

ITEM 8 – Action
November 17, 2021

2021 Enhanced Mobility Grant Program Approval

Action: Approve Resolution R5-2022 to approve funding recommendations for Enhanced Mobility and to adopt an amendment of the FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include these projects.

Background: The board will be briefed on the projects recommended for funding under the Federal Transit Administration’s Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program for the Washington DC-VA-MD Urbanized Area. A grant solicitation was conducted from July 1 to September 1, 2021. A selection committee reviewed the grant applications and recommended projects for funding, and the TPB officers have concurred with these recommendations. The board will be briefed on the solicitation and selection process and asked to approve the recommended projects for funding and inclusion in the TIP.

NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD
777 North Capitol Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20002

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PROJECTS FOR FUNDING UNDER THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION SECTION 5310 ENHANCED MOBILITY OF SENIORS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM AND TO AMEND THE FY 2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) TO INCLUDE TIP ACTION 21-37 ADDING THESE PROJECTS

WHEREAS, the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB), which is the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Washington Region, has the responsibility under the provisions of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act for developing and carrying out a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process for the Metropolitan Area; and

WHEREAS, FAST authorizes the Federal Transit Administration's Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility program to provide capital and operating grants to eligible subrecipients to "improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities...by removing barriers to transportation services and expanding the transportation mobility options available"; and

WHEREAS, under FAST, projects funded by the Enhanced Mobility program must respond to strategies in a "locally developed, coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan"; and

WHEREAS, in June 2013, the Governor of Maryland, the Governor of Virginia and the Mayor of the District of Columbia designated the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG), as the administrative agent for the TPB, the recipient of the Enhanced Mobility program for the Washington, DC-VA-MD Urbanized Area; and

WHEREAS, the TPB adopted an Update to the Coordinated Human Service Transportation Plan at its regular meeting on December 19, 2018 (TPB Resolution R9-2019), which includes the comments and input of the TPB's Access for All Advisory Committee received on June 7, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Coordinated Plan includes the priority projects and selection criteria to be used in the solicitation and selection of Enhanced Mobility grants; and

WHEREAS, a solicitation for Enhanced Mobility grant applications was conducted from July 1 through September 1, 2021, during which more than 3,000 individuals received an announcement of the grant opportunity; and

WHEREAS, more than 70 individuals attended one of seven pre-application conferences conducted during the solicitation period for interested organizations and agencies to receive technical assistance on the application process and FTA requirements; and

WHEREAS, a selection committee comprised of local and national experts in transportation and human services met on September 29, 2021 to review the applications and evaluate them against the selection criteria; and

WHEREAS, the selection committee recommended funding 21 projects described in the attached memorandum; and

WHEREAS, the TPB Officers concurred with the selection committee recommendations; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020 the TPB adopted the FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); and

WHEREAS, a proposed amendment to the FY 2021-2024 TIP to include TIP Action 21-37, adding descriptions and funding information for these projects to the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities program (TIP ID 6366f) is attached; and

WHEREAS, full funding for this program and all its projects is included in the Visualize 2045 long-range plan financial analysis; and

WHEREAS, this program and its projects are exempt from the air quality conformity requirement for the plan and TIP, as defined in Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Transportation Conformity Regulations as of April 2012; and

WHEREAS, there is \$3,408,092 from FY 2020, \$3,493,450 from FY 2021, (less allowable Program Administration) and \$434,693 of reallocated and carryover FTA Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities program funds allocated to COG for supporting projects in the Washington, DC-VA-MD Urbanized Area program for a total of \$6.6 million in federal funding to be awarded; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD approves 21 projects for funding described in the attached memorandum and TIP amendment and amends the FY 2021-2024 TIP to include TIP Action 21-37, adding these projects to the Sub-Recipient Projects table included in the attached materials.



National Capital Region
Transportation Planning Board

**FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program
 21-37 Formal Amendment**

<i>TIP ID</i>	6366	<i>Lead Agency</i>	TPB	<i>Project Type</i>	Human Service Transportation Coordination
<i>Project Name</i>	Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities	<i>County</i>		<i>Total Cost</i>	\$132,522,466
<i>Project Limits</i>		<i>Municipality</i>	Region-wide	<i>Completion Date</i>	
		<i>Agency Project ID</i>			

Description This program is intended to enhance mobility for seniors and persons with disabilities by providing funds for programs to serve the special needs of transit-dependent populations beyond traditional public transportation services and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) complementary paratransit services. This also includes funding for six sub-projects funded in FY 2021 by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 and five sub projects funded in FY 2021 by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). See the listing of subprojects for each on the following pages. These funds are for the urbanized area within the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia metropolitan region.

