

# ENHANCED MOBILITY PROGRAM SELECTION UPDATE

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## UNDERSTANDING THE SELECTION PROCESS

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# Purpose

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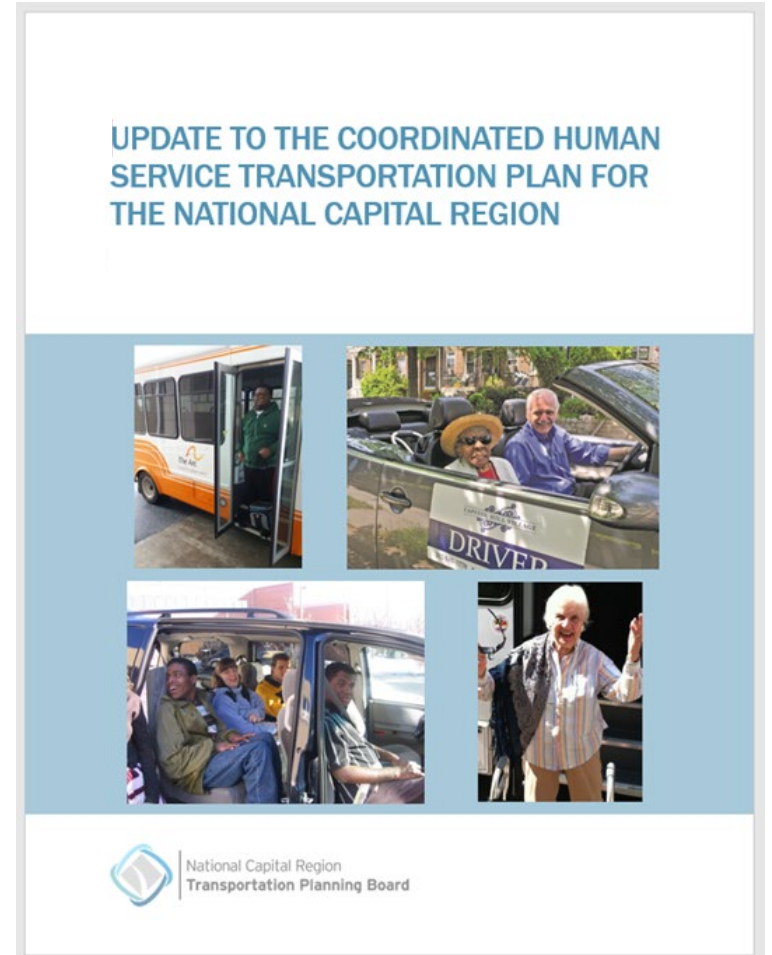
- Provide an overview of the Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility program
- Review solicitation process
- TPB action in November to approve funding recommendations



