set Aside Program provides funding for transportation programs and projects defined as eligible per Section 1109 of the FAST Act; and

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia Department of Transportation (DDOT), the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT), and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) are responsible for determining the total federal funding amount allocated to the TPB, determining project eligibility, project implementation, and project oversight; and

WHEREAS, the TA Set Aside Program provides an opportunity to fund projects that implement regional policies reflected in the Regional Transportation Priorities Plan and in the seven initiatives endorsed by the TPB in December 2017 and January 2018, which include promoting Regional Activity Centers, improving pedestrian and bicycle access to transit, and completing the National Capital Trail; and

WHEREAS, the TA Set Aside is a complementary component of the TPB's Transportation Land-Use Connections (TLC) Program, which supports planning-related projects and events of TPB member jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, a surplus of \$422,839 exists in the account of funds sub-allocated in FY 2021 to

the TPB for the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, on November 18, 2020, the TPB approved Resolution R9-2021, which awarded funding for a package of TA Set Aside projects for FY 2021 in the District of Columbia, including the project called “Curb Extensions with Ground Murals”; and

WHEREAS, DDOT has determined the Curb Extensions with Ground Murals project is in need of additional federal funding; and

WHEREAS, DDOT has requested that funding be transferred from the TPB’s TA Set-Aside surplus to this project; and

WHEREAS, on July 12, 2019, the TPB approved Resolution SR1-2020 which established a policy for off-cycle fund transfers of TA Set-Aside funding, including the transfer of funds to previously awarded projects from unspent program allocations to the TPB that were not fully awarded to projects; and

WHEREAS, the transfer requested by DDOT is consistent with the policy established through Resolution SR1-2020;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Steering Committee of the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board approves the following transfer of federal TA Set Aside funds as described in the attached material and as listed below:

- \$31,626.40 – Curb Extensions with Ground Murals



MEMORANDUM

TO: TPB Steering Committee
FROM: John Swanson, Principal Transportation Planner
SUBJECT: Request for transfer of Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (TAP) funding for a project in the District of Columbia
DATE: January 4, 2021

The TPB Steering Committee on January 8, 2021 will be asked to approve a transfer of Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (TAP) funds, which has been requested by the District Department of Transportation (DDOT).

The transfer will use funding from a surplus in the TPB's FY 2021 TAP sub-allocation for the District of Columbia. The transferred funds will be added to a project titled "Curbs Extensions with Ground Murals," which the TPB originally provided with \$20,000 in TAP funding as part of a package of seven TAP projects in D.C. approved on November 18, 2020.

The projects approved in November were funded for a total of \$727,161 in TAP funding. However, the TPB's FY 2021 sub-allocation of \$1.15 million for D.C. was not fully expended, leaving a surplus of \$422,839.

Since that action in November, DDOT has discovered that additional funding is needed to complete the Curb Extensions project. As described in the attachment, DDOT has determined that a total of \$64,533 will be needed. With a 20% local match of \$12,906.60, the full request for federal TAP funding is now \$51,626.40. Taking into account the previously approved \$20,000 in TAP funding for the project, DDOT is now requesting an additional \$31,626.40 in transferred TAP funding.

TPB staff have confirmed that this request is allowable under the TAP transfer policy approved by the Steering Committee in July of 2019. That policy, among other potential actions, permits the Steering Committee to transfer funds to previously awarded projects from unspent TAP sub-allocations that were not fully awarded to projects.

For more information about this request, please contact Kelsey Bridges at DDOT (kelsey.bridges@dc.gov) or John Swanson at COG/TPB (jswanson@mwcog.org).

Curb Extensions with Murals
Scope of Work

1. Purpose of Project

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), 2018 saw the highest number of pedestrian fatalities since 1990, despite a substantial decrease in overall traffic fatalities. Our existing pedestrian infrastructure is not providing people with a safe means of transportation. This project will add curb extensions at five (5) intersections throughout DC to increase pedestrian visibility and safety:

- Blair Road at 5th Street NW / Dahlia Street *Rock Creek East I*
- New Mexico Avenue NW at Cathedral Ave NW *Rock Creek Far West*
- Texas Avenue SE at Chaplin St / E Street *Far Southeast III*
- Georgia Avenue NW at Alaska Avenue NW / Kalmia Road *Rock Creek East I*
- Nebraska Avenue NW at 45th Street / Newark Street *Rock Creek Far West*

These locations have been previously identified by the community through DDOT’s Livability Study program as locations with pedestrian safety concerns that could benefit from curb extensions. During implementation, each of the curb extensions will contain a ground mural designed by a local artist. DDOT plans to go through community outreach and coordination to select the artist and develop the artwork for the curb extensions. These will help visually delineate the curb extension from the remainder of the roadway while also engaging local community members in the process.