Phase	Source	Prior	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	Future	Total
OTHER	LOCAL	\$1,127,000	\$1,127,000	\$1,127,000	\$1,127,000	\$1,127,000	\$31,039,302	\$36,674,302
OTHER	SECT. 5310	\$3,220,000	\$4,284,444	\$3,220,000	\$3,220,000	\$3,220,000	\$78,683,720	\$95,848,164
	<i>Total Other:</i>	\$4,347,000	\$5,411,444	\$4,347,000	\$4,347,000	\$4,347,000	\$109,723,022	\$132,522,466
		\$4,347,000	\$5,411,444	\$4,347,000	\$4,347,000	\$4,347,000	\$109,723,022	\$132,522,466

Version History

Current Change Reason

<i>TIP Document</i>	<i>MPO Approval</i>	<i>FHWA Approval</i>	<i>FTA Approval</i>
21-00 Adoption 2021-2024	03/20/2020	05/27/2020	05/27/2020
21-23 Amendment 2021-2024	04/21/2021	06/02/2021	N/A
21-31 Amendment 2021-2024	07/21/2021	Pending	N/A
21-37 Amendment 2021-2024	Pending	Pending	N/A

SCHEDULE / FUNDING / SCOPE - Programming Update, Scope Change(s)
Funding Change(s):
 Total program cost increased from \$17,164,444 to \$132,522,466, projecting program costs through 2045.

**Enhanced Mobility and Individuals with Disabilities Program (TIP ID 3633) Subrecipient Projects
FY 2020 and FY 2021**

Subrecipient	Program Description	Total Cost	Federal Share	Location
Boat People SOS	Mobility Management services, including travel training and individualized transportation planning.	\$150,000	\$120,000	Northern Virginia
Capitol Hill Village	Mobility Management, in close coordination with other Villages, through mobility counseling and travel training, increasing awareness of the transportation needs of older adults and people with disabilities, and increasing engagement with alternative transportation modes.	\$674,995	\$539,996	Washington, DC
Coach Transportation Inc., DBE Koach	Operating support for wheelchair accessible taxi service in partnership with Silver Cab of Prince George's County and VIP Cab of DC.	\$417,672	\$334,138	Prince George's County, MD and Wards 7 & 8 - Washington, DC
DC Department of For-Hire Vehicles	Operating support for Transport DC, a program that provides same day service for persons with disabilities and older adults in DC as an alternative to MetroAccess.	\$636,000	\$508,800	Washington, DC
Dulles Area Transportation Association	Mobility management focused on under-served populations of seniors, Veterans and individuals with disabilities by recruiting bilingual Spanish-speaking volunteers and drivers and providing travel training and information about mobility options in Spanish.	\$339,734	\$271,787	Northern Virginia
Fairfax County Neighborhood & Community Services	Fairfax Mobility Access Project (FXMAP) which seeks to enhance awareness of transportation programs and develop training programs to teach how to use them, develop and implement new transportation options, and coordinate services.	\$575,284	\$460,227	Fairfax County, VA
Jewish Council for the Aging of Greater Washington, Inc.	Volunteer driver resource center providing guidance in program development, marketing, bulk background checks, shared ride scheduling software, training, and technical assistance to existing and new volunteer driver programs.	\$735,759	\$588,607	Suburban Maryland, Northern Virginia
Opportunities Inc.	Mobility Management funding to develop a travel training program for participants with intellectual and developmental disabilities in partnership with the Arc of Northern Virginia's Train the Travel Trainer program.	\$150,000	\$120,000	Montgomery and Prince George's Counties, MD
The Arc of Northern Virginia	Train the travel trainer program using TravelMate, a specialized software program that provides step-by-step instructions to support adults and students with intellectual disabilities in independent travel on bus and/or rail in, partnership with disability organizations, public schools, employers and individuals.	\$866,492	\$693,194	Regional
Transit Group, Inc.	Operating expenses to launch the Rides to Health program in Montgomery County, a pilot funded under FTA's ICAM program, to improve transportation for End Stage Renal Disease dialysis patients.	\$200,000	\$160,000	Montgomery County, MD
Chinese Culture and Community Service Center	Procure four buses, preventative maintenance and monthly cost of GPS for transportation to and from adult day programming, medical appointments, shopping, recreational trips, socialization, and government offices.	\$276,028	\$220,822	Montgomery County, MD
Community Support Services	Procure six wheelchair accessible minivans and related equipment to transport children and adults with developmental disabilities to community-based activities and programming.	\$324,098	\$259,278	Montgomery County, MD

