



UPWP Technical Assistance Program

What is the UPWP Technical Assistance Program?

This Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) task responds to requests for technical assistance from state and local governments as well as transit agencies.

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

The program includes separate subtasks for the District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia, as well as regional transit. The funding level allocated to each subtask is an agreed upon percentage of the total new funding in the basic work program. The funding level for each state is an agreed-upon percentage of the total new FTA and FHWA planning funding passed through each state. The funding level for regional transit is an agreed upon percentage of the total new FTA funding.

What are some examples of current and past projects?

- Climate Change Mitigation Study (financial support)
- Travel monitoring, such as the Northern Virginia Active Transportation Counts
- Market Assessment for VRE-MARC Run Through Service

The program also contributes funding to the Transportation/Land-Use Connections, Regional Roadway Safety, and Transit Within Reach programs.

Who is eligible for assistance?

State and local governments as well as transit agencies in the National Capital Region that are members of the TPB may request technical assistance.

What kinds of projects qualify for assistance?

The project must meet two requirements to be considered for funding.



Project concepts are proposed, evaluated, and recommended for inclusion in the UPWP through consultation with state departments of transportation throughout the fiscal year. Coordination is also performed with the Regional Public Transportation Subcommittee for projects funded under the regional transit technical assistance subtask.

How do I learn more or request assistance?

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