



TLC FUNDING APPROVED FOR NINE LOCAL PROJECTS

By next summer, seven local jurisdictions in the Washington region will be one step closer to realizing their aspirations for better pedestrian, bicycle, and transit connectivity in Activity Centers in their jurisdictions.

On July 16, the TPB approved nine local planning studies or preliminary engineering projects to receive \$420,000 in technical assistance funding under its popular Transportation/Land-Use Connections (TLC) Program. The TPB launched the TLC Program in 2007

to aid local jurisdictions in better coordinating transportation and land-use planning. One of the goals of the TLC Program is to help support more compact, mixed-use development, especially near transit.

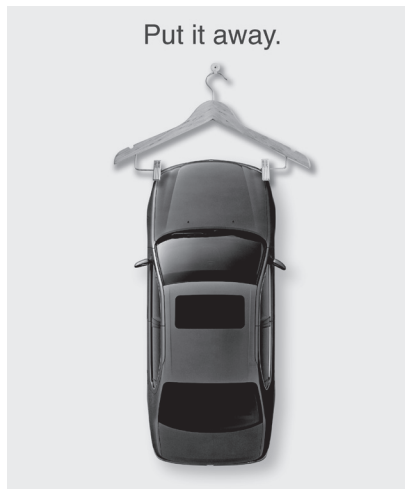
Most of the projects selected to receive funding this year will help improve the safety and convenience of travel by bicycle or on foot, especially to nearby bus or rail transit stations. A study in Prince George’s County will examine the feasibility of an east-west bicycle and pedestrian trail connecting the county’s four Blue Line Metrorail

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REGIONAL CAR FREE DAY SET FOR SEPT. 22

At the July 16 TPB meeting, Chair Patrick Wojahn signed a proclamation designating September 22, 2014, as Car Free Day in the Washington metropolitan region.

Car Free Day, hosted by the TPB’s Commuter Connections program, invites residents of the Washington region to pledge to get around without a car for one day, and instead use walk, bicycle, take transit, or carpool.



Car Free Day is a worldwide event that is part of International Mobility Week, and is celebrated in more than 1,500 cities in 40 countries. World Car Free Day is held annually on September 22.

Recognizing that some people may not be able to go totally car-free, Commuter Connections also encourages individuals to go “car-lite,” using their automobiles only when alternatives are not available.

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Upcoming meetings and items of interest:

TPB Meeting: September 17, 2014

- Approval of an update of the TPB Participation Plan
- Approval of a resolution on planning representation by public transportation providers on the TPB
- Briefing on the draft 2014 CLRP and FY 2015-2020 TIP

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“ENHANCED MOBILITY” SOLICITATION KICKS OFF

At its July 16 meeting, the TPB kicked off the process of soliciting applications for approximately \$5 million in matching grants under a new federal program called Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities.

At the meeting, the TPB approved the key elements of a forthcoming update to the region’s Coordinated Human Service Transportation Plan. The update provides an opportunity to focus attention on the most important strategies for addressing the unmet transportation needs of older adults and persons with disabilities and to identify selection criteria to use in the competitive process of awarding grants under Enhanced Mobility.

Among the key strategies identified in the proposed plan update are greater coordination of transportation services and programs within and across jurisdictions, more customer-focused services and more training for transportation providers, and improved information and marketing for existing transportation services.

In all, slightly more than \$5 million in Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds are available to be awarded in the current solicitation, both for capital projects like the purchase of wheelchair-accessible vehicles, and for support programs, like providing taxi vouchers or driver training.

Solicitation for Enhanced Mobility projects opened on August 28 and will close on October 17. A selection panel will review and score grant applications using the selection criteria identified in the update of the Coordinated Plan. The TPB will be asked to approve the panel’s funding recommendations at either its December 2014 or January 2015 meeting.

The TPB has awarded similar grant fund-

ing on an annual basis since 2007 under two previous federal programs: Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom. In all, it has awarded more than \$25 million in federal and match funding to 66 projects aimed at improving transportation options for people with limited incomes and persons with disabilities.

At the TPB’s June 18 meeting, when it was first briefed on proposed updates to the Coordinated Plan, TPB Vice-Chair Timothy Lovain spoke to the value of the kinds of projects funded under Enhanced Mobility. “These projects make a real difference in the everyday lives of people with disabilities and older adults in our region,” Lovain told Board members.