**Enhanced Mobility and Individuals with Disabilities Program (TIP ID 3633) Subrecipient Projects
FY 2020 and FY 2021**

Subrecipient	Program Description	Total Cost	Federal Share	Location
Easter Seals Serving DC MD VA	Procure two buses plus associated operating expenses to help resume transportation to and from Easter Seals' Adult Medical Day program which provides activities, socialization, nutritious meals, management of chronic conditions, and clinical oversight.	\$395,203	\$316,162	Montgomery and Prince George's Counties, MD, Washington, DC
ECHO	Procure two minivans plus preventative maintenance and associated vehicle operating costs to transport people with disabilities to ECHO's employment and community integration programming. Also, procure one expansion vehicle, dedicated to ECHO's Barkery, a social enterprise that employs and trains people with disabilities.	\$427,089	\$341,671	Fairfax and Loudoun Counties, VA
Fairfax County Neighborhood & Community Services	Procure four vehicles to provide transportation for Neighborhood & Community Services' programming, including trips for Area Agency on Aging, Adult Day Health Care, Critical Medical Care, Community Service Board, Therapeutic Recreation, and others.	\$255,652	\$204,522	Fairfax County, VA
Liberty Transportation Management Corporation	Procure nine minivans for use as wheelchair accessible taxis, plus equipment, preventative maintenance, and a share of associated operating costs.	\$496,060	\$396,848	Washington, DC
New Horizons Supported Services, Inc.	Procure two wheelchair accessible minivans, plus associated vehicle equipment and operating costs to provide transportation to community inclusion programs and state and county programming for people with developmental disabilities and older adults.	\$313,048	\$250,438	Prince George's County, MD
Regency Taxi	Procure eight minivans to serve as wheelchair accessible taxis, plus equipment and preventative maintenance.	\$411,848	\$329,478	Montgomery and Prince George's Counties, MD
The Arc of Prince George's County	Procure five wheelchair accessible minivans, plus associated operating costs for expansion of the Community Learning Services program for adults with developmental disabilities.	\$476,947	\$381,558	Prince George's County, MD
The Arc of Greater Prince William/INSIGHT, Inc.	Procure two wheelchair accessible minivans and two 15-passenger buses, plus associated operating costs to transport adults with developmental disabilities to and from employment, mobile work training groups, adult day program sites, medical appointments, and community integration activities.	\$524,778	\$419,822	Prince William County, VA
Yellow Transportation	Procure eight minivans for use as wheelchair accessible taxis, plus a share of related operating expenses.	\$407,646	\$326,117	Washington, DC

Enhanced Mobility and Individuals with Disabilities Program (TIP ID 3633) Subrecipient Projects

Subrecipient	Program Description	Total Cost	Federal Share	Location
CRRSAA Funded Subprojects (FY 2021)				
Capitol Hill Village	Mobility Management services for transportation to vaccination sites.	\$90,000	\$90,000	DC
Dulles Area Transportation Association (DATA)	Mobility Management services for transportation to vaccination sites for Veterans who are seniors and/or have a disability.	\$80,000	\$80,000	Northern Virginia
ECHO	Vehicle operating expenses, including driver salaries and benefits to avoid layoffs, and maintenance	\$100,000	\$100,000	Northern Virginia
Prince George's County DPWT	Expansion of an existing taxi voucher program to include transportation to vaccination sites.	\$107,200	\$107,200	Prince George's County, Maryland
Regency Taxi	Mobility Management services for transportation to vaccination sites, including	\$75,000	\$75,000	Montgomery County, Maryland and
Arc of Prince William/INSIGHT, Inc.	Reestablishment of transportation for individuals with developmental disabilities, including salary and benefits for furloughed drivers.	\$80,000	\$80,000	Prince William County, Virginia
ARPA Funded Subprojects (FY 2021)				
Boat People SOS	Mobility Management services for transportation to vaccination sites.	\$100,000	\$100,000	Northern Virginia/some DC
Dulles Area Transportation	Continuation of Mobility Management services for transportation to vaccination	\$30,640	\$30,640	Northern Virginia
Easter Seals Serving DC MD VA	Vehicle operating expenses and maintenance to restart direct transportation services for adult day program participants.	\$188,856	\$188,856	MD
Liberty Transportation	Operating expenses for wheelchair accessible taxi service.	\$143,370	\$143,370	DC
New Horizons Supported Services, Inc.	Operating expenses to support direct transportation services to recreation and employment for program participants with disabilities	\$69,360	\$69,360	MD



MEMORANDUM

TO: Transportation Planning Board

FROM: Mr. Canek Aguirre, Enhanced Mobility Grant Selection Committee Chair
Mr. Sergio Ritacco, Transportation Planner
Ms. Lynn Winchell-Mendy, Transportation Planner

SUBJECT: Funding Recommendations for the Federal Transit Administration Section 5310
Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program and Amendment
of the TIP

DATE: November 10, 2021

This memorandum describes the funding recommendations for the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities grant program. On October 22, 2021, the selection committee finalized its recommendations to fund \$6.6M of allocated and available FTA funds among \$11.1M in requested funds. The TPB will be asked on November 17, 2021 to approve these funding recommendations and amend the FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) accordingly.

A description of the Committee's recommendations is provided below with additional details in Attachment A. An overview of the TPB's Enhanced Mobility program, which provides funding to remove barriers to transportation services and expand transportation mobility options for these communities, is provided in Attachment B.

The TPB's Selection Committee for FTA's Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities program was chaired by TPB Board Member Canek Aguirre. The selection committee discussions resulted in a unanimous recommendation to fund 21 applications. The committee's recommendations were reviewed by TPB Officers who had no further questions for the selection committee and concurred with the proposed project awards for approval at the November 17, 2021 meeting.

FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

The Selection Committee, comprised of experts working in the aging, disability, transit, and human services fields, recommends funding 21 of the 23 applications received and competitively allocating the \$6.6M in federal funding available. Because the total federal funding requests of \$11.1M exceeded the amount available, the Selection Committee acted to provide partial funding to 17 of the 21 applications recommended, fully funding 4 of the applications. With the addition of \$2.4M in applicant matching funds, the combined funding for the 21 projects totals a little over \$9.0M.

Eleven of the 21 projects are for acquiring a total of 53 wheelchair accessible vehicles. Under the vehicle acquisition category, the recommendations prioritize awarding operating funds and replacement vehicles rather than expansion vehicles as a strategy for maximizing funding impact. Attachment A provides a summary of the projects being recommended for funding.