Source: NADTC

# COORDINATED PLAN

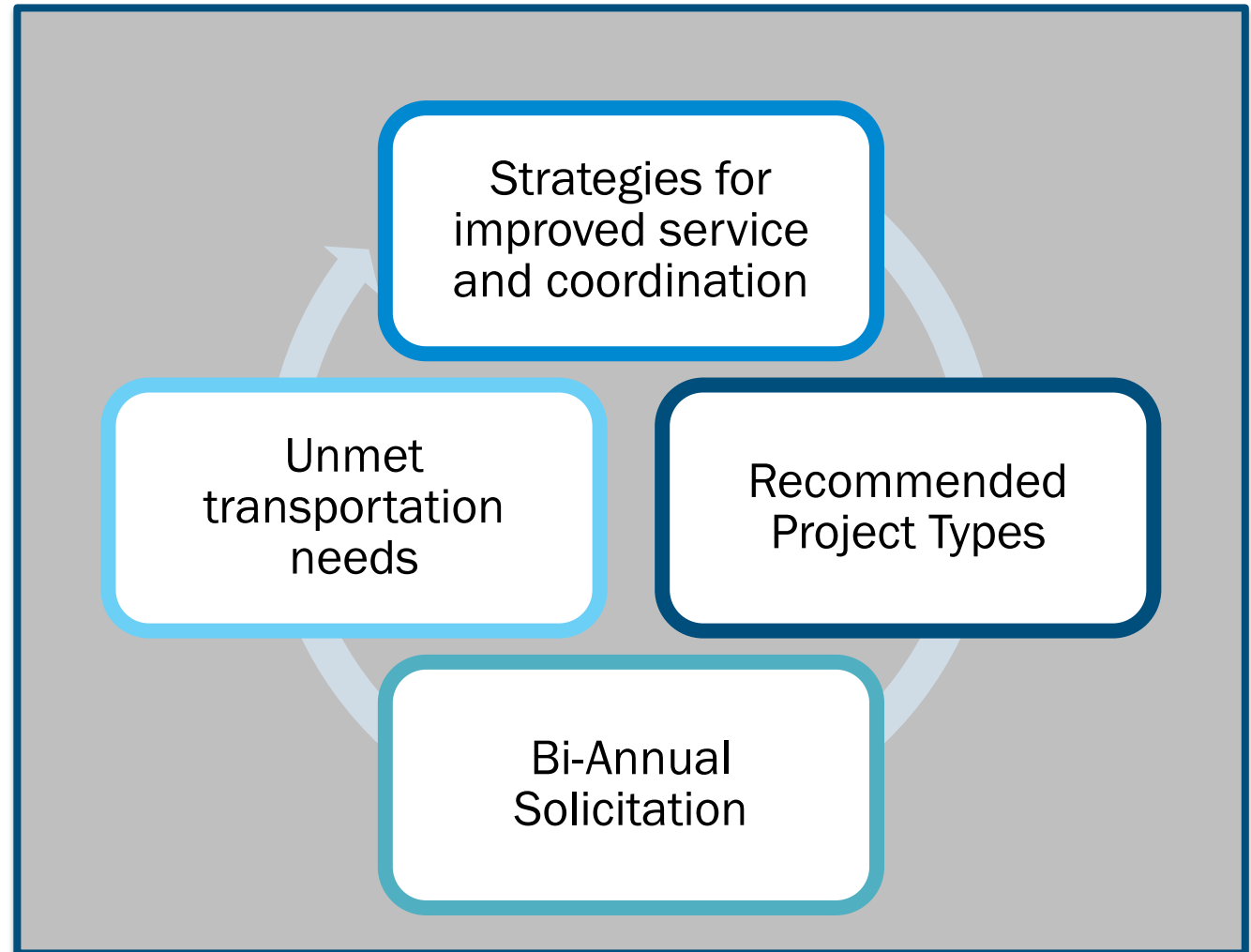
- FTA required plan to guide implementation of the Enhanced Mobility program
- Updated every 4 years
- Developed with input from TPB's Access for All Advisory Committee
- Updated in 2023



