

ITEM 8 – Action
January 22, 2020

Approval of Funding Recommendations for the 2019
Enhanced Mobility Program and
FY 2019-2024 TIP Amendment to Include the Projects

Action: Approve Resolution R7-2020 to approve funding recommendations for the Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program and to approve an amendment of the FY 2019-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include these projects.

Background: A grant solicitation for Enhanced Mobility funds was conducted from August 14 to November 4, 2019. A selection committee, chaired by Ms. Kostiuk, reviewed the grant applications and recommended projects to be presented to the TPB for approval. The board will be briefed on the solicitation and selection process and asked to approve the 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 2019-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

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";

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 (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 September 1 through November 4, 2019, during which more than 3,000 individuals received an announcement of the grant opportunity; and

WHEREAS, more than 70 individuals attended one of six 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 December 5, 2019 to review the applications and evaluate them against the selection criteria; and

WHEREAS, the selection committee recommended funding 24 projects described in the attached memorandum; and

WHEREAS, the attached FY 2019-2024 TIP amendment includes the project information for these projects;

WHEREAS, there is \$3,111,386 of FY 2018, \$3,220,497 in FY 2019, and \$878,914 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; and

WHEREAS, the funds available for the 2019 solicitation also includes \$787,040 in deobligated DDOT 5310 funds FTA designated for use by COG for Capital projects meeting the old 5310 program requirements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD approves accepting \$787,040 in deobligated DDOT dollars for inclusion in the Enhanced Mobility application to FTA, 24 projects for funding described in the attached memorandum and TIP amendment, and amends the FY 2019-2024 TIP to include these projects.

**NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
CAPITAL COSTS (in \$1,000)**

Source	Fed/St/Loc	Previous Funding	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	Source Total
TIP ID: 6366 Agency ID: _____ Title: Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities									
Facility:	Sect. 5310	100/0/0	7,118 e	3,220 e	3,220 e	3,220 e	3,220 e	3,220 e	23,218
From:									Total Funds: 23,218
To:									

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.

These funds are for the urbanized area within the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia metropolitan region.

Subrecipient	Program Description	Total Project Cost (\$1,000s)	Federal Share	Location
Capitol Hill Village	Mobility Management program for 13 DC Villages, including volunteer driving, options education, and travel training on all modes.	\$770	\$616	DC
Jewish Council for the Aging	Volunteer driver resource center.	\$654	\$521	Suburban Maryland and Northern Virginia
Washington Metro Area Transit Authority (WMATA)	Abilities-Ride intern to coordinate the program.	\$80	\$40	Regional
Dulles Area Transportation Association (DATA)	Recruitment of bilingual Spanish speaking volunteers and drivers for existing transportation programs, and travel training.	\$297	\$238	Fairfax and Loudoun Counties, VA
The Arc of Northern Virginia	Train the Travel Trainer program in schools, human service agencies, and with families of individuals with developmental disabilities and older adults.	\$493	\$394	Regional
Fairfax County Neighborhood and Community Services (Capital)	Mobility Management project to promote existing options, build partnerships to increase options, and provide ride subsidies to qualified county residents.	\$607	\$455	Fairfax County, VA
Prince George's County DPWT	Taxi voucher program to provide weekend transportation to treatment for dialysis patients.	\$257	\$128	Prince George's County, MD
City of Hyattsville	Mobility Options Initiative to include vehicle procurement, partnerships to increase options, Age-Friendly Driver Certification Program, and outreach to increase awareness.	\$339	\$219	Prince George's County, MD
Regency Taxi	Ten wheelchair accessible taxis, preventative maintenance, and equipment to convert vehicles into taxis.	\$449	\$359	Montgomery County, MD
Jewish Council for the Aging (Operating)	Vehicle operations to include oversight, insurance, and fuel.	\$383	\$191	Regional
Transportation General, Inc.	Ten wheelchair accessible taxis, preventative maintenance, and equipment to convert vehicles into taxis.	\$580	\$432	Northern Virginia, DC, Montgomery County, MD
New Horizons Supported Services, Inc.	Four wheelchair accessible minivans to transport people with developmental disabilities and older adults to community activities and state and county programming, preventative maintenance, insurance, GPS units, and software.	\$211	\$166	Prince George's County, MD
Community Support Services	Nine wheelchair accessible minivans to transport people with developmental disabilities to community-based activities and programming.	\$418	\$335	Montgomery County, MD

**NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
CAPITAL COSTS (in \$1,000)**

Source	Fed/St/Loc	Previous Funding	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	Source Total
The Arc of Prince George's County		Seven wheelchair accessible minivans to transport people with developmental disabilities to community-based activities, potential employment, community events, and volunteer opportunities.			\$284	\$227		Prince George's County, MD	
The Arc of Greater Prince William/INSIGHT, Inc.		Two wheelchair accessible minivans and three 15-passenger vans to transport people with developmental disabilities to employment, mobile work training, adult day programming, medical appointments and community activities.			\$332	\$265		Prince William County, VA	
Easter Seals Serving DC MD VA		One wheelchair accessible minivan and one bus to transport participants to and from the Easter Seals' Medical Day Program, preventative maintenance, ride scheduling software.			\$324	\$259		Montgomery County, MD, DC	
Chinese Culture and Community Service Center		Four 15-passenger buses and one wheelchair accessible minivan to transport older adults with health issues to medical appointments, shopping, recreational activities, and government offices.			\$296	\$235		Montgomery County, MD	
Sunrise of Maryland, Inc.		Two 14-passenger buses and one wheelchair accessible minivan to transport participants to and from Sunrise's Adult Day Center, preventative maintenance, licensing, and insurance.			\$242	\$183		Prince George's County, MD, parts of Montgomery County, MD	
Washington Metro Area Transit Authority (WMATA)		Ten new paratransit buses designed for improved safety, comfort, and accessibility.			\$1,000	\$850		Regional	
Montgomery County Department of Transportation		Enhancement of Montgomery County's Travel Training program through procurement of a dedicated, specially equipped travel training bus, hiring of two travel trainers, marketing, and equipment.			\$693	\$554		Montgomery County, MD	
ECHO		Four 15-passenger buses and one wheelchair accessible minivan to transport older adults with health issues to medical appointments, shopping, recreational activities, and government offices.			\$134	\$107		Fairfax and Loudon Counties, VA	
Prince George's County		Three 15-passenger buses for use in the County's Call-a-Bus paratransit program.			\$172	\$146		Prince George's County, MD	
Fairfax County Neighborhood and Community Services (Capital)		Three 15-19 passenger buses to transport county residents to county-sponsored programming, treatment, medical appointments, and shopping.			\$187	\$150		Fairfax County, VA	
CHI Centers, Inc.		Four wheelchair accessible minivans and one 14-passenger bus to transport people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to employment programs, residential support programs, day programming and for use at group homes.			\$240	\$192		Montgomery and Prince George's Counties, MD	



MEMORANDUM

TO: Transportation Planning Board

FROM: Ms. Kacy Kostiuk, 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: January 16, 2020

This memorandum describes the funding recommendations for the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities program. On December 16, 2019, the selection committee finalized its recommendations for grant funding \$7.3M of allocated FTA funds among \$12.3M in requested funds. The TPB will be asked on January 22, 2020 to approve these funding recommendations and amend the FY 2019-2024 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 is chaired by TPB Board Member Kacy Kostiuk. The selection committee discussions resulted in a unanimous recommendation to fund 24 applications. The committee's recommendations were reviewed by TPB Officers who had no further questions for the selection committee and concurred with the presentation for approval at the January 22, 2020 meeting.

FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

The Selection Committee, comprised of experts working in the aging, disability, transit, and human services fields, recommends funding 24 of the 29 applications received and competitively allocating the \$7.3M in federal funding available. Because the total federal funding requests of \$12.3M exceeded the amount available, the Selection Committee acted to provide partial funding to 15 of the 24 applications recommended. One application is recommended to receive a scale-up funding scenario due to staff need to uniquely reallocate funding, per FTA parameters, from prior completed projects that had remaining balances. With the addition of \$2.2M in applicant matching funds, the combined funding for the 24 projects total \$9.5M.

Sixteen of the 24 projects are for acquiring a total of 81 wheelchair accessible vehicles. Under the vehicle acquisition category, the recommendations prioritize awarding replacement vehicles rather than funding vehicles for service expansion or providing operating assistance 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 January 22 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 5 applications not recommended for funding, as described on page 11 of Attachment A, will receive a letter with suggestions for improving their application for the next Enhanced Mobility grant solicitation. Applicants would also be offered a debriefing about their application with TPB staff.

