TPB Technical Assistance

What is TPB Technical Assistance?
Technical Assistance is a program unique to TPB. It assists state and local governments as well as transit operating agencies with preliminary planning of projects, programs or policy evaluations that advance metropolitan planning, including regional goals, priorities, and aspirations.

The program applies TPB-developed tools, techniques, data, and staff capabilities to tasks that vary from sub-area planning to travel modeling to data collection across metropolitan Washington. TPB staff usually support TPB Technical assistance projects; occasionally consultants are hired to support tasks if special expertise or additional capacity is needed.

Separate technical assistance accounts exist for the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia, as well as regional transit. The funding level is based upon an agreed-upon percentage of the total new FTA and FHWA planning funding passed through each state and subject to the board approval of the TPB's Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

What are some examples of current and past projects?
- Market Assessment for VRE-MARC Run Through Service
- Bus Rapid Transit Study Coordination in Montgomery County, including US 29
- Northern Virginia Bicycle and Pedestrian Counts

Who is eligible for assistance?
State and local governments as well as transit operating agencies in the National Capital region that are members of the TPB may request technical assistance.

How do I request assistance?
Contact your state or regional transit Technical Assistance representative (listed below) as well as the TPB Technical Assistance Program Manager to discuss your idea. The project must meet two thresholds to be considered for funding.

Eligible for FTA and/or FHWA Planning Funding **+** Aligns with, supports, or advances metropolitan planning **=** Potential Technical Assistance Project

Project concepts that meet these requirements will be evaluated and recommended for inclusion in the UPWP by the State Technical Working Group.

Who do I contact to learn more?
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