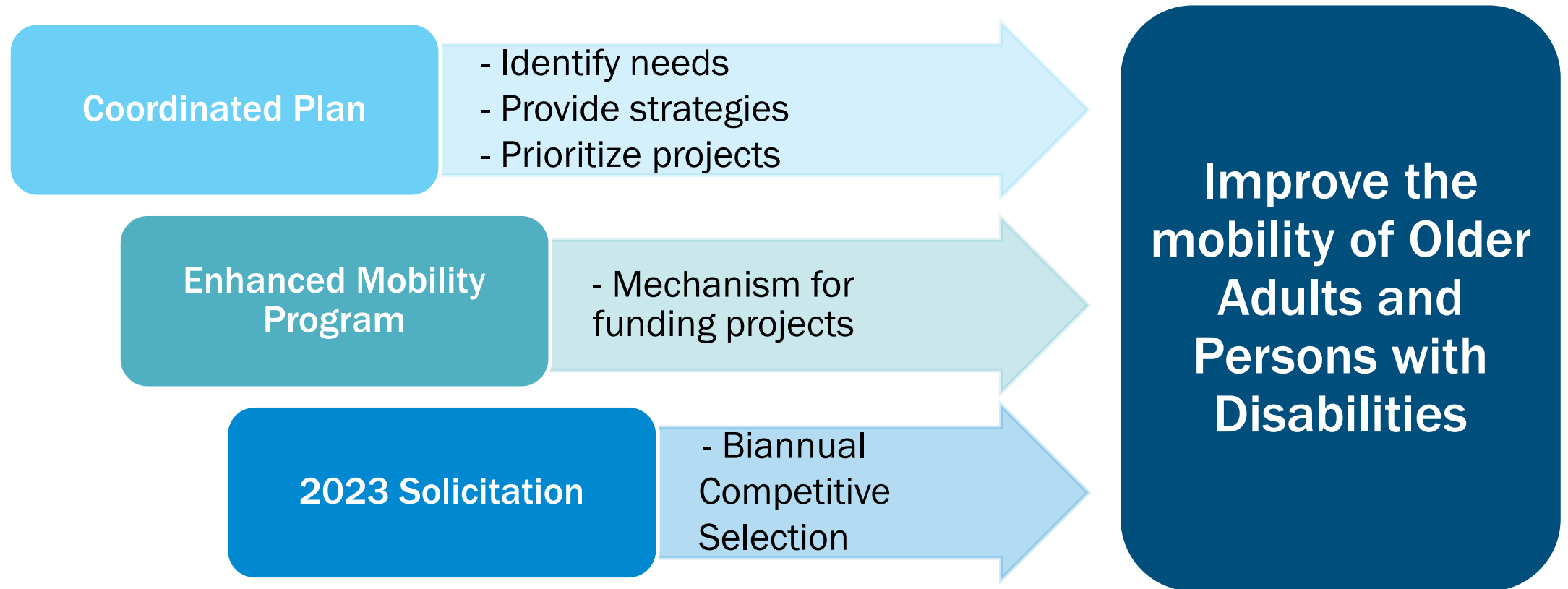
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# TACKLING UNMET NEEDS

- I. 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



# PROCESS AND GOAL



# COORDINATED HUMAN SERVICE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

The solicitation is governed by the [TPB Coordinated Human Service Transportation Plan](#). Selection Committee makes funding recommendations to the TPB based on seven selection criteria:

SELECTION CRITERIA	POINTS	DESCRIPTION
Coordination Among Agencies	25	Providing service to clients of multiple agencies, coordinated purchasing, joint project planning and operation.
Responsiveness to TPB’s Coordinated Human Service Transportation Plan	20	How many Priority Projects from the Coordinated Plan does the project application address, and how well it responds to the strategies.
Institutional Capacity to Manage and Administer an FTA grant	20	Sufficient management, staff, and resources to implement an FTA grant. Stable and sufficient sources of funds to provide required match. Past grant performance.
Project Feasibility	15	Project consistent with the objectives of the program, clear implementation plan of the project, defined roles and responsibilities, and milestone/work plan achievable within the 2-year timeframe.
Regional Need	5	Applications that aim to serve more than one jurisdiction in the Washington DC-MD-VA Urbanized Area.
Emphasis Areas	5	Projects proposing to serve Equity Emphasis Areas in the Washington DC-MD-VA Urbanized Area.
Customer Focus and Involvement	10	Demonstrate awareness of the needs of a targeted population group and involvement of customers in the development and implementation of the project. Consideration will be made if the applicant agency is already directly serving the targeted population.