Lovain represents the City of Alexandria on the Board and serves as Chair of the Human Service Transportation Coordination Task Force, the group responsible for overseeing the Coordinated Plan update. He will also chair the Enhanced Mobility selection panel. ♦

For more information about Enhanced Mobility, including a link to the dates of required pre-application conferences and more information about eligibility and how to apply for funding, go to: www.tpbcoordination.org

CAR FREE DAY

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Commuter Connections is a regional network of transportation organizations that provides information on a wide variety of options for commuters.

There will be a variety of events held to celebrate Car Free Day throughout the region. To learn more and to pledge to go car free, visit: www.CarFreeMetroDC.com. ♦

PROJECTS SELECTED FOR TLC FUNDING

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stations. In Virginia, the City of Fairfax will study ways to make Old Lee Highway, which connects Old Town Fairfax to the Vienna Metro station, more welcoming to pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit users.

An independent selection panel made up of transportation planners and engineers met in June to review applications for funding and to recommend projects to the TPB for approval. The panel is chaired by Julia Koster, who represents the National Capital Planning Commission on the TPB.

The kinds of improvements being studied with funding under the TLC Program are a cornerstone of the Regional



Rendering of New Hampshire Ave for a 2012 TLC project in Takoma Park, Maryland.

Transportation Priorities Plan, which the TPB approved in January. The Priorities Plan aims to focus the region's transportation planning efforts on making it possible to

travel more places without a car and to do so using infrastructure that's already in place.

74 planning studies or preliminary engineering projects throughout the region, all supporting such shared regional goals. This year's projects will kick off in the fall and be complete by next summer.

For more information about the TLC Program, go to: www.mwcog.org/TLC. ♦

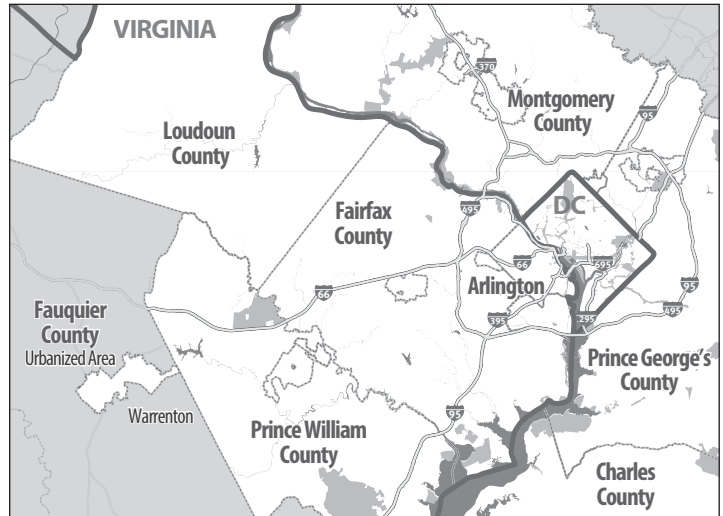
Projects for the FY 2015 Transportation/Land-Use Connections (TLC) Program

- Connecticut Avenue / Forest Hills Paving Removal Strategy - \$70,000 (**District of Columbia**)
- College of Southern Maryland, Hughesville Transportation Study - \$30,000 (**Charles County**)
- Complete and Green Streets Policy and Implementation Study - \$30,000 (**City of College Park**)
- Creating Placemaking Non-Auto Infrastructure in the Life Sciences Center - \$60,000 (**Montgomery County**)
- Central Avenue Connector Trail Implementation Study - \$30,000 (**Prince George's County**)
- Town of Upper Marlboro Bicycle and Pedestrian Study - \$30,000 (**Prince George's County**)
- Sycamore Street Metro Station Area Complete Streets Design - \$80,000 (**Arlington County**)
- Lee Highway Multimodal Needs Assessment - \$30,000 (**Arlington County**)
- Old Lee Highway "Great Street" Multimodal Planning - \$60,000 (**City of Fairfax**)

Get more news and information about past TLC projects and other TPB research, analysis, outreach, and planning in the Washington region in *TPB Weekly Report*: www.mwcog.org/tpbweeklyreport

TPB WELCOMES FAUQUIER COUNTY

The TPB recently welcomed Fauquier County, Virginia, as its newest voting member, now that a small portion of the county has been designated under federal law as part of the TPB's official planning area. The area includes the Town of Warrenton and areas adjacent to Route 29 between Warrenton and the Prince William County line.



