

# FTA SECTION 5310 ENHANCED MOBILITY PROGRAM

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

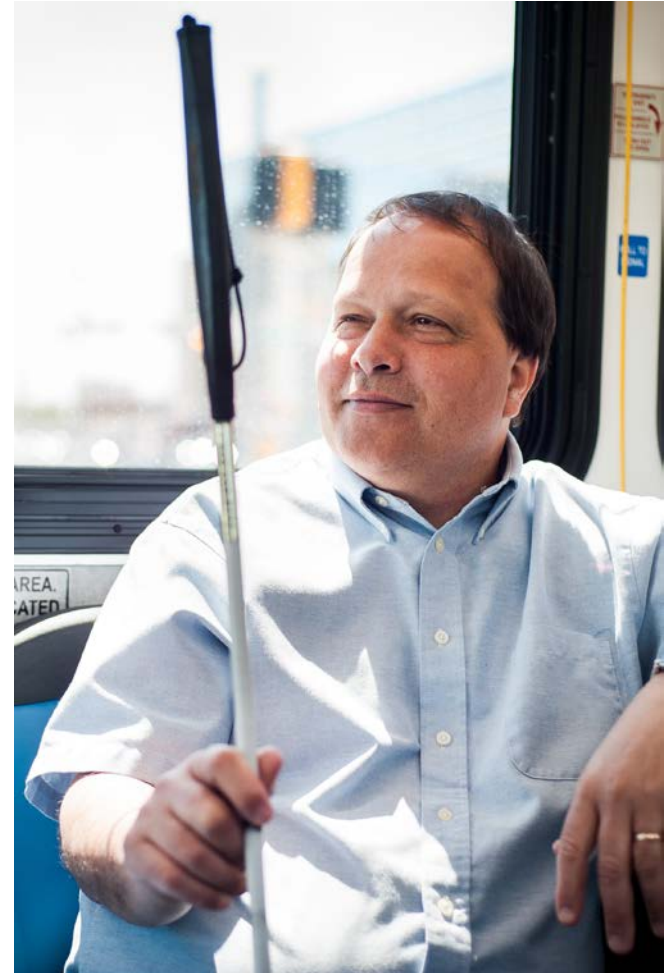
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# Purpose

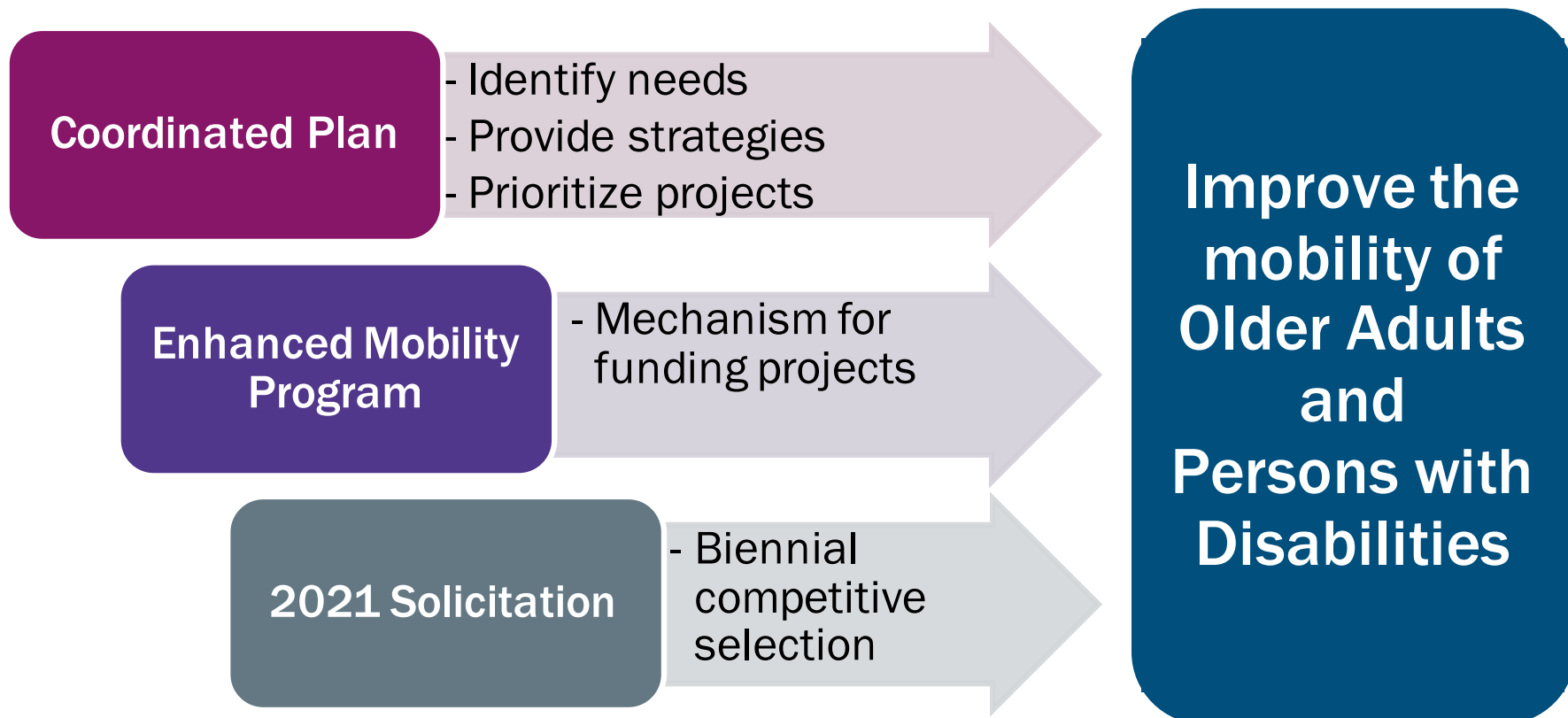
- Provide an overview of the Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility program
- Review solicitation process
- TPB action in November to approve funding recommendations