NEXT STEPS

With approval of these funding recommendations at the November 17 meeting, applicants will be notified of board action and staff will develop the submittal materials for FTA approval. Upon FTA approval, staff will work with the applicants to administer the grants.

The 2 applications not recommended for funding, as described on page 10 of Attachment A, will be contacted with suggestions for improving their application for the next Enhanced Mobility grant solicitation. Applicants will also be offered a debriefing about their application with TPB staff.

ATTACHMENT A - RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUNDING UNDER THE 2020 ENHANCED MOBILITY PROGRAM

1. **Boat People SOS:** Mobility Management services for the transportation component of RISE – Road to Independence through Savings and Education, which aims to improve mobility for Vietnamese seniors and individuals with disabilities through travel training, individualized transportation planning, a mass media campaign, dissemination of a language-specific transportation guidebook, and partnerships for referrals.

Geographic Focus: Northern Virginia

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$120,000	Federal Funds	\$120,000
Required Match	\$30,000	Required Match	\$30,000
Total Project	\$150,000	Total Project	\$150,000

2. **Capitol Hill Village:** Continue a Mobility Management program, in close coordination with other DC Villages, that builds on past successes of improving and increasing door-to-door transportation services, providing mobility counseling and travel training, increasing transportation stakeholders’ awareness of the needs of older adults and people with disabilities, and increasing engagement with alternative transportation modes. This iteration also provides for a small direct transportation fund for Village sponsored group trips.

Geographic Focus: District of Columbia

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$661,384	Federal Funds	\$539,964
Required Match	\$179,611	Required Match	\$134,991
Total Project	\$840,995	Total Project	\$674,955

3. **Coach Transportation Inc, DBA Koach:** Operating support for wheelchair accessible taxi service in partnership with Silver Cab of Prince George’s County and VIP Cab of DC, including salary and fringe for call center agents, a portion of salary and fringe for a Mechanic, Marketing staff, Program Manager, and Accounts Billable, driver training, and marketing.

Geographic Focus: Prince George’s County, Maryland, Wards 7 & 8 in the District of Columbia

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$490,231	Federal Funds	\$208,836
Required Match	\$305,803	Required Match	\$208,836
Total Project	\$796,034	Total Project	\$417,672

4. **DC Department of For-Hire Vehicles:** Operating support for Transport DC, a program that provides same day service for persons with disabilities and older adults in DC as an alternative to MetroAccess, including a vehicle repair fund, and driver support through per trip and dead head time stipends.

Geographic Focus: District of Columbia

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$748,800	Federal Funds	\$508,800
Required Match	\$187,200	Required Match	\$127,200
Total Project	\$936,000	Total Project	\$636,000

5. **Dulles Area Transportation Association:** Continue a mobility management project that expands the availability of transportation services to under-served populations of seniors, Veterans and individuals with disabilities by recruiting bilingual Spanish-speaking volunteers and drivers in partnership with existing transportation, and providing travel training and information about mobility options in Spanish. This iteration includes extension into eastern and southern Fairfax County, northern Prince William County, Manassas, and Manassas Park. This project is in partnership with Fairfax County Neighborhood & Community Services.

Geographic Focus: Northern Virginia

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$271,787	Federal Funds	\$271,787
Required Match	\$67,947	Required Match	\$67,947
Total Project	\$339,734	Total Project	\$339,734

6. **Fairfax County Neighborhood & Community Services:** Continue and expand the Fairfax Mobility Access Project (FXMAP) which seeks to enhance awareness of transportation programs and develop training programs to teach how to use them, develop and implement new transportation options, and coordinate services. This iteration includes recruiting community volunteers as Travel Navigators, creating additional volunteer driver programs in underserved areas, including services for Veterans, and providing transportation subsidy cards for non-emergency medical transportation and participants who successfully complete Travel Training. This project is in partnership with Dulles Area Transportation Association.

Geographic Focus: Fairfax County, Virginia

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$441,627	Federal Funds	\$441,627
Required Match	\$133,657	Required Match	\$133,657
Total Project	\$575,284	Total Project	\$575,284

7. **Jewish Council for the Aging of Greater Washington, Inc:** Continue and expand an existing volunteer driver resource center to additional parts of Northern Virginia and suburban Maryland. The program will provide guidance in program development, marketing, bulk background checks, shared ride scheduling software, training, and technical assistance to existing and new volunteer driver programs.

Geographic Focus: Suburban Maryland, Northern Virginia

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$586,452	Federal Funds	\$586,452
Required Match	\$149,307	Required Match	\$149,307
Total Project	\$735,759	Total Project	\$735,759

8. **Opportunities Inc:** Mobility Management funding to partner with the Arc of Northern Virginia's Train the Travel Trainer program to develop a travel training program for program participants who have intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Geographic Focus: Montgomery and Prince George's Counties, Maryland

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$400,000	Federal Funds	\$120,000
Required Match	\$100,000	Required Match	\$30,000
Total Project	\$500,000	Total Project	\$150,000

9. **The Arc of Northern Virginia:** Continue and expand an existing train the travel trainer program using TravelMate, a specialized software program that provides step-by-step instructions to support adults and students with intellectual disabilities in independent travel on bus and/or rail. The project embeds the program into disability organizations (sister Arc chapters in Maryland, National Down Syndrome Society, Arlington Public Schools, Jake's Ice Cream), private employment programs, and works one-on-one with individuals. This iteration includes enhancement of partnerships and methods learned in prior projects. The project will partner with Opportunities, Inc. to guide its development of a travel training program.

