



National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board

Approval of Project Recommendations for Funding Under Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom Programs

Item 8

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2011





Background

- **TPB Designated Recipient in 2006**
 - JARC
 - New Freedom
- **Project Selection/ Administration**
 - Evaluation criteria
 - Selection committee
 - Ongoing funding and administration

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



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NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD
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Projects Funded to Date

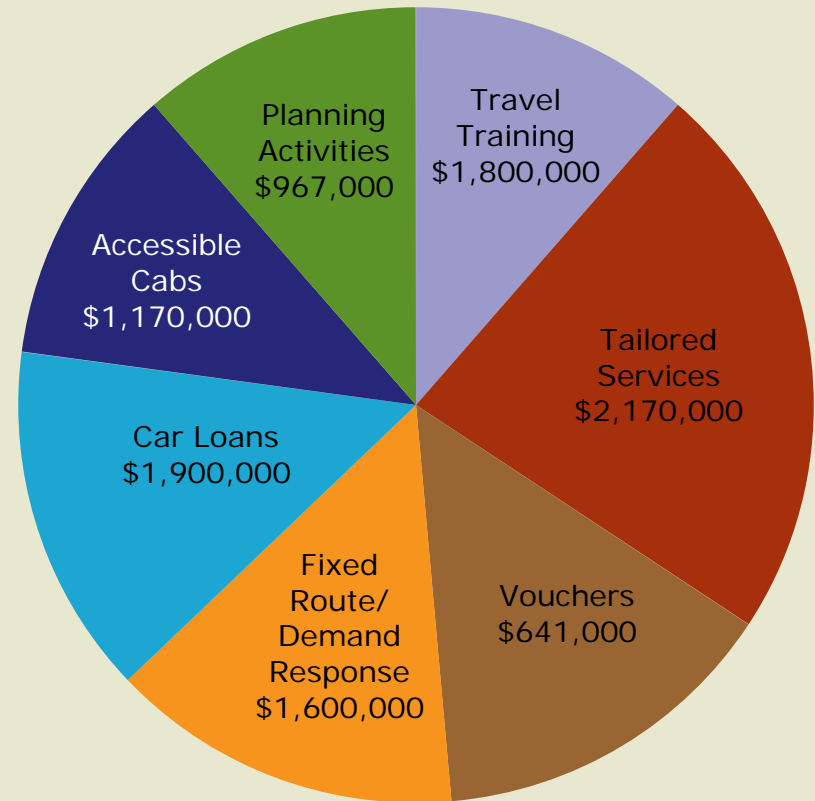
- **JARC**
 - 17 projects
 - \$2.9 million in Federal funds
 - \$5 million total
- **New Freedom**
 - 17 projects
 - \$2.6 million in Federal funds
 - \$3.9 million total
- **One joint JARC and New Freedom project (WMATA) (travel training)**
 - \$987,000 in Federal funds (\$1.2 million total) (70% JARC; 30% New Freedom)
- 49% nonprofit recipients; 20% local government agency; 20% transit operator and 11% private provider



Types of Projects Funded

- Breakdown of 35 projects funded from 2007 – 2010

- 4 Travel Training
- 8 Tailored Services
- 5 Vouchers
- 5 Fixed Route/Demand Response
- 5 Car Loans
- 4 Accessible Cabs
- 4 Planning Activities





2011 Solicitation Details

- **Solicitation Details**

- February 1 through April 13
- Funding amounts
 - JARC: \$2.5 million
 - New Freedom: \$1.9 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 encouraged**
 - Regional bus stop improvements
 - Regional public transportation capacity study
 - Door through door services
 - Wheelchair accessible taxi pilot where not currently operating



Solicitation Outcomes

- 24 applications received
 - 5 in DC
 - 4 regional
 - 8 in Suburban MD
 - 7 in Northern VA
- **More than twice as much money requested than was available in the solicitation**



Selection Process

- **Selection Committee**
 - Chaired by Patrick Wojahn
 - 3 meetings in May
 - 6 members from national and local agencies
 - Disability issues
 - Workforce Development
 - Transit
 - Private Provider
- **Funding recommendations**
 - TPB officers were asked to concur with process used to recommend projects being presented today



Recommended JARC Projects

a. Doorways for Women & Families

- Taxi voucher project
- Assists residents of shelters and transitional housing with job training or interview trips
- For trips in Arlington and DC

Recommended Funding	
JARC Funds	\$39,936
Required Match	\$39,936
Total Project	\$79,872



Recommended JARC Projects

b. Home Care Partners

- Provides gas cards to home care aides who commute by personal vehicle to clients' homes throughout DC metropolitan area
- Provides \$16 per month in transportation assistance

Recommended Funding	
JARC Funds	\$140,000
Required Match	\$140,000
Total Project	\$280,000



Recommended JARC Projects

c. Northern Virginia Family Service

- Continuation of Ways to Work program
- Provides low-interest loans to low-income working families with limited access to transit
- Operates throughout Northern Virginia

Recommended Funding	
JARC Funds	\$ 58,382
Required Match	\$ 58,382
Total Project	\$116,764



Recommended JARC Projects

d. Skill Source Group, Inc.