Source: NADTC

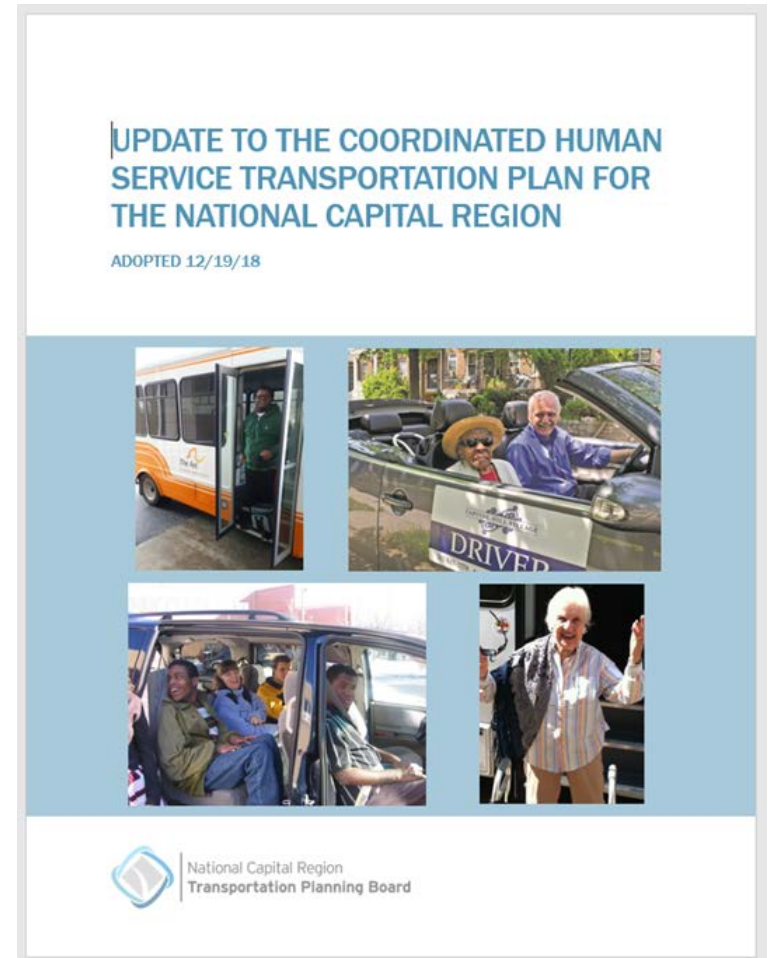


# Process and Goal

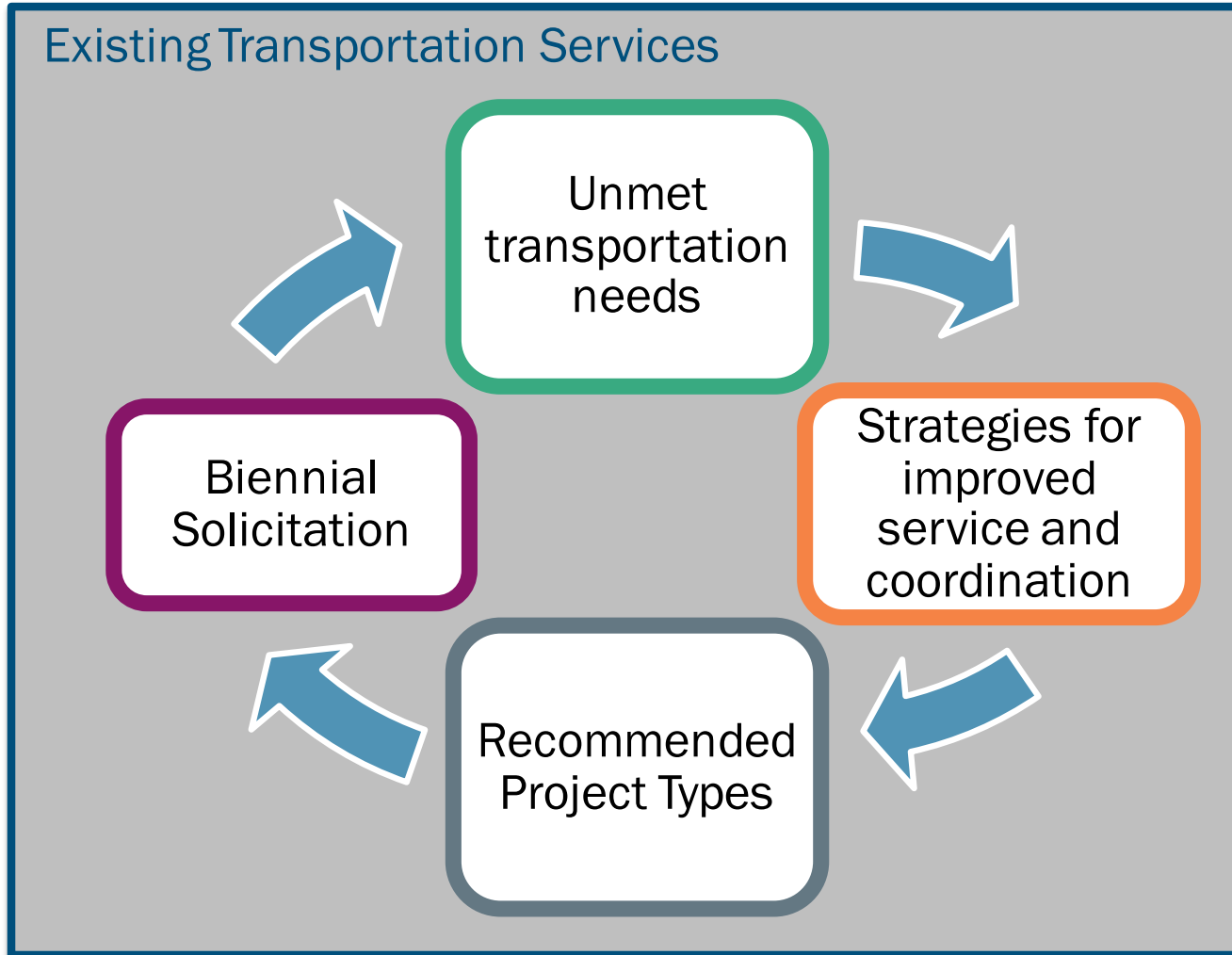


# Coordinated Plan

- 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



# 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

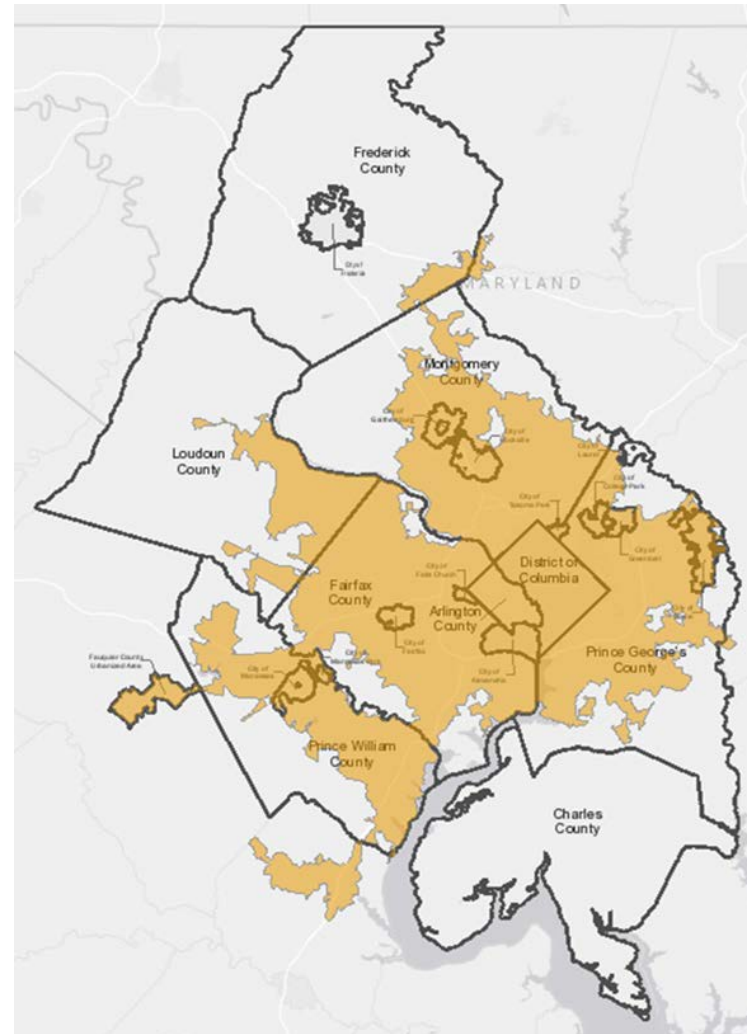
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- Mobility Management
- Coordinated Planning Efforts
- Travel Training
- Door-through-door or Escorted Transportation Service
- Increase Access to Transit Stations
- Increase Wheelchair-Accessible Options in Taxi and Ride-Hailing Services