Geographic Focus: Regional

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$693,194	Federal Funds	\$693,194
Required Match	\$173,298	Required Match	\$173,298
Total Project	\$866,492	Total Project	\$866,492

10. **Transit Group, Inc:** Operating expenses to launch the Rides to Health program in Montgomery County, a pilot funded under FTA's ICAM program, to improve transportation for End Stage Renal Disease dialysis patients. The program provides software tools to dialysis center staff to schedule or modify rides, monitor arrivals and departures and provides patients with system tools such as a smartphone app, to allow ease in scheduling trips, and contact and coordination with the program stakeholders.

Geographic Focus: Montgomery County, Maryland

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$337,250	Federal Funds	\$100,000
Required Match	\$337,250	Required Match	\$100,000
Total Project	\$674,500	Total Project	\$200,000

Vehicle Acquisition Funding Recommendations

11. **Chinese Culture and Community Service Center:** Procure four buses to replace existing vehicles that have met useful life. Vehicles will be used to provide transportation to and from adult day programming, medical appointments, shopping, recreational trips, socialization, and government offices. Includes preventative maintenance and the monthly cost of GPS in the vehicles.

Geographic Focus: Montgomery County, Maryland

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$263,015	Federal Funds	\$220,822
Required Match	\$67,104	Required Match	\$55,206
Total Project	\$330,118	Total Project	\$276,028

12. **Community Support Services:** Procure six wheelchair accessible minivans and related equipment to replace existing vehicles that have met useful life. Vehicles will be used to transport children and adults with developmental disabilities to community-based activities and programming. Vehicles will be shared with Para-Med during peak hours.

Geographic Focus: Montgomery County, Maryland

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$518,556	Federal Funds	\$259,278
Required Match	\$126,639	Required Match	\$64,820
Total Project	\$645,196	Total Project	\$324,098

13. **Easter Seals Serving DC|MD|VA:** Procure two buses for replacement of vehicles that have met useful life, plus associated operating expenses to help resume transportation to and from Easter Seals' Adult Medical Day program which provides activities, socialization, nutritious meals, management of chronic conditions, and clinical oversight for older adults and adults with disabilities. Includes, monthly costs of routing software, a portion of driver and manager salaries, and fuel. Vehicles will also be used to deliver fresh produce to participants.

Geographic Focus: Montgomery and Prince George's Counties, Maryland, District of Columbia

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$374,921	Federal Funds	\$244,444
Required Match	\$233,238	Required Match	\$150,760
Total Project	\$608,159	Total Project	\$395,203

14. **ECHO:** Procure two minivans for replacement of vehicles that have met useful life, to transport people with disabilities to ECHO's programming, included supported employment, in-house and community integration programs, and employment training assessment and training. Also, procure one expansion vehicle, dedicated to ECHO's Barkery in Ashburn, VA, a social enterprise that employs and trains people with disabilities to bake and sell artisanal dog biscuits. Includes preventative maintenance and associated vehicle operating expenses like software, drivers, support staff, and insurance.

Geographic Focus: Fairfax and Loudoun Counties, Virginia

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$718,840	Federal Funds	\$267,680
Required Match	\$439,770	Required Match	\$159,408
Total Project	\$1,158,610	Total Project	\$427,089

15. **Fairfax County Neighborhood & Community Services:** Procure four vehicles to replace existing vehicles that have met useful life to provide transportation for Neighborhood & Community Services' programming, including trips for Area Agency on Aging, Adult Day Health Care, Critical Medical Care, Community Service Board, Therapeutic Recreation, and others.

Geographic Focus: Fairfax County, Virginia

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$259,722	Federal Funds	\$200,722
Required Match	\$64,931	Required Match	\$54,930
Total Project	\$324,653	Total Project	\$255,652

16. **Liberty Transportation Management Corporation:** Procure nine minivans for use as wheelchair accessible taxis, plus equipment to convert vehicles into taxicabs, preventative maintenance, and a share of vehicle insurance, dispatch fees, driver incentives, and PPE.

Geographic Focus: District of Columbia

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$1,038,632	Federal Funds	\$379,555
Required Match	\$433,658	Required Match	\$116,505
Total Project	\$1,472,290	Total Project	\$496,060

17. **New Horizons Supported Services, Inc:** Procure two wheelchair accessible minivans to replace vehicles that have met useful life, plus associated vehicle equipment and operating costs to provide transportation to community inclusion programs and state and county programming for people with developmental disabilities and older adults. Includes preventative maintenance, salaries and fringe for the Transportation Director, insurance, tires, fuel.

Geographic Focus: Prince George's County, Maryland

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$308,790	Federal Funds	\$190,941
Required Match	\$170,545	Required Match	\$122,107
Total Project	\$479,335	Total Project	\$313,048

18. **Regency Taxi:** Procure eight minivans to serve as wheelchair accessible taxis, plus equipment to convert vehicles into taxicabs and preventative maintenance.