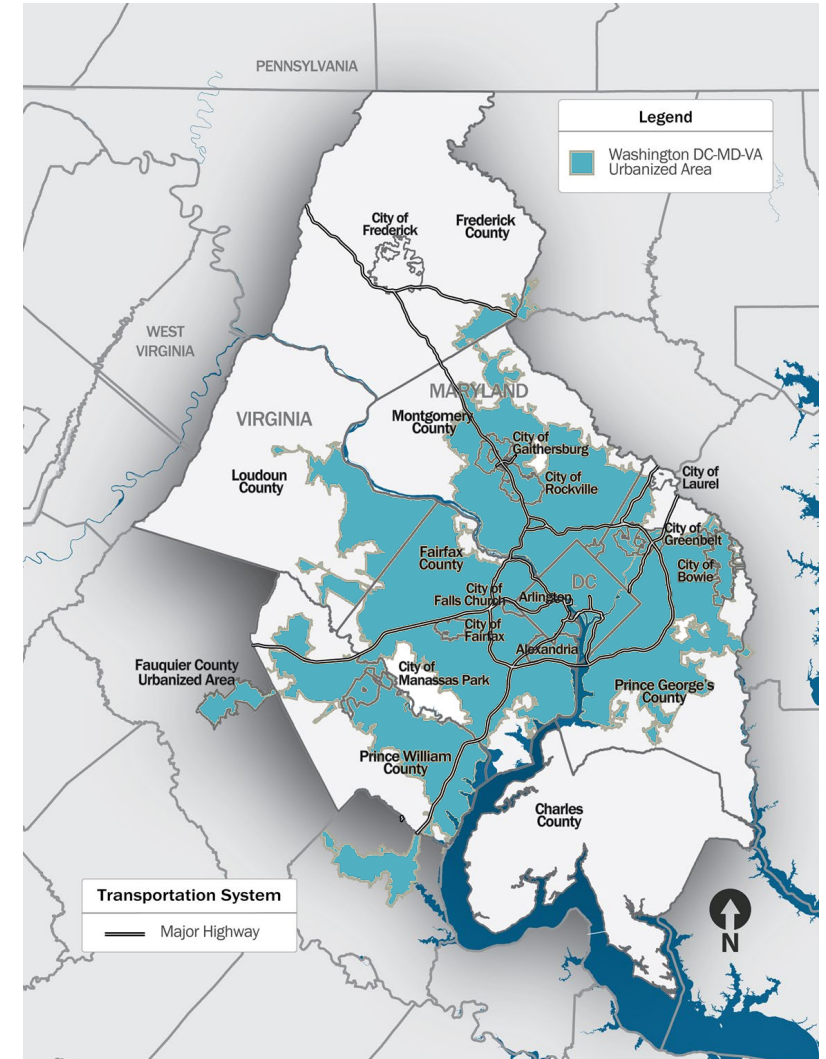
# ACCESS FOR ALL COMMITTEE

The [AFA Committee](#) identifies priorities of the most significant unmet transportation needs. The Selection Committee may utilize this to understand what types of projects are more beneficial to the region:

PRIORITIES	DESCRIPTION
<b>Mobility Management</b>	Staff position coordinating best mobility services for individuals of senior age and/or with disabilities.
<b>Coordinated Planning Efforts</b>	Inclusivity of interested parties to participate in a more integrated plan/operations for a given region.
<b>Travel Training</b>	Instructing individuals on trip planning, payment systems, apps, and effective travel skills.
<b>Door-through-door or Escorted Transportation Service</b>	Transportation service that provides extra assistance outside of providing rides to help individuals in and out of the vehicle, accompanying and carrying the rider’s belongings, and staying with the rider.
<b>Increase Access to Transit Stations</b>	Offering alternative options for first mile/last mile connections to a Metrorail station through pedestrian infrastructure, adaptive cycling programs, and taxi/ride-hailing/shuttle services.
<b>Increase Wheelchair-Accessible Options in Taxi and Ride-Hailing Services</b>	Making sure wheelchair-accessible taxis, ride-hailing, and microtransit services accommodate customers who use mobility devices within reasonable wait times.
<b>Volunteer Driver Programs</b>	Providing affordable and important services to riders in often outer and rural areas where transportation options are more limited.
<b>Tailored Transportation Service for Clients of Human Service Agencies (Vehicle Acquisition)</b>	Project assists people that cannot utilize public transit due to unavailability of transit or the nature of their disability.