ATTACHMENT A - RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUNDING UNDER THE 2019 ENHANCED MOBILITY PROGRAM

Other Projects Funding Recommendations

1. **Capitol Hill Village:** Continue and expand a mobility management program serving 13 DC Villages by recruiting volunteer drivers to provide rides, increasing seniors' public transit knowledge through 1:1 training, and training seniors on the use of mobility options such as Uber and GoGo Grandparent. A strong evaluation component continues, which helped identify gaps and needs now being addressed in this project.

Geographic Focus: District of Columbia

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$616,563	Federal Funds	\$616,563
Required Match	\$154,141	Required Match	\$154,141
Total Project	\$770,704	Total Project	\$770,704

2. **Jewish Council for the Aging of Greater Washington, Inc:** Continue and expand a volunteer driver resource center to additional parts of Northern Virginia and suburban Maryland. The program will provide technical assistance, 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 and Northern Virginia

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$521,313	Federal Funds	\$521,315
Required Match	\$132,953	Required Match	\$132,951
Total Project	\$654,266	Total Project	\$654,266

3. **Washington Metro Area Transit Authority:** Support Abilities-Ride, a program that uses taxis to provide same day rides at a discounted rate as an alternative to Metro Access, by hiring an intern. The intern will coordinate the Abilities-Ride program and work to improve access to transportation resources beyond paratransit, create partnerships with hospitals, human services agencies, and dialysis facilities, and use mobility management practices and technology to ensure continued success of the program.

Geographic Focus: Regional

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$40,000	Federal Funds	\$40,000
Required Match	\$40,000	Required Match	\$40,000
Total Project	\$80,000	Total Project	\$80,000

4. **Dulles Area Transportation Association:** Continue and expand a mobility management project that recruits bilingual Spanish-speaking volunteers and drivers in partnership with existing transportation and provides travel training, information about mobility options, and driver training in Spanish to older adults and people with disabilities. The expansion includes additional volunteer organizations, new partners, and a veteran’s component. This project was slightly scaled up to accommodate additional Mobility Manager staff time.

Geographic Focus: Fairfax and Loudoun County, Virginia

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$214,863	Federal Funds	\$238,033
Required Match	\$53,716	Required Match	\$59,508
Total Project	\$268,579	Total Project	\$297,541

5. **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 to independently travel on bus and/or rail. The project will continue to embed the train the trainer program into disability organizations in Northern Virginia and DC as well as two sister Arc Chapters in Montgomery and Prince George’s County. A new component is direct outreach to individuals with developmental disabilities and cognitive challenges and their families.

Geographic Focus: Regional

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$603,884	Federal Funds	\$394,478
Required Match	\$150,970	Required Match	\$98,619
Total Project	\$754,854	Total Project	\$493,097

6. **Fairfax County Neighborhood & Community Services:** Continue and expand the Fairfax Mobility Access Project (FXMAP) which seeks to increase awareness of existing transportation options, create affordable and sustainable additional options, and build capacity through partnerships. The expansion includes a subsidy program using the Transportation Options Programs & Services’ Transportation Debit Card (TOPS TDC) for qualified county residents. Partners will be used to increase awareness of transportation programs and create additional volunteer driver programs in underserved areas, including services for veterans.

Geographic Focus: Fairfax County, Virginia

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$505,770	Federal Funds	\$455,770
Required Match	\$201,443	Required Match	\$151,443
Total Project	\$707,213	Total Project	\$607,213

7. **Prince George’s County Department of Public Works and Transportation:** Expand an existing taxi voucher program that currently provides transportation for eligible dialysis patients Monday through Friday. The program will provide an option for transportation to Saturday treatment. The project includes a taxi driver certification requirement to ensure an understanding of the specific needs of dialysis patients, especially following treatment.

Geographic Focus: Prince George’s County, Maryland

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$128,864	Federal Funds	\$128,864
Required Match	\$128,864	Required Match	\$128,864
Total Project	\$257,728	Total Project	\$257,728

Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle Acquisition Funding Recommendations

8. **City of Hyattsville:** Implement a Mobility Options Initiative to enhance transportation for older adults and people with disabilities in the City of Hyattsville and the surrounding area. Procure two buses to replace and expand the Call-A Bus program, partner with Hyattsville Aging in Place to coordinate and increase “door-through-door” and “escort services”, explore and develop partnerships with ride-hailing companies, provide education on use, and coordinate/schedule ride-hailing services for individuals without smartphones, create an Age-Friendly Driver Certification Program for drivers providing curb-to-curb, door-through-door, and ride-hailing transportation services, improve awareness of and access to transportation options through a series of ongoing marketing campaigns and a “soft launch” community event.

