

TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES SET-ASIDE PROGRAM

Maryland Project Recommendations for FY 2018

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Overview

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TA Set Aside

- *PURPOSE:* A federal formula program that provides funding to projects considered “alternatives” to traditional highway construction
- *FEDERAL AUTHORIZATION*
 - MAP-21 (2012) – Established as the “Transportation Alternatives Program”
 - FAST Act (2015) - Renamed “Transportation Alternatives Set Aside”
- *TPB ROLE:* Large MPOs are sub-allocated funds and given the responsibility for selecting projects for those funds.



TLC Program

- In our region, the TA Set Aside Program is a component of the TPB's TLC Program
- The TLC Program also includes:
 - Technical assistance projects
 - TLC PeerX (Peer Exchange Network)
- These programs promote regional goals and priorities, including:
 - Multimodal transportation options (RTPP Goal 1)
 - Regional activity centers (RTPP Goal 2)



Maryland: FY 2018 Project Selection

- Feb-May Solicitation and outreach
- May 15 Application deadline
- May- Aug Application review
- Aug 30 TPB Selection Panel meeting
- Sept 20 TPB scheduled to approve projects (MPO suballocation)
- Sept-Oct MDOT/SHA selects projects for statewide funding



TPB Selection Process

- Selection Panel included TPB staff, District Department of Transportation, and Virginia Department of Transportation
- Panel members individually scored projects



- Based on scores, panel members rank projects “High/Medium/Low”
- At the selection panel meeting on August 30, panel used rankings to help evaluate and jointly prioritize projects for funding

Regional Goals Criteria

- Multimodal Transportation Options for non-drivers
- Regional Activity Centers
- Access to Transit
- Safe Routes to School
- Disadvantaged Communities
- People with Disabilities
- Local Commitment (% match in application)



FY 2018 Project Recommendations

- TPB received **\$4,850,211** in funding requests for eight projects in Suburban Maryland
- TPB's STP Set Aside sub-allocation is **\$1,663,312**
- **Six projects were** recommended for funding
 - Five projects are in or in close to regional activity centers
 - Five projects (or component) are within $\frac{3}{4}$ mile of transit
 - Six projects (or component) are in Equity Emphasis Areas
 - Four projects were for "Safe Routes to School"



FY 2018 Project Recommendations

Project	Jurisdiction/Agency	Recommendation
Central Avenue Connector Trail (Phase I)	Prince George's County	\$640,000
Bike Share Program (Phase I)	Prince George's County	\$681,066
Brunswick Sidewalk Improvements (Safe Routes to School)	City of Brunswick	\$92,206
Hollywood Road Sidewalk (Safe Routes to School)	City of College Park	\$43,200
Safe Routes to School – Non-Infrastructure Projects	Montgomery County	\$46,840
Takoma Park Sidewalk Improvements (Safe Routes to School)	Takoma Park	\$160,000
Total		\$1,663,312



Next Steps

- The TPB is scheduled to approve projects on September 20, 2017.
- After all Maryland MPOs have selected projects (end of September), Maryland SHA will select projects for statewide TA Set Aside funding.



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