- Funding for operating costs for vehicle
- Provide transportation to and from job sites for low-income individuals re-entering community after incarceration
- Will operate in Fairfax County

Recommended Funding	
JARC Funds	\$ 53,580
Required Match	\$ 53,580
Total Project	\$107,160



Recommended JARC Projects

e. University of Maryland

- Regional Public Transportation Capacity Study
- Conduct socio-demographic and geographic analysis of low-income individuals and locations of entry-level jobs
- Look at trip-chaining impacts
- Recommendations for improving transportation options

Recommended Funding	
JARC Funds	\$159,189
Required Match	\$ 39,797
Total Project	\$198,986



Recommended JARC Projects

f. Dulles Area Transportation Association

- Rideshare Coordinator
- Assist low-income employees in forming or maintaining carpools
- Meet with employers about forming vanpools
- Serve up to 20 employment sites in Dulles corridor

Recommended Funding	
JARC Funds	\$181,878
Required Match	\$ 45,470
Total Project	\$227,348



Recommended JARC Projects

g. Montgomery County Department of Transportation

- Bike sharing project
- 20 bike sharing stations and 200 bicycles
- Rockville and Shady Grove areas
- Waived membership and usage fees for low-income workers meeting program guidelines

Recommended Funding	
JARC Funds	\$1,288,000
Required Match	\$ 688,000
Total Project	\$1,976,000



Recommended JARC Projects

h. Prince George's County Department of Public Works & Transportation

- Funding for new, early morning service on Oxon Hill Road and Indian Head Highway
- Will connect with existing Route 35 serving Southern Avenue Metrorail and National Harbor

Recommended Funding	
JARC Funds	\$ 548,000
Required Match	\$ 548,000
Total Project	\$1,096,000



Recommended New Freedom Projects

a. Prince William County Area Agency on Aging

- Purchase of a 12-passenger accessible bus
- Transportation to agency services for clients with disabilities
- Shared by Agency on Aging, Prince William Community Services and Prince William Department of Public Works

Recommended Funding	
New Freedom Funds	\$40,000
Required Match	\$10,000
Total Project	\$50,000



Recommended New Freedom Projects

b. DC Office on Aging

- Continuation of door-through-door service
- Provides a home care aide to accompany and assist older adults in preparing for and traveling to medical appointments

Recommended Funding	
New Freedom Funds	\$ 91,468
Required Match	\$ 91,468
Total Project	\$182,936



Recommended New Freedom Projects

c. Skill Source Group, Inc.

- Taxi vouchers and gas cards for employment-related transportation needs of jobseekers who have disabilities
- Part of Ticket to Work program
- Operates throughout Northern Virginia

Recommended Funding	
New Freedom Funds	\$41,000
Required Match	\$41,000
Total Project	\$82,000



Recommended New Freedom Projects

d. Boat People SOS

- Continued funding of senior transportation program
- Offers travel training and taxi vouchers for same-day trips
- Operates in Northern Virginia

Recommended Funding	
New Freedom Funds	\$203,000
Required Match	\$ 52,400
Total Project	\$256,000



Recommended New Freedom Projects

e. Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind

- Travel training for visually impaired or blind as well as deaf-blind consumers
- Creates internship program to train Orientation & Mobility Specialists in providing travel training services
- Operates throughout Northern Virginia, Suburban Maryland, and DC

Recommended Funding	
New Freedom Funds	\$184,413
Required Match	\$ 46,104
Total Project	\$230,517



Recommended New Freedom Projects

f. Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

- Regional bus stop improvement project
- Funding to prioritize a list of stops
- Improvements to 50 stops

Recommended Funding	
New Freedom Funds	\$ 996,200
Required Match	\$ 249,050
Total Project	\$1,245,250



Recommended New Freedom Projects

g. Accessible Taxi, Inc.

- Funding to purchase seven modified minivans to operate as wheelchair accessible taxi service throughout Prince George's County
- Contingent upon obtaining the appropriate operating licenses

Recommended Funding	
New Freedom Funds	\$339,067
Required Match	\$ 84,766
Total Project	\$423,833



Status of Funds

- **If projects are approved**

Program	Funds
JARC	\$2,468,965 Million Obligated \$61,625 Reserved for 2012 Solicitation
New Freedom	All Funds are Obligated FY2011 funds for 2012 Solicitation



Next Steps

- **2012 Solicitation**
 - Same timeframe as this year
 - FY11 and FY10 carryover funding
 - \$1.5 million JARC
 - \$1.1 million New Freedom
 - Priority projects