Geographic Focus: City of Hyattsville and surrounding areas, including trips to suburban Maryland and District of Columbia

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$219,194	Federal Funds	\$219,194
Required Match	\$120,349	Required Match	\$120,349
Total Project	\$339,543	Total Project	\$339,543

9. **Regency Taxi:** Procure and put into service ten wheelchair accessible minivans to help meet growing demand for accessible vehicles, including preventative maintenance and required equipment to convert vehicles into taxis.

Geographic Focus: Montgomery County, Maryland

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$431,120	Federal Funds	\$359,268
Required Match	\$107,781	Required Match	\$89,818
Total Project	\$538,901	Total Project	\$449,086

10. **Jewish Council for the Aging of Greater Washington, Inc:** Operating funds, for oversight, insurance and fuel, to support costs associated with the Elderbus program which annually transports over 60,000 seniors to therapeutic day programs, shopping, and social and recreational activities at five senior centers using 15 wheelchair accessible buses previously procured with grant funds.

Geographic Focus: Regional

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$191,717	Federal Funds	\$191,717
Required Match	\$191,717	Required Match	\$191,717
Total Project	\$383,434	Total Project	\$383,434

11. **Transportation General, Inc:** Procure ten wheelchair accessible minivans to expand the availability of on-demand wheelchair accessible taxis within existing taxicab service, with the goal of increasing availability during off-peak hours (evening, overnight, and weekends) and in auto-dependent parts of the region. Includes preventative maintenance and required equipment to convert vehicles into taxis.

Geographic Focus: Northern Virginia, Washington, District of Columbia, and Montgomery County, MD

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$890,868	Federal Funds	\$432,434
Required Match	\$321,718	Required Match	\$147,859
Total Project	\$1,212,586	Total Project	\$580,293

12. **New Horizons Supported Services, Inc:** Procure four wheelchair accessible minivans (3 for replacement and 1 for expansion) for community inclusion programs and state and county programming for people with developmental disabilities and older adults. Includes insurance, preventative maintenance, and GPS units and software.

Geographic Focus: Prince George's County, Maryland

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$441,005	Federal Funds	\$166,167
Required Match	\$130,229	Required Match	\$45,595
Total Project	\$571,234	Total Project	\$211,759

13. **Community Support Services:** Procure nine wheelchair accessible minivans to replace existing vehicles that have met their useful life. Vehicles will be used to transport children and adults with developmental disabilities to community-based activities and programming. During off hours, vehicles will be used by Meals on Wheels and Red Wiggler Farm to provide additional community services.

Geographic Focus: Montgomery County, Maryland

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$446,741	Federal Funds	\$335,056
Required Match	\$111,686	Required Match	\$83,764
Total Project	\$558,427	Total Project	\$418,820

14. **The Arc of Prince George’s County:** Procure seven wheelchair accessible minivans 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.

Geographic Focus: Prince George’s County, Maryland

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$487,627	Federal Funds	\$227,559
Required Match	\$121,907	Required Match	\$56,890
Total Project	\$609,534	Total Project	\$284,449

15. **The Arc of Great Prince William/INSIGHT, Inc:** Procure two wheelchair accessible minivans and three 15-passenger vans for replacement of vehicles that have met their useful life. 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.

Geographic Focus: Prince William County, Virginia

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$408,425	Federal Funds	\$265,644
Required Match	\$102,107	Required Match	\$66,412
Total Project	\$510,532	Total Project	\$332,056

16. **Easter Seals Serving DC|MD|VA:** Procure one wheelchair accessible minivan for replacement and one bus for expansion for transportation to and from Easter Seals’ Adult Medical Day program which provides activities, socialization, nutritious meals, and management of chronic conditions and clinical oversight for older adults and adults with disabilities. Includes, preventative maintenance and ride scheduling software to optimize routing of entire fleet.

Geographic Focus: Montgomery County, Maryland and District of Columbia

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$762,880	Federal Funds	\$259,840
Required Match	\$463,120	Required Match	\$64,690
Total Project	\$1,226,000	Total Project	\$324,800

17. **Chinese Culture and Community Service Center:** Procure four 15-passenger buses and one wheelchair accessible minivan to replace existing vehicles that have met useful life. Vehicles will be used to provide transportation to medical appointments, shopping, recreational activities, group trips, and government offices for seniors and individuals with disabilities who have health issues.