Geographic Focus: Montgomery and Prince George's Counties, Maryland

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$494,216	Federal Funds	\$329,478
Required Match	\$123,555	Required Match	\$82,370
Total Project	\$617,771	Total Project	\$411,848

19. **The Arc of Prince George's County:** Procure five wheelchair accessible minivans, plus associated operating costs for expansion of the Community Learning Services program which provides specialized transportation to community-based activities, potential employment, community events, and volunteer opportunities for adults with developmental disabilities. Includes driver training, and a portion of salaries for a driver, Transportation Director and Program Administrator.

Geographic Focus: Prince George's County, Maryland

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$949,486	Federal Funds	\$310,847
Required Match	\$417,634	Required Match	\$166,100
Total Project	\$1,367,120	Total Project	\$476,947

20. **The Arc of Greater Prince William/INSIGHT, Inc:** Procure two wheelchair accessible minivans and two 15-passenger buses for replacement of vehicles that have met useful life, plus associated operating costs. Vehicles will be used to transport adults with developmental disabilities to and from employment, mobile work training groups, adult day program sites, medical appointments, and community integration activities. Includes, driver salaries and fringe, fuel, and preventative maintenance.

Geographic Focus: Prince William County, Virginia

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$686,659	Federal Funds	\$342,830
Required Match	\$363,896	Required Match	\$181,948
Total Project	\$1,049,555	Total Project	\$524,778

21. **Yellow Transportation:** Procure eight minivans for use as wheelchair accessible taxis for vehicles that have met useful life, plus a share of related operating expenses.

Geographic Focus: District of Columbia

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$486,696	Federal Funds	\$308,823
Required Match	\$150,456	Required Match	\$98,823
Total Project	\$637,152	Total Project	\$407,646

Applications Not Recommended for Funding

The following table shows the applications not recommended for funding. The rationale for not funding these applications include:

- One application did not meet minimum requirements;
- One application mirrored an existing project with significant funding still available.

Denied applicants will receive communication with recommendations for improving their application for the next grant solicitation and will also be offered a debriefing about their application with TPB staff.

Applications Not Recommended for Funding			
Applicant	Geographic Focus	Proposed Project	Federal Funds Requested
Jewish Council for the Aging	Regional	Operating funds to support costs associated with the Elderbus program which transports older adults to therapeutic day programs, shopping, and social and recreational activities using buses previously procured with grant funds.	\$418,088
Access Housing	Not eligible	Not eligible	Did not meet minimum requirements

ATTACHMENT B - 2021 ENHANCED MOBILITY PROGRAM

Overview

The Federal Transit Administration's (FTA's) Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities program (Section 5310) is for improving mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities by removing barriers to transportation service and expanding transportation mobility options. Approximately \$3.3 million a year is provided to the region under the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act. The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG), as the administrative agent for the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB), is the Designated Recipient for this program for the Washington DC-VA-MD Urbanized Area. The TPB is tasked with the management of the program, including the approval of grant awards. The TPB solicits and selects grant applications for funding every other year. The applicants must match the federal funds: 20 percent for capital or mobility management projects and 50 percent for operating projects.

Coordinated Human Service Transportation Plan

As a Metropolitan Planning Organization, the TPB develops a Coordinated Human Service Transportation Plan ("Coordinated Plan") for the planning area. An update to the Coordinated Plan was approved by the TPB on December 19, 2018. The Coordinated Plan outlines priority projects for Enhanced Mobility funding and the selection process, including the criteria below.

Selection Process and Criteria for Enhanced Mobility Funding

The Coordinated Plan outlines a quantitative scoring process designed to provide a comprehensive consideration of the applicant's ability to serve the transportation needs of the region's older adults and individuals with disabilities. The six factors and the scoring are listed below.

The TPB ensures that the Enhanced Mobility program includes a broad spectrum of programs and services for residents in the Washington DC-VA-MD Urbanized Area and is utilized by grant recipients who can effectively deliver services. As there are numerous federal requirements that must be met, the TPB's Coordinated Plan outlines selection criteria that places a strong emphasis on the institutional capacity of an applicant to manage and administer an FTA grant.

Criterion	Maximum Points
Coordination among agencies and organizations	25
Responsiveness to strategies in the Coordinated Plan <i>Priority Projects (up to 12 points)</i>	20
<i>Address strategies in the Coordination Plan (up to 8 points)</i>	
Institutional capacity to manage and administer an FTA grant	20
Project feasibility	15
Regional need	5
Equity Emphasis Areas	5
Customer focus	10
Total	100



2021 Solicitation for Enhanced Mobility Projects

The fifth TPB solicitation for Enhanced Mobility funds was conducted from July 1 through September 1, 2021. More than 3,000 individuals received an email announcing the availability of grant funds. The grant opportunity was also promoted through *TPB News*, the Transportation Planning Board's weekly e-newsletter, and COG and TPB social media accounts.

TPB staff conducted seven pre-application conferences for interested organizations discussing the application process, federal requirements, and project eligibility. Conferences were held virtually on June 3, June 22, June 24, July 13, July 19 and one-on-one sessions were held on August 9 and August 18.