# ENHANCED MOBILITY PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

- Must benefit populations in the Washington DC-VA-MD Urbanized Area
- Unique TPB role to prioritize and select while COG implements
- Approximately \$5 million per year in matching grants
- Matching required
  - 20% for Capital or Mobility Management
  - 50% for Operating

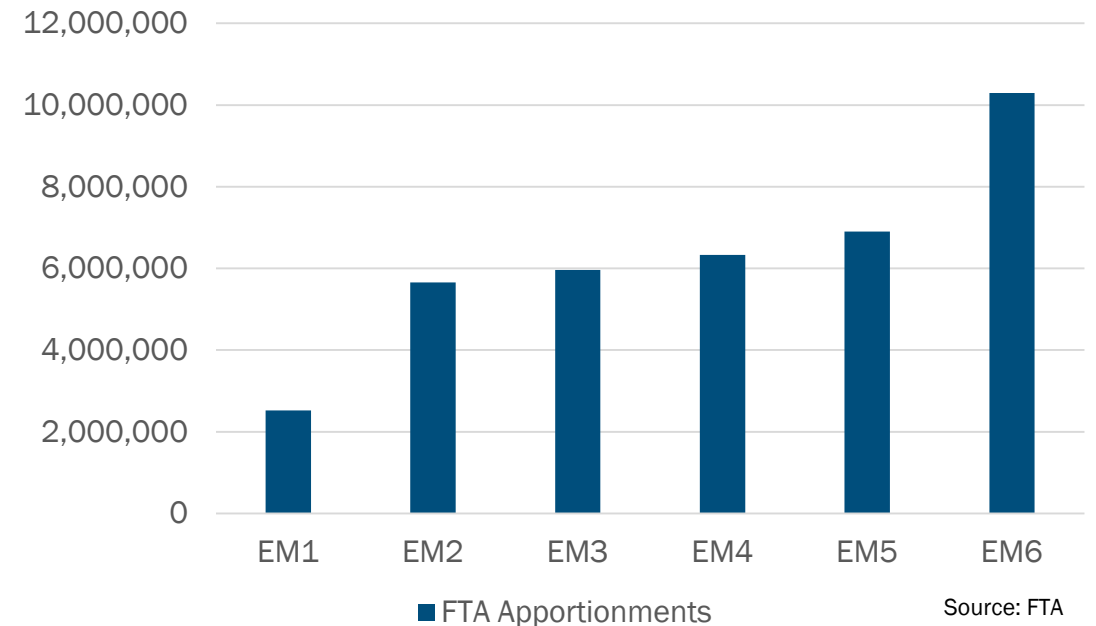




# 2023 Solicitation

**3,000+** Contacts received notice  
**30** Applications submitted  
**\$15.6 M** Requested in federal dollars  
**\$10.2 M** In federal funding available  
**\$1.53** Requested for every **\$1** available  
**102** Wheelchair accessible vehicles

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# 2023 SELECTION COMMITTEE

COG staff have selected members from each jurisdiction of the Washington Urbanized Area, a Subject Matter National Expert, and a Committee Chair to form the 2023 Selection Committee:

- Committee Chair, **Councilmember Christina Henderson**
- District of Columbia Representative, **Anthony DeLorenzo**, *DC Department of General Services*
- Maryland Representative: **Tanya Nichols**, *Maryland Department of Transportation*
- Virginia Representative: **Jess Maffey**, *Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation*
- National Expert: **Eileen Schroff**, *US Aging*



# Timeline

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- Selection Committee sends scores to Mohammad (November 3, 2023)
- Selection Committee finalizes recommendations (November 9, 2023)
- TPB Action Item and Approval (December 17, 2023)
- Successful applicants are given 30 days to complete FTA required paperwork (December 2023 - January 2024)
- Approval by FTA (can take 9 months)
- Subgrant agreements signed (Fall 2024)
- Grantees begin projects (by Spring 2025)
- Earliest possible vehicle delivery (Aug 2025)
- Next Solicitation (Summer 2025)



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