Geographic Focus: Montgomery County, Maryland

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$235,796	Federal Funds	\$235,796
Required Match	\$60,300	Required Match	\$60,300
Total Project	\$296,096	Total Project	\$296,096

18. **Sunrise Community of Maryland, Inc:** Procure two 14-passenger buses for expansion and one wheelchair accessible minivan for replacement. Vehicles will be used for transportation to and from Sunrise’s Adult Day center where training programs help increase independence in daily living activities and Supported Employment and Vocational Services provide work skills for adults with disabilities. Includes preventative maintenance, licensing and insurance.

Geographic Focus: Prince George’s and parts of Montgomery County, Maryland

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$303,177	Federal Funds	\$183,215
Required Match	\$179,260	Required Match	\$59,298
Total Project	\$482,437	Total Project	\$242,513

19. **Washington Metro Area Transit Authority:** Procure ten new paratransit buses to replace vehicles that have met useful life. The vehicle design, developed in partnership with people with disabilities and funded outside of the grant, will better serve the needs of Metro Access customers through improved safety, comfort and accessibility. All procured vehicles will meet FTA standards and replacements will be disposed of per FTA regulations. Because the vehicles will be used for paratransit service, they eligible for 85% Federal funding.

Geographic Focus: Regional

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$2,550,000	Federal Funds	\$850,000
Required Match	\$450,000	Required Match	\$150,000
Total Project	\$3,000,000	Total Project	\$1,000,000

20. **Montgomery County Department of Transportation:** Procure a dedicated, specially equipped mobility training bus, hire two travel trainers, and implement a marketing campaign to enhance Montgomery County’s Travel Training program. The bus will be used to expand the geographical service area, increase the number of training workshops, and enhance the

content to include pedestrian safety and awareness. Includes monitors for inside bus training and a marketing video.

Geographic Focus: Montgomery County, Maryland

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$570,117	Federal Funds	\$554,820
Required Match	\$154,003	Required Match	\$138,706
Total Project	\$724,120	Total Project	\$693,526

21. **ECHO:** Procure two 15-passenger buses for replacement of vehicles that have met useful life. The vehicles will be used to transport people with disabilities in Fairfax and Loudoun County to and from ECHO’s supported employment programming, in-house and community integration programs, and employment training assessment and training lab. Includes preventative maintenance.

Geographic Focus: Fairfax and Loudoun County, Virginia

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$169,633	Federal Funds	\$107,547
Required Match	\$48,644	Required Match	\$26,887
Total Project	\$218,277	Total Project	\$134,434

22. **Prince George’s County:** Procure three 15-passenger wheelchair accessible buses to replace existing vehicles that have met useful life. The vehicles will be used for the county’s Call-a-Bus paratransit program. Because the vehicles will be used for paratransit service, they are eligible for 85% Federal funding.

Geographic Focus: Prince George’s County, Maryland

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$195,800	Federal Funds	\$146,849
Required Match	\$34,553	Required Match	\$25,915
Total Project	\$230,353	Total Project	\$172,764

23. **Fairfax County Neighborhood & Community Services:** Procure three 15-19 passenger buses to replace vehicles that have met useful life. Vehicles will be used to transport county residents to treatments, therapeutic appointments, essential shopping sites, and to other County sponsored programs and services that promote socialization, health and nutrition, and age specific physical activities and exercise.

Geographic Focus: Fairfax County, Virginia

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$250,000	Federal Funds	\$150,000
Required Match	\$62,500	Required Match	\$37,500
Total Project	\$312,500	Total Project	\$187,500

24. **CHI Centers, Inc:** Procure four wheelchair accessible minivans for expansion to use at group homes currently lacking a vehicle, and one 14-passenger bus for replacement of a vehicle that met useful life. The vehicles will be used to transport individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to CHI's Supported Employment, Competitive Employment, Community Residential support, Personal Supports in the private home, and Day programming.

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

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$192,129	Federal Funds	\$192,129
Required Match	\$48,033	Required Match	\$48,033
Total Project	\$240,162	Total Project	\$240,162

Applications Not Recommended for Funding

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

- Applications were low scoring;
- The results from previous COG/TPB grants have not yet been realized;
- Another grant was awarded outside of COG/TPB's solicitation for the same project;
- Portions of proposed project was not eligible putting entire application in question;
- Capacity to manage a Federal grant was questionable;
- Poor past performance and question of need due to significant funds being left on the table from prior awards.