- Volunteer Driver Programs
- Tailored Transportation Service for Clients of Human Service Agencies (Vehicle Acquisition)



# Enhanced Mobility Program

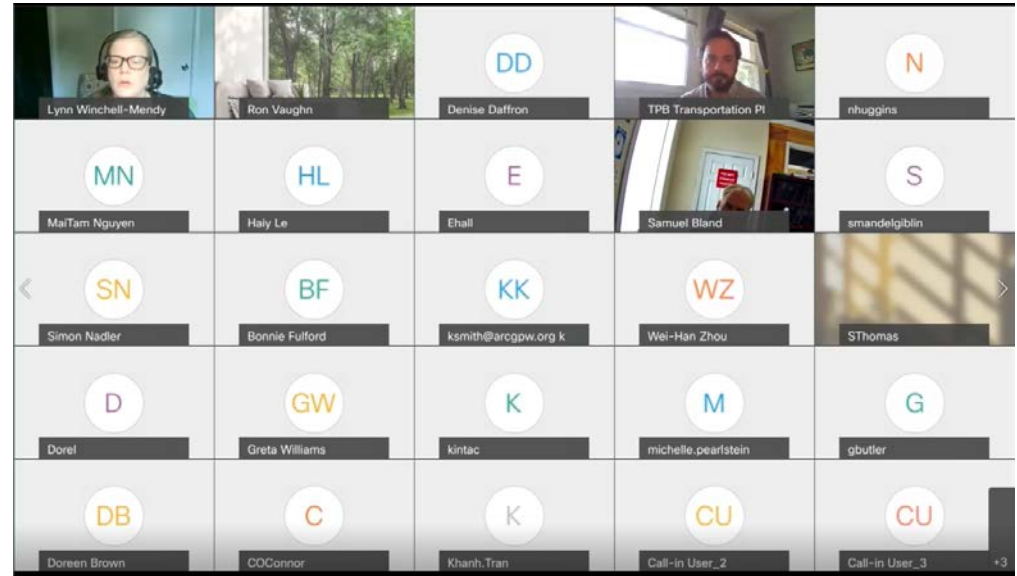
- Must benefit populations in the Washington DC-VA-MD Urbanized Area
- Unique TPB role to prioritize and select while COG implements
- Approximately \$3.0 million per year in matching grants
- Matching required
  - 20% for Capital or Mobility Management
  - 50% for Operating





# 2021 Solicitation

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



# 2021 Solicitation

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<b>3,000+</b>	Contacts received notice
<b>23</b>	Applications submitted
<b>\$11.1 M</b>	Requested in federal dollars
<b>\$6.6 M</b>	In federal funding available including reallocated dollars
<b>\$1.68</b>	Requested for every <b>\$1</b> available
<b>109</b>	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

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- **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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