



MEMORANDUM

TO: Transportation Planning Board Technical Committee
FROM: Mohammad Azeem Khan, TPB Enhanced Mobility Program Manager
SUBJECT: Enhanced Mobility Program Selection Update
DATE: October 27, 2023

PURPOSE

The purpose of this memorandum is to update the committee on the recent Enhanced Mobility Round 6 solicitation for approximately \$10.2 million of Federal Transit Administration grants for capital and operating projects improving transportation for people with disabilities and older adults. These grant dollars are for two-year projects with an 80% federal match for capital projects and 50% federal match for operating projects.

TPB staff have conducted 3 pre-application conferences per each state jurisdiction in the urbanized region. One was held in Silver Spring, MD on August 4, another at COG's offices in Washington DC on August 16, and the final being held in Tysons Corner, VA on August 21. In total, 58 individuals representing 45 organizations attended the three conferences held cumulatively.

The application was open between August 1 and September 30, with 27 separate organizations requesting approximately \$15.6 million from 30 applications. TPB staff has now begun organizing the selection process for these projects, creating a selection committee to score and recommend projects to the TPB board presented by TPB staff. The selection committee comprises of a member representing each state jurisdiction, a national expert, and a chair:

TPB board member Christina Henderson will be chairing the 2023 Enhanced Mobility Selection committee which includes the following members: Anthony DeLorenzo serving as the District of Columbia member from DC's Department of General Services, Jess Maffey serving as the Virginia member from the Department of Rail and Public Transportation, Tanya Nichols serving as the Maryland member from the Maryland Transit Administration, and Eileen Schroff serving as the national expert from US Aging.

TPB staff held an introductory kick off meeting for all selection committee members to understand the scoring criteria set out by the Coordinated Human Service Transportation Plan that sets out the competitive selection process for grant funding. The plan identifies unmet transportation needs of people with disabilities and older adults, strategies, and regional priority projects. The priority projects are also another tool that the selection committee will be scoring for to select a wider range of project scopes recommended by the Access for All Committee.

The selection committee will submit all scoring sheets back to TPB staff by November 3, and will meet on November 9 to discuss final recommendations for staff to take to the TPB board in December. TPB staff will also present recommendations to the selection committee.