Denied applicants will receive a letter with recommendations for improving their application for the next grant solicitation and will also be offered a debriefing about their application with TPB staff. One application was received but was not considered by the Selection Committee for funding due to project ineligibility under FTA rules.

Applications Not Recommended for Funding			
Applicant	Geographic Focus	Proposed Project	Federal Funds Requested
Boat People SOS	Virginia	Outreach on available transportation options, group and one-on-one training sessions on fixed-route services and other transportation options such as Uber, Lyft, and MetroAccess, and update and disseminate of a culturally and linguistically appropriate transportation guidebook developed under a prior award.	\$122,112
Chinese Culture and Community Service Center	Montgomery County, MD	Door-through-door transportation to medical appointments for older adults, people with disabilities, low-income individuals and people with limited English proficiency in the Asian American community.	\$160,688
Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind	Regional	Group and one-on-one travel training to teach people who are blind, visually impaired, or deaf-blind to travel independently and support of an existing Orientation & Mobility internship program.	\$410,132
ServiceSource	Virginia	Curb-to-curb and ride-hailing services transportation subsidy program with an added outreach and evaluation component.	\$182,250
Challenger Transportation	Not eligible	Not eligible	Not eligible

ATTACHMENT B - 2019 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 \$2.8 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 updated 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



2019 Solicitation for Enhanced Mobility Projects

The fourth TPB solicitation for Enhanced Mobility funds was conducted from August 1 through November 4, 2019. 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 six pre-application conferences for interested organizations discussing the application process, federal requirements, and project eligibility. Conferences were held near Tysons Corner, Virginia on August 15, Silver Spring, Maryland on August 20, and at COG on August 1, September 4, September 10, and October 1.

Selection Committee

TPB member Kacy Kostiuk chaired the Selection Committee, which was comprised of five people representing aging, disability, transit and human service transportation coordination. The Selection Committee members were:

- Ms. Melissa Gray, National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a)
- Ms. Nancy Huggins, Maryland Transit Administration (MTA)
- Ms. Brittany Voll, Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)
- Ms. Susie McFadden-Resper, local expert
- Ms. Shawn Brennan, Montgomery County Aging and Disability Services

After the solicitation period closed, TPB staff thoroughly reviewed all the applications received and when necessary, asked applicants for clarifications or to revise budgets. 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 December 5, 2019 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, the Selection Committee confirmed the recommendations for funding 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 2019-2024 TIP

Kacy Kostiuk
Selection Committee Chair

Lynn Winchell-Mendy
TPB Transportation Planner

Transportation Planning Board
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Outline of Presentation

- Enhanced Mobility program basics
- Review 24 recommended projects
- Action on resolution R7-2020 to approve projects and amend the TIP



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Enhanced Mobility Program Basics

- Approximately \$7.3 million in funding available, \$12.3 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 24 of the 29 applications received.
- With the matching funds, the projects total nearly \$9.5 million
- Applicants with projects not recommended for funding will receive a letter with recommendations for improvement
- Following TPB approval and TIP amendment, TPB staff will submit projects to FTA for final approval



Projects Types

- Mobility Management
- Taxi Vouchers
- Program Operation
- Vehicle Acquisition



Other Projects Recommendations

Capitol Hill Village

Expand volunteer driver programs in partnership with “Villages”, provide 1:1 travel training on public transit, Uber and GoGo Grandparent

- **Geographic Focus:** District of Columbia
- **Total:** \$770k

Jewish Council for the Aging

Continue and expand a resource center for volunteer driver programs

- **Geographic Focus:** Montgomery Co. & Prince George’s Co., MD and Northern Virginia
- **Total:** \$654k

WMATA

Support additional staff to improve the Abilities-Ride program

- **Geographic Focus:** Regional
- **Total:** \$80k



Other Projects Recommendations

Dulles Area Transportation Association

Continue and expand a 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:** \$297k

Arc of Northern Virginia

Continue and expand an existing “train the trainer” program using specialized software for travel training people with intellectual disabilities

- **Geographic Focus:** Regional
- **Total:** \$493k

Fairfax County Neighborhood & Community Services

Continue and expand the Fairfax Mobility Access Project (FXMAP) to increase awareness of transportation options, create affordable solutions, and build partnerships

- **Geographic Focus:** Fairfax County, VA
- **Total:** \$607K



Other Projects Recommendations

Prince George's County Public Works and Transportation

Expand an existing taxi voucher program that provides transportation for eligible dialysis patients, to include Saturday service

- **Geographic Focus:** Prince George's County, MD
- **Total:** \$257k



Vehicle Acquisition Recommendations

City of Hyattsville

Implement a multi-prong Mobility Options Initiative: procure two replacement buses, increase door-through-door options, partner with ride-hailing companies to travel train, create an Age-Friendly Driver Certification Program, and increase options awareness.