Selection Committee

TPB member Canek Aguirre chaired the Selection Committee, which was comprised of five people representing aging, disability, transit and human service transportation coordination and TPB Transportation Planners Lynn Winchell-Mendy and Sergio Ritacco. The Selection Committee members were:

- Ms. Heather Edmonds, National Aging & Disability Transportation Center (NADTC)
- Ms. Nancy Huggins, Maryland Transit Administration (MTA)
- Ms. Brittany Voll, Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)
- Ms. Deborah Fisher, expert in intellectual and developmental disabilities
- Mr. Anthony DeLorenzo, District Department of General Services, Urban Planning Manager

After the solicitation period closed, TPB staff thoroughly reviewed all the applications received and when necessary, asked for clarifications or revised budgets from the applicants. TPB staff developed summaries of the applications and scored each application based on the selection criteria listed above.

Each Selection Committee member received the staff summaries and applications for review prior to the September 29, 2021 meeting. The Selection Committee collectively reviewed the applications, preliminary scores, and funding recommendations with TPB staff at the meeting. After a thoughtful and deliberative process, which included follow up research and clarification on questions presented by the Selection Committee, the recommendations for funding were finalized as described in Attachment A. The Committee directed staff to share the recommendations with the Officers of the Board and respond to any questions they may have on the recommendations.

PROJECTS RECOMMENDED FOR ENHANCED MOBILITY FUNDING

For Approval and Inclusion in the FY 2021-2024 TIP

Canek Aguirre
Selection Committee Chair

Lynn Winchell-Mendy
TPB Transportation Planner

Transportation Planning Board
November 17, 2021



Outline of Presentation

- Enhanced Mobility program basics
- Review 21 recommended projects
- Action on resolution R5-2022 to approve projects and amend the TIP



Enhanced Mobility Program Basics

- Approximately \$6.6 million in funding available, \$11.1 million in requests
- COG is the Designated Recipient for the Washington DC-VA-MD Urbanized Area from the Federal Transit Administration
- Program funds projects which remove barriers to transportation services and expand transportation mobility options for people with disabilities and older adults
- Unique role for TPB: Prioritize, select, and implement projects



Enhanced Mobility Program Basics

- Selection Committee recommends funding 21 of the 23 applications received
- With the matching funds, the projects total over \$9M
- Applicants with projects not recommended for funding will receive recommendations for improvement
- Following TPB approval and amendment of the TIP, TPB staff will submit projects to FTA for final approval



Projects Types

- Mobility Management
- Operating
- Vehicle Acquisition
 - Equipment
 - Operations



Other Projects Recommendations

Mobility Management Projects

Boat People SOS

Provide Mobility Management services to Vietnamese seniors and people with disabilities, including travel training and transportation options counseling.

- **Geographic Focus:** Northern Virginia
- **Total:** \$150,000

Capitol Hill Village

Continue and expand Mobility Management services in partnership with “Villages”, including travel training, mobility counseling and engagement with alternative transportation modes like ride-hailing.

- **Geographic Focus:** District of Columbia
- **Total:** \$674,995



Other Projects Recommendations

Dulles Area Transportation Association

Continue and expand a Mobility Management program that recruits bilingual Spanish-speaking volunteers and drivers in partnership with transportation providers, conducts travel training, driver training, and options education in Spanish.

- **Geographic Focus:** Fairfax and Loudoun County, VA
- **Total:** \$339,734

Fairfax County Neighborhood & Community Services

Continue and expand the Fairfax Mobility Access Project (FXMAP) which enhances awareness of transportation programs, provides travel training, develops and implements new transportation options, and coordinates services.

- **Geographic Focus:** Fairfax County, VA
- **Total:** \$575,284



Other Project Recommendations

Jewish Council for the Aging of Greater Washington, Inc.

Continue and expand a resource center for new and existing volunteer driver programs through marketing, background checks, shared ride scheduling software, training, and technical assistance.

- **Geographic Focus:** Montgomery & Prince George's Counties, MD and Northern Virginia
- **Total:** \$735,759



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Other Projects Recommendations

The Arc of Northern Virginia

Continue and expand an existing “train the travel trainer” program that uses specialized “TravelMate” software to provide step-by-step instructions to support adults and students with intellectual disabilities to independently travel on bus and rail. The program embeds travel training into disability organizations, schools, private employers, and works one-on-one with individuals and their families.

- **Geographic Focus:** Regional
- **Total:** \$866,492

Opportunities Inc.

Partner the Arc of Northern Virginia’s Train the Travel Trainer program to develop a travel training program for their participants who have intellectual and developmental disabilities.

- **Geographic Focus:** Regional
- **Total:** \$150,000



Other Projects Recommendations

Operating Projects

Coach Transportation Inc., DBE Koach

Operating support for wheelchair accessible taxi service in partnership with Silver Cab of Prince George's County and VIP Cab of DC.

