



Five Projects Approved in 2007 Are Operational

Approved by the TPB on September 19, 2007

Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) Projects

1. **Northern Virginia Family Service Ways to Work Program:** Expansion of an existing loan program for low-income families to purchase cars or perform car maintenance. The program has operated since 1998 throughout Northern Virginia and benefits individuals with limited access to transit. **Total Project Amount: \$102,768**
2. **Montgomery County Ride On Isolated Communities Program:** Taxi voucher program to connect low-income commuters in the Tobytown community to public transit. Tobytown is a low-income community near the Potomac River in Montgomery County, southeast of Poolesville. **Total Project Amount: \$70,000**
3. **Prince George's County Department of Public Works & Transportation UPS Shuttle:** Expansion of weekday shuttle service serving the Greenbelt Metro, Prince George's Community College and the UPS facility in Laurel, MD. The service is provided by The Bus and currently operates from 10:30 am to 12:45 am; this grant allows the shuttle to operate early weekday morning hours from 3:30 am to 8:30 am. UPS is a financial partner in the grant proposal in that they pay part or all of the fare for their employees. **Total Project Amount: \$75,971**



New Freedom Projects

4. **Jewish Council for the Aging Travel Training:** This multi-jurisdictional project provides intensive classroom and hands-on travel training for seniors with disabilities in the District of Columbia, Fairfax County, VA and Montgomery County, MD. **Total Project Amount: \$82,561**
5. **Arlington Agency on Aging Door-through-Door Service Pilot:** Developed jointly by Arlington and Alexandria, this project provides personal care attendants to clients with disabilities who need assistance using paratransit to get to medical appointments. **Total Project Amount: \$288,000**



Of Note:

- TPB's first solicitation conducted from May 1—June 30, 2007
- Five projects were funded
- Unobligated FY06 money was utilized in 2008 solicitation

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National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board

2007 and 2008 Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom Projects



The TPB Coordinated Plan and Project Selection

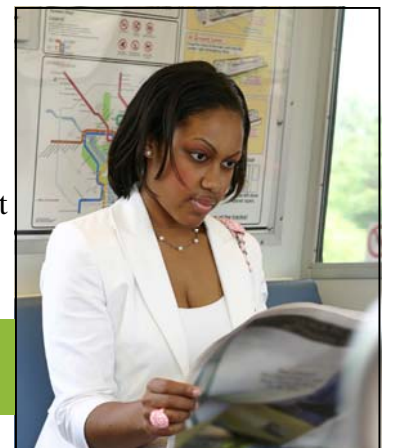
The Coordinated Plan

The TPB approved the Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan for the National Capital Region, which includes selection criteria for the federally-required competitive selection of projects, on April 18, 2007. The Coordinated Plan identifies the unmet transportation needs of low-income workers, people with disabilities and older adults and lists priority projects for addressing those unmet needs.

Competitive Selection Process

Projects were selected competitively by an independent selection committee that included members representing transportation, disability, and workforce development organizations. The TPB approved criteria to guide the selection of projects as part of the Coordinated Plan. These criteria:

- Prioritize projects that address unmet needs
- Reflect the importance of coordination, innovation and replicability
- Stress the importance of serving a regional need and impacting the greatest number of people
- Encourage the involvement of private sector partners



The Coordinated Plan and more info are at: TPBCoordination.org

Program Goals

The Federal Transit Administration's JARC and New Freedom programs provide the Washington region with approximately \$1 million per year for each program to support the goals below.

Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC)

The goal of the JARC program is to improve access to job sites and employment-related activities for people who are transitioning from welfare to work or for others with limited incomes.

New Freedom

The New Freedom program provides funding for transportation capital and operating projects that go above and beyond what is required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).



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12 Project Recommendations from 2008 Solicitation for TPB Approval

Funding recommendations were made by the Selection Committee based on priority projects and on the responsiveness to and consistency with the priorities in the Coordinated Plan. After a thoughtful and deliberative process that considered the scalability of each project and geographic coverage, 12 projects were recommended for funding.

Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) Projects (4 projects)

Northern Virginia Family Service Ways to Work Program:

Expansion of an existing loan program for low-income individuals to purchase cars. The program has operated since 1998 throughout Northern Virginia and benefits families with limited access to transit.