- **Geographic Focus:** City of Hyattsville and surrounding areas
- **Total:** \$339k

Regency Taxi

Procure and put into service ten wheelchair accessible minivans to help meet growing demand.

- **Geographic Focus:** Montgomery County, MD
- **Total:** \$449k

Jewish Council for the Aging of Greater Washington, Inc.

Support the costs of operating the Elderbus program which transport seniors to day programming, shopping and senior centers

- **Geographic Focus:** Regional
- **Total:** \$383k



Vehicle Acquisition Recommendations

Transportation General, Inc.

Procure ten wheelchair accessible minivans to expand the availability of on-demand wheelchair accessible taxis

- **Geographic Focus:** Northern Virginia, Washington, District of Columbia, and Montgomery County, MD
- **Total:** \$580k

New Horizons Support Services, Inc.

Procure four wheelchair accessible minivans to transport participants to community inclusion programs and state and county programming

- **Geographic Focus:** Prince George's County, MD
- **Total:** \$211k

Community Support Services

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

- **Geographic Focus:** Montgomery County, MD
- **Total:** \$418k



Vehicle Acquisition Recommendations

The Arc of Prince George's County

Procure seven wheelchair accessible minivans for expansion of the Community Learning Services program

- **Geographic Focus:** Prince George's County, MD
- **Total:** \$418k

The Arc of Great Prince William/INSIGHT, Inc.

Procure five wheelchair accessible vehicles 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

Easter Seals Serving DC|MD|VA

Procure two wheelchair accessible vehicles and ride scheduling software for Easter Seals' Adult Medical Day program

Geographic Focus: Montgomery County, MD and District of Columbia

- **Total:** \$324k



Vehicle Acquisition Recommendations

Chinese Culture and Community Service Center

Procure five wheelchair accessible vehicles to transport participants to medical appointments, shopping, recreational activities, group trips, and health visits

- **Geographic Focus:** Montgomery County, MD
- **Total:** \$296k

Sunrise Community of Maryland, Inc.

Procure three wheelchair accessible vehicles for transporting participants of Sunrise's Adult Day center and Supported Employment and Vocational Services

- **Geographic Focus:** Prince George's County, MD
- **Total:** \$242k

WMATA

Fund ten new paratransit buses, designed and developed in partnership with people with disabilities using other funding sources

- **Geographic Focus:** Regional
- **Total:** \$1M



Vehicle Acquisition Recommendations

Montgomery County Department of Transportation

Procure a dedicated, specially equipped mobility training bus, hire two travel trainers, and implement a marketing campaign to enhance Montgomery County's Travel Training program

- **Geographic Focus:** Montgomery County, MD
- **Total:** \$693k

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 assessment and training lab

- **Geographic Focus:** Fairfax and Loudoun County, VA
- **Total:** \$134k

Prince George's County

Procure three wheelchair accessible vehicles to be used for the county's Call-a-Bus paratransit program

- **Geographic Focus:** Prince George's County, MD
- **Total:** \$172k



Vehicle Acquisition Recommendations

Fairfax County Neighborhood & Community Services

Procure three wheelchair accessible vehicles to transport qualifying county residents to treatments, therapeutic appointments, essential shopping sites, and to other County sponsored programs and services

- **Geographic Focus:** Fairfax County, VA
- **Total:** \$187k

CHI Centers, Inc.

Procure five wheelchair accessible vehicles to transport participants to Supported Employment, Competitive Employment, Community Residential support, Personal Supports in the private home, and Day programming

- **Geographic Focus:** Montgomery and Prince George's County, MD
- **Total:** \$240k



Next Steps

- Recommend approval to deobligate DDOT dollars, approve 24 projects for funding, and amend the FY 2019-2024 TIP to include the projects.
- Approve R7-2020



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