

The Proposed TPB Role in Human Service Transportation Coordination Planning

Citizens Advisory Committee
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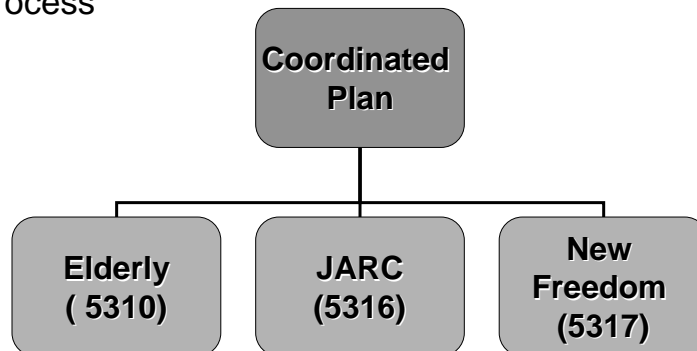
SAFETEA-LU Human Service Transportation Funding Amounts

Program <i>All Formula Based</i>	Federal FY2006	Total Funding With Match <small>(Millions)</small>
Elderly and Disabled	Differs by State	Only capital projects are eligible 80/20 match
JARC	\$1.2 million	\$2.4 Operating <small>(50% match)</small> \$1.5 Capital <small>(20% match)</small>
New Freedom	\$1.0 million	\$2.0 Operating <small>(50% match)</small> \$1.25 Capital <small>(20% match)</small>

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Coordinated Plan Guides Project Selection

- Plan development must include stakeholders
- Projects for JARC and New Freedom must be selected on a competitive basis
- Designated recipient must conduct competitive process



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Goals of Coordination

- Address gaps and shortcomings in current services
- Better meet users' needs
- Deliver services more efficiently

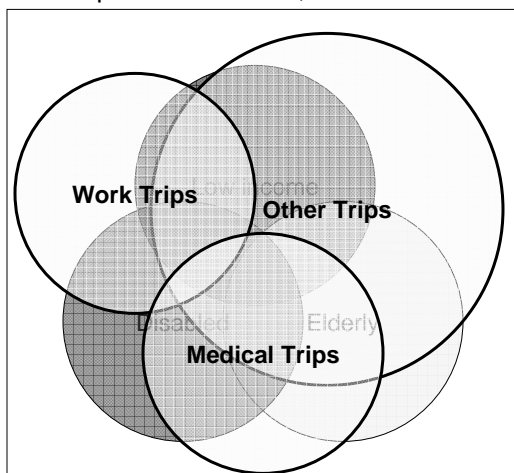
The real value here is less in the money chase and new projects...instead the real benefit is making the best use out of existing resources and programs.

– David Snyder, TPB member from Falls Church

These goals were established by the AFA "Improving Demand Responsive Services for People With Disabilities in the Washington Region" study. 5

Community Needs

- The transportation-disadvantaged in the Washington Region include low-income populations, persons with disabilities and the elderly.
- They have a complex set of needs, some in common and some unique.



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Elements of the Plan

- Assessment of Needs
- Inventory of Services
- Strategies
- Actions
- Prioritization



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TPB Role Evolved from Stakeholder Meetings

- Actions needed for region to access available federal funds
- Ad-hoc group included:
 - State and District DOT's
 - WMATA
 - Public and private transportation providers
 - Human Service agencies
 - AFA members
- Group met April 6, May 12, June 1 and June 29

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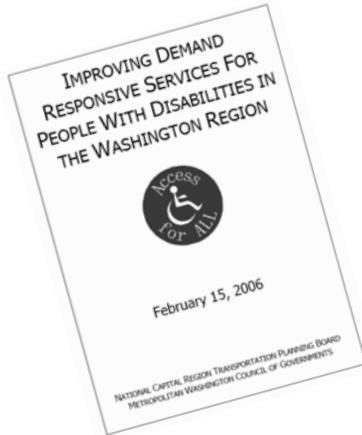
New TPB Task Force Would Develop Coordinated Plan

- Human Service Transportation Coordination Task Force
 - Chaired by TPB member
 - Representation from:
 - Public transit providers
 - Private and non-profit providers
 - Human service agencies
 - Low-income populations, persons with disabilities and older adults
- TPB will review and approve the Coordinated Plan



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Recent TPB work would inform Coordinated Plan



- Regional JARC Plan
 - Identified low-income populations and gaps in transportation services
- Access for All Advisory Committee
 - Subcommittee report on transportation improvements needed for low-income populations
 - MetroAccess / Demand Responsive Study

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Steps for the TPB to be Designated Recipient for JARC and New Freedom

- Governors and DC Mayor must designate a recipient for JARC and New Freedom
- June 13 WMATA Letter of Support
- After the TPB action in July, letters will be sent to the Governors and DC Mayor asking for official designation
- TPB will work with DOT's, WMATA and FTA



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TPB would oversee the competitive process for JARC and New Freedom

- Coordinated Plan would guide the competitive process
 - Framework for selection criteria
- Final project selection subject to TPB approval
- Use 10% of JARC and New Freedom funds provided under SAFETEA-LU for administrative costs

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Task Force Membership

- Chaired by TPB member
- Representation from (as called for by SAFETEA-LU):
 - Public transit providers
 - Private and non-profit providers
 - Human service agencies
 - Low-income populations, persons with disabilities and older adults
- Public forums would be held to involve broader set of stakeholders
- Task Force and membership will be established by TPB action in July

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Proposed Composition of Task Force

Stakeholder Group	Number of People	Agency/ Organizations
Public Transit	7	WMATA, WEHTS, Ride-On, The Bus, PRTC, NVTC, STAR
State Public Transit / DOTs	3	D.C. Department of Transportation (DDOT), MD Transit Administration (MTA) VA Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)
Private Providers	4	Chair of Private Providers Task Force, plus 1 private provider from D.C., MD and VA
Non-Profit Providers	3	1 representative from a non-profit from D.C., MD and VA (i.e. ARC, Urban League)
Human Service Related	8	1 representative from a human service related agency in D.C.; Montgomery, Prince George's & Charles in MD; Prince William, Fairfax, Arlington and Alexandria in VA
Users/Customers	6	3 people representing Persons with Disabilities, Low Income Populations, and Older Adults One AFA representative from D.C., MD and VA
Total	32 (with Chair)	

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Next Steps

- TPB scheduled to approve proposal (July 2006)
- TPB sends letters to MD and VA Governors and DC Mayor asking that the TPB be designated the recipient for JARC and New Freedom (July 2006)
- TPB Task Force is established (July to September 2006)
- Task Force begins development of Coordinated Plan and framework for competitive selection process (Fall 2006)
- TPB asked to approve Coordinated Plan and selection process (Winter 2006/2007)

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List of Acronyms

AFA:	TPB Access for All Advisory Committee
The Bus:	Local bus system in Prince George's County
COG Human Services Policy Committee:	Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments committee on human services; membership is local elected officials from around the region
DDOT:	District of Columbia Department of Transportation
DRPT:	Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation
MTA:	Maryland Transit Administration
NVTC:	Northern Virginia Transportation Commission
Private Providers Task Force:	Established by the TPB in 1987 to provide opportunity for private providers to participate in the development and provisions of transportation services.
PRTC:	Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission
Ride-On:	Local bus system in Montgomery County
STAR:	Specialized Transit for Arlington Residents
WMATA:	Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
WEHTS:	Washington Elderly Handicapped Transportation Service

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