- **Geographic Focus:** Prince George's County, MD, Wards 7 & 8, DC
- **Total:** \$417,672

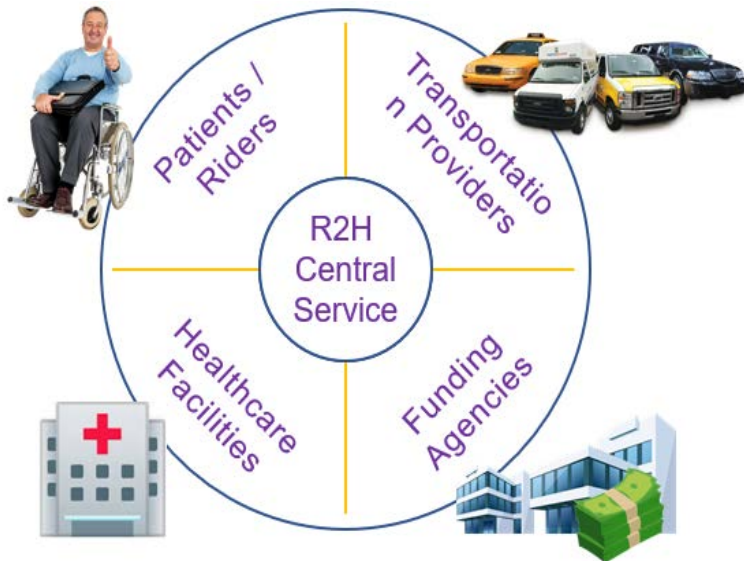
DC Department of For-Hire Vehicles

Operating support for Transport DC, a program that provides same day service for persons with disabilities and older adults in DC as an alternative to MetroAccess.

- **Geographic Focus:** District of Columbia
- **Total:** \$636,000



Other Projects Recommendations



Transit Group, Inc.

Operating expenses to launch the Rides to Health program in Montgomery County. RTH is a pilot funded under FTA's ICAM program, to improve transportation for End Stage Renal Disease dialysis patients.

- **Geographic Focus:** Montgomery County, MD
- **Total:** \$200,000



Vehicle Acquisition Recommendations

Capital Only

Community Support Services

Procure six wheelchair accessible minivans to transport participants with developmental disabilities to community-based activities and programming.

- **Geographic Focus:** Montgomery County, MD
- **Total:** \$324,098

Fairfax County Neighborhood & Community Services

Procure four wheelchair accessible vehicles to provide transportation for Neighborhood & Community Services' programming, including trips for Area Agency on Aging, Adult Day Health Care, Critical Medical Care, Community Service Board, and Therapeutic Recreation.

- **Geographic Focus:** Fairfax County, VA
- **Total:** \$255,652



Vehicle Acquisition Recommendations

Wheelchair Accessible Taxis

Liberty Transportation Management Corporation

Procure nine minivans, plus required equipment required for use as wheelchair accessible taxicabs. Includes preventative maintenance and a share of related operating costs.

- **Geographic Focus:** District of Columbia
- **Total:** \$496,060

Regency Taxi

Procure eight minivans, plus equipment required for use as wheelchair accessible taxicabs. Includes preventative maintenance.

- **Geographic Focus:** Montgomery County, MD
- **Total:** \$411,848

Yellow Transportation

Procure eight minivans for use as wheelchair accessible taxicabs. Includes a share of related operating cost.

- **Geographic Focus:** District of Columbia
- **Total:** \$407,646



Vehicle Acquisition Recommendations

Capital and Operating

Chinese Culture and Community Service Center

Procure four buses, plus preventative maintenance and monthly cost of GPS system to provide transportation to and from adult day programming, medical appointments, grocery, retail shopping, recreational and socialization trips, and government offices.

- **Geographic Focus:** Montgomery County, MD
- **Total:** \$276,028

Easter Seals Serving DC|MD|VA

Procure two buses, plus associated operating expenses to help resume transportation to and from Easter Seals' Adult Medical Day program which provides activities, socialization, nutritious meals, and clinical oversight.

- **Geographic Focus:** Montgomery County, MD and District of Columbia
- **Total:** \$395,203



Project Recommendations



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ECHO

Procure two wheelchair accessible vehicles to transport participants to and from ECHO's supported employment programming, in-house and community integration programs, and employment training.

Procure one expansion vehicle for ECHO's Barkery in Ashburn, VA, a social enterprise that employs and trains people with disabilities to bake and sell artisanal dog biscuits.

Includes preventative maintenance and associated operating costs.

- **Geographic Focus:** Fairfax and Loudoun County, VA
- **Total:** \$427,089

Vehicle Acquisition Recommendations

New Horizons Support Services, Inc.

Procure two wheelchair accessible minivans, plus associated equipment and operating costs to provide transportation to community inclusion programs and state and county programming.

- **Geographic Focus:** Prince George's County, MD
- **Total:** \$313,048

The Arc of Prince George's County

Procure five wheelchair accessible minivans, plus associated operating costs to expand the Community Learning Services program which provides specialized transportation to community-based activities, potential employment, and volunteer opportunities.

- **Geographic Focus:** Prince George's County, MD
- **Total:** \$476,947

The Arc of Great Prince William/INSIGHT, Inc.

Procure two wheelchair accessible minivans and two 15-passenger buses to transport participants to and from employment, mobile work training groups, adult day program sites, medical appointments, and community integration activities.

- **Geographic Focus:** Prince William County, VA
- **Total:** \$332k



Next Steps

- Recommend approval to approve 21 projects for funding and amend the FY 2021-2024 TIP to include the projects
- Approve R5-2022



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