Recommended Funding	
JARC Funds	\$115,356
Required Match	\$115,356
Total Project	\$230,712

Recommended Funding	
JARC Funds	\$303,750
Required Match	\$303,750
Total Project	\$607,500

District Department of Transportation (DDOT)/Georgetown Business Improvement District Georgetown Metro Connection: Continuation of Georgetown Metro Connection shuttle service. The service has been in operation since 2001, but is planned to be integrated into the Circulator bus in subsequent years.

While this project is not a high priority for JARC funding relative to the criteria in the Coordinated Plan, the Selection Committee provided money to assist with the transition of the service to the Circulator bus, which is a service provided by DDOT in partnerships with WMATA.

Boat People SOS Road to Independence through Savings & Education (RISE):

Funds will be used to support transportation services for the RISE program, which prepares low-income Vietnamese refugees and immigrants for employment and places them in jobs. The project provides capital and operating assistance to purchase a vehicle to transport agency clients and to operate the service.

Recommended Funding	
JARC Funds	\$111,659
Required Match	\$ 66,490
Total Project	\$178,150

Recommended Funding	
JARC Funds	\$467,000
Required Match	\$116,750
Total Project	\$583,750

Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Regional Transportation Information Clearinghouse: A website with phone support that will provide consumers and social service agencies with improved access to information about the multitude of transportation options for people with disabilities, older adults and low-income commuters for all jurisdictions in the TPB planning area.

The project is supported by local match contributions from WMATA, Maryland Transit Administration, District Department of Transportation, and Virginia Department of Rail & Public Transportation. This project was endorsed by the TPB Human Service Transportation Coordination Task Force on November 8, 2007.

New Freedom Projects (8 projects)

The Selection Committee reserved \$1 million of funding in the 2008 solicitation to support **wheelchair-accessible taxicab** projects. The Selection Committee has recommended equal funding for capital and operating funds to three companies to purchase 7 cabs and to provide driver incentives.

Yellow Cab Company of D.C.
Mohebbi Group
Liberty Cab

Recommended Funding	
New Freedom Funds	\$240,000
Required Match	\$105,000
Total Project	\$345,000

Wheelchair-Accessible Taxicabs for the District of Columbia were a priority project in the 2008 Solicitation



Each company is recommended to receive \$240,000 in New Freedom Funds. D.C. Taxicab Commission will provide a partial match of \$75,000 for Yellow Cab of D.C. and Liberty Cab.

The Selection Committee also set aside funding to create separate procurements for centralized dispatch and for centralized marketing and driver training to support wheelchair-accessible cabs in D.C. These projects would require a 20 percent match.

Centralized Dispatch Company To Be Determined

Recommended Funding	
New Freedom Funds	\$100,000
Required Match	\$ 25,000
Total Project	\$125,000

A competitive procurement for the centralized dispatch as well as for marketing and training will be conducted. Companies interested in submitting proposals for these projects would be responsible for providing the required match.

Marketing and Training Company To Be Determined

Recommended Funding	
New Freedom Funds	\$104,849
Required Match	\$ 26,212
Total Project	\$131,061

WMATA Comprehensive Individualized Level of Travel Training Project: A pilot project to provide comprehensive, individualized travel training for people with disabilities in collaboration with the ENdependence Center of Northern Virginia and Independence Now in Prince George's and Montgomery Counties.

Recommended Funding	
New Freedom Funds	\$261,955
Required Match	\$ 65,489
Total Project	\$327,444

Recommended Funding	
New Freedom Funds	\$299,916
Required Match	\$246,165
Total Project	\$546,081

Arlington Agency on Aging Enhanced Transportation Project: Developed jointly by Arlington County and the City of Alexandria, this project aides clients in scheduling and traveling to healthcare appointments.

D.C. Office on Aging Caregivers Respite Escort Service for Transportation (CREST): A project to provide a certified home care aide to accompany and assist older adults who have a disability to prepare for and to travel to and from medical appointments.

Recommended Funding	
New Freedom Funds	\$ 92,235
Required Match	\$ 92,235
Total Project	\$184,470