2. Study Area & Map

See attached map for locations of proposed curb extension projects.

3. Scope

TASK	DESCRIPTION	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	DURATION
1	<i>Evaluate traffic impacts of proposed intersection changes</i>	<i>DDOT</i>	<i>Weeks 1 - 4</i>
2	<i>Select Artist for Installation</i>	<i>DDOT</i>	<i>Weeks 2 -4</i>
3	<i>Design Creation – Round 1</i>	<i>Artist</i>	<i>Week 5</i>
4	<i>Community Engagement – Round 1</i>	<i>DDOT & Artist</i>	<i>Week 6</i>
5	<i>Design Creation – Round 2</i>	<i>Artist</i>	<i>Weeks 7 – 8</i>
6	<i>Community Engagement – Round 2</i>	<i>DDOT & Artist</i>	<i>Week 9</i>
7	<i>Permitting</i>	<i>DDOT</i>	<i>Weeks 10 – 11</i>
8	<i>Installation</i>	<i>DDOT & Artist</i>	<i>Weeks 12 – 13</i>

4. Deliverables

- Curb Extension Engineering Drawing & Notice of Intent – Week 4
- Draft Design for Closed Roadway – Week 5

- Final Design for Closed Roadway – Week 8
- Installation of Curb Extensions – Week 13

5. Budget Estimate

DDOT Staff Time is not included in Budget Estimate

PHASES	
<i>Planning</i>	\$10,500
<i>Construction</i>	\$49,800
Estimate Total	\$60,300
<i>Construction Contingency (8.5%)</i>	\$4,233
Total	\$64,533

INTERSECTION ESTIMATES	
<i>Blair Road at 5th Street NW</i>	\$7,800
<i>New Mexico Avenue NW at Cathedral Ave NW</i>	\$17,100
<i>Texas Avenue SE at Chaplin St SE</i>	\$8,100
<i>Georgia Avenue NW at Alaska Avenue NW</i>	\$13,500
<i>Nebraska Avenue NW at 45th Street</i>	\$13,800
Estimate Total	\$60,300
<i>Construction Contingency (8.5%)</i>	\$4,233
Total	\$64,533

Intersection Estimates - Breakdown

Blair Road at 5th Street NW – 800 Square Feet	
<i>Traffic Analysis & Engineering (Planning)</i>	\$1,000
<i>Community Outreach (Planning)</i>	\$500
<i>Design Creation (Planning)</i>	\$600
<i>Curb Extension Installation (Construction)</i>	\$2,500
<i>Mural Installation (Construction)</i>	\$3,200
Total	\$7,800

New Mexico Avenue NW at Cathedral Ave NW – 2,500 Square Feet	
<i>Traffic Analysis & Engineering</i>	\$1,000
<i>Community Outreach</i>	\$500
<i>Design Creation</i>	\$600
<i>Curb Extension Installation</i>	\$5,000
<i>Mural Installation</i>	\$10,000
Total	\$17,100

Texas Avenue SE at Chaplin St / E Street – 1,000 Square Feet	
<i>Traffic Analysis & Engineering</i>	\$1,000
<i>Community Outreach</i>	\$500
<i>Design Creation</i>	\$600
<i>Curb Extension Installation</i>	\$2,000
<i>Mural Installation</i>	\$4,000
Total	\$8,100

Georgia Avenue NW at Alaska Avenue NW / Kalmia Road – 1,500 Square Feet	
<i>Traffic Analysis & Engineering</i>	\$1,000
<i>Community Outreach</i>	\$500
<i>Design Creation</i>	\$600
<i>Curb Extension Installation</i>	\$5,400
<i>Mural Installation</i>	\$6,000
Total	\$13,500

Nebraska Avenue NW at 45th Street / Newark Street – 1,600 Square Feet	
<i>Traffic Analysis & Engineering</i>	\$1,000
<i>Community Outreach</i>	\$500
<i>Design Creation</i>	\$600
<i>Curb Extension Installation</i>	\$5,300
<i>Mural Installation</i>	\$6,400
Total	\$13,800