

# OVERVIEW OF SOLICITATION

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## Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310) Program

Commuter Connections Subcommittee

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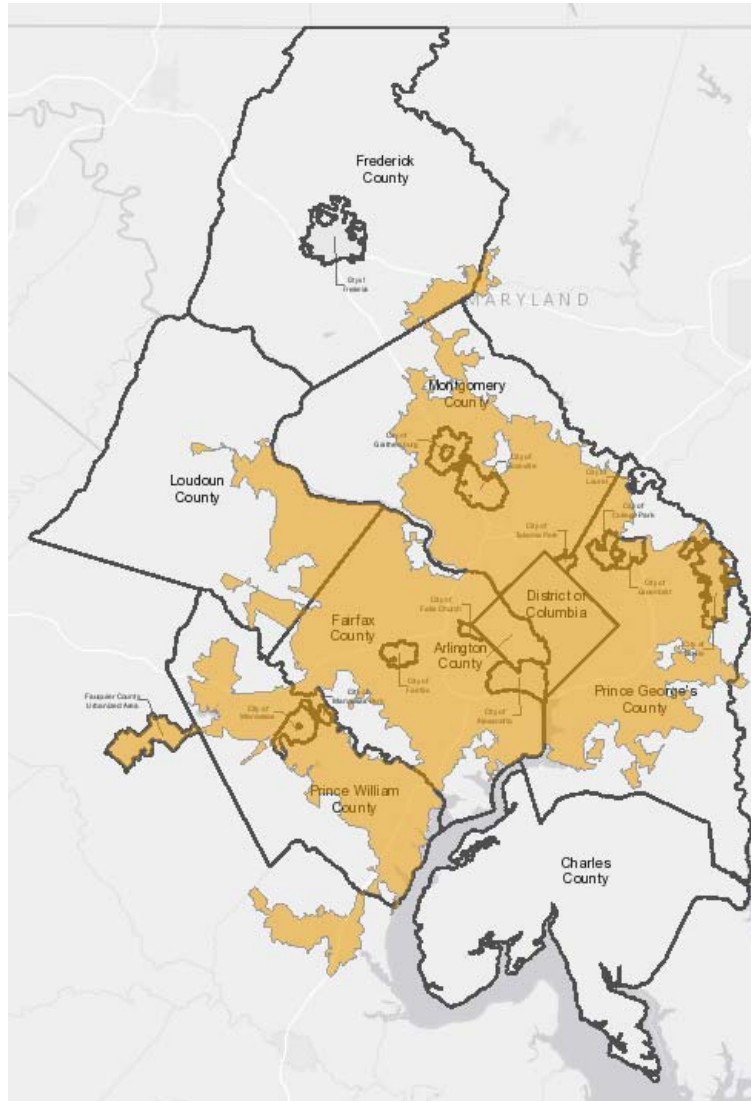


# FTA Enhanced Mobility Program

- Goal: “Improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities....by removing barriers to transportation services and expanding the transportation mobility options available.”
- Provides matching grants that go above and beyond traditional public transit and ADA complementary paratransit service
- Since 2014 TPB has conducted two solicitations and funded 34 projects over \$10 million



# Washington DC-VA-MD Urbanized Area



- To be eligible, the project **must end or begin** in the Washington DC-VA-MD Urbanized Area
- Jurisdictional map with **zip codes** and an interactive map are available here: [www.tpbcoordination.org](http://www.tpbcoordination.org)

# Solicitation Details

- Federal Transit Administration - \$5.5 million
- COG is Designated Recipient for Washington DC-VA-MD Urbanized Area
- Matching grants (20% Capital or Mobility Management, 50% Operating)
- 2-year projects, 3 for vehicle preventative maintenance
- \$150,000 minimum application (Federal + match)
- On-line application process (vehicle and non-vehicle)
- Indirect expenses, food and in kind match are not allowed
- Competitive selection process
- Priority Projects - applications that respond will receive up to 12 points (out of a maximum total of 100 points)
- Federal requirements if awarded

# Solicitation Details

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- Deadline: November 3, 2017 at 2pm
- Late or incomplete applications (including required documents) will not be considered for funding
- Applications submitted by October 31 can be reviewed by TPB staff to ensure completeness
- **Ask TPB staff questions** to make sure:
  - Only eligible items are on your budget(s)
  - You know what items are considered operating, capital or mobility management expenses
- Requirement: Matching funds must be secured by the time of the application

# Selection Process

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- Independent Selection Committee of local representatives and national experts on transit, human services, aging and disability issues
- Chaired by a TPB member
- Selection Committee makes funding recommendations to the TPB based on six selection criteria:
  1. Coordination among agencies
  2. Responsiveness to Coordinated Plan (NEW: includes scoring for priority projects)
  3. Capacity to manage an FTA grant
  4. Project feasibility
  5. Regional need
  6. Customer focus

# Timeline

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- Selection Committee finalizes recommendations (December 2017)
- TPB Approval and applicants notified (Jan or Feb 2018)
- Successful applicants are given 30 days to complete FTA required paperwork (February - March 2018)
- Approval by FTA (can take 9 months)
- Subgrant agreements signed (Fall 2018)
- Grantees begin projects – by Spring 2019
  - (Earliest the first vehicles would be delivered is Aug 2019)

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