# FTA SECTION 5310 ENHANCED MOBILITY PROGRAM

# Providing matching grants for projects serving Older Adults and People with Disabilities

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## **Purpose**

- Provide an overview of the Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility program
- Review solicitation process
- TPB action in January to approve funding recommendations



Source: Arc of Greater Prince William



#### **Process and Goal**

**Coordinated Plan** 

- Identify needs
- Provide strategies
- Prioritize projects

Enhanced Mobility Program

 Mechanism for funding projects

2019 Solicitation

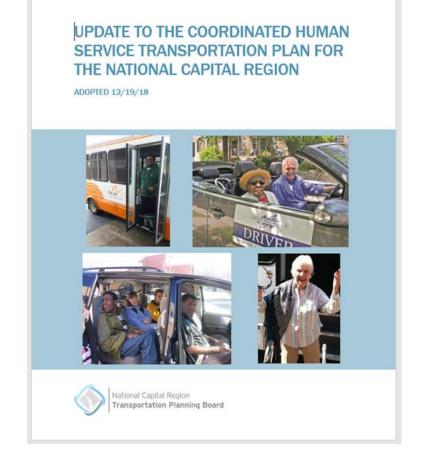
Biennial competitive selection

Improve the mobility of Older Adults and Persons with Disabilities



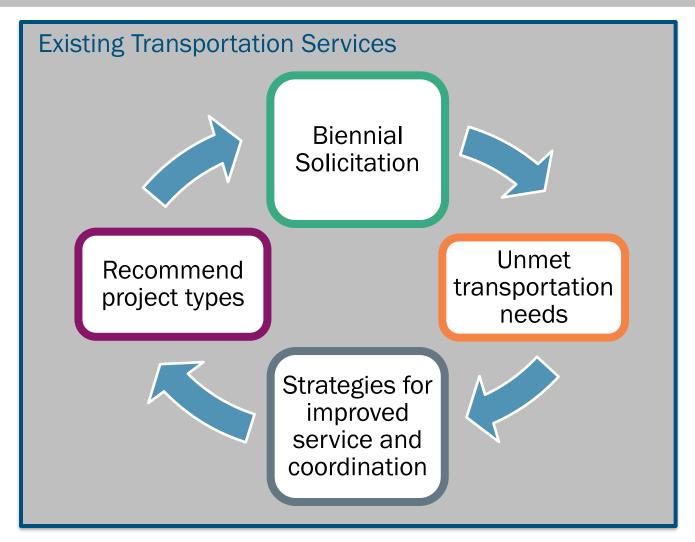
### **Coordinated Plan**

- FTA required plan to guide implementation of the Enhanced Mobility program
- Updated every 4 years
- Guided with input from TPB's Access for All Advisory Committee





# **Tackling Unmet Need**





# **Tackling Unmet Need - Strategies**

- Expand availability and coordination of transportation options
- II. Increase awareness of existing transportation services
- III. Improve accessibility of transportation options
- IV. Make transportation options more affordable and sustainable



Source: Jewish Council for the Aging VillageRides



# **Tackling Unmet Need - Priority Projects**

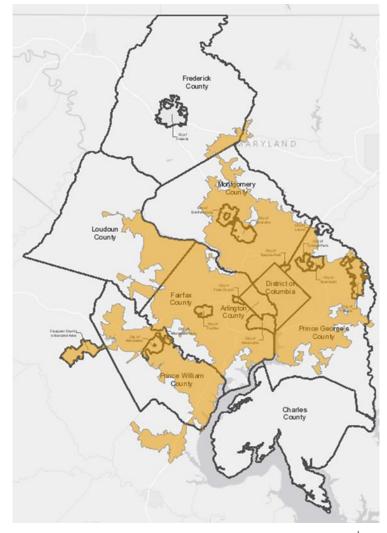
- Mobility Management
- Coordinated Planning Efforts
- Travel Training
- Door-through-door or Escorted Transportation Service
- Increase Access to Transit
   Stations

- Increase Wheelchair-Accessible Options in Taxi and Ride-Hailing Services
- Volunteer Driver Programs
- Tailored Transportation
   Service for Clients of Human
   Service Agencies (Vehicle
   Acquisition)



# **Enhanced Mobility Program**

- Must benefit populations in the Washington DC-VA-MD Urbanized Area
- Unique TPB role to prioritize and select while COG implements
- Approximately \$2.8 million per year in matching grants
- Matching required
  - 20% for Capital or Mobility Management
  - 50% for Operating





## 2019 Solicitation

- August 14 through November 4, 2019
- More than \$7 million in federal funding available including reallocated dollars
- Five in-person pre-application conferences and one virtual
- Promoted through TPBNews and social media







## 2019 Solicitation

3,000+ Contacts received notice

29 Applications submitted

\$12.5 M Requested in federal dollars

**\$1.70** Requested for every **\$1** available

137 Wheelchair accessible minivans and buses requested



## 2019 Selection

- Chaired by a member of the TPB
- Selection committee of local and national experts
- Recommend projects based on selection criteria:

Criterion	Maximum Points
Coordination among jurisdictions and agencies	25
Responsiveness to the TPB's Coordinated Plan: Priority Projects (up to 12 points) Strategies (up to 8 points)	20
Institutional capacity to manage and administer an FTA grant	20
Project feasibility	15
Regional need	5
Equity Emphasis Areas	5
Customer focus and input	10



## **Next Steps**

#### December

 Complete Selection Committee recommendations

#### January

- Tech notice with review of projects received
- TPB approval and TIP amendment
- TPB staff notifies applicants and begins submission process with FTA

#### Next Solicitation

Summer 2021



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