Federal law requires that certain planned transportation improvements in the newly designated area be considered by the TPB in its ongoing regional transportation planning process. It also stipulates that the 21,000 or so people living in the area be represented in that process.

On July 16, the TPB approved Fauquier County as its newest voting member. The county will now be able to participate in

the regional planning process and take advantage of various TPB resources to aid local transportation planning and decision-making. Those resources include numerous data collection and analysis efforts, regional traffic safety programs, and more.

For more information, check out the August 19, 2014, issue of TPB Weekly Report at: www.mwcog.org/TPBweeklyreport. ♦

KANTI SRIKANTH BEGINS AS NEW TRANSPORTATION PLANNING DIRECTOR

On August 6, Kanti Srikanth began as the TPB's new director of transportation planning. Srikanth succeeds Ron Kirby, who served as director from 1987 until his death in 2013.

The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, which provides staff for the TPB, carried out a nationwide search to find Kirby's successor. The search focused on finding a candidate with transportation planning expertise, skill in bringing together people and parties with different interests,

and a forward-looking approach to regional transportation planning.

Srikanth brings more than 25 years of transportation planning experience in the Washington region, most recently as director of transportation planning for the Northern Virginia office of the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT).

For more about Srikanth check out the July 8, 2014, issue of *TPB Weekly Report* at: www.mwcog.org/TPBweeklyreport. ♦

COMING SEPT. 11: DRAFT 2014 CLRP UPDATE

On Thursday, September 11, the TPB will release for public comment the final draft of the 2014 update to the region's Constrained Long-Range Transportation Plan (CLRP) and the FY 2015-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The CLRP includes all major projects reasonably expected to be funded and built in the region by 2040, while the TIP focuses on specific commitments of funding for actual project implementation over the next six years.

This year's CLRP update will include new estimates of revenues reasonably expected to be available for transportation through 2040, including new state revenues in Maryland and Virginia. A draft of the revised financial analysis, as well as the results of this summer's air quality analysis of both the CLRP and TIP, will also be released for public comment.

Look for full coverage of the 2014 CLRP update in the October issue of *TPB News*. Throughout the second half of September and early October, follow *TPB Weekly Report* for more information about the update, including analysis of how the updated plan performs relative to the goals and strategies spelled out in the Regional Transportation Priorities Plan: www.mwcog.org/CLRP2014. ♦

COG DEDICATES "RONALD F. KIRBY TRAINING CENTER"

In a ceremony on July 23, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) dedicated one of its most important meeting spaces to the life and work of Ron Kirby, who served as COG's director of transportation planning for more than 26 years until his sudden, unexpected death in November 2013.

The "Ronald F. Kirby Training Center" will honor Kirby's collaborative leadership style and his willingness to mentor and advise others by serving as the site for hundreds of future COG and TPB committee meetings, training sessions, workshops, focus groups, and staff gatherings. ♦

OTHER JULY AGENDA ITEMS

The TPB's July 18 meeting also included the following items:

- Briefing on an update of the TPB Participation Plan
- Update on implications for the TPB of the MAP-21 guidance on the representation by transit agencies on the MPO Board and the proposed rule on statewide and MPO planning ♦

UPCOMING SEPTEMBER AGENDA ITEMS

The September 17 TPB meeting is expected to include the following items:

- Approval of an update of the TPB Participation Plan
- Approval of a resolution on planning representation by public transportation providers on the TPB
- Briefing on the draft 2014 CLRP and FY 2015-2020 TIP
- Briefing on the draft Air Quality Conformity Assessment of the 2014 CLRP and FY 2015-2020 TIP
- Briefing on the draft Financial Analysis for the 2014 CLRP
- Briefing on a draft Performance Analysis of the draft 2014 CLRP
- Briefing on a draft assessment of the 2014 CLRP and the Regional Transportation Priorities Plan ♦

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September 2014

- 5 TPB Technical Committee (9 am)
- 5 TPB Steering Committee (noon)
- 10 Bike to Work Day Steering Committee (10 am)
- 10 Car Free Day Steering Committee (11:30 am)
- 11 Citizens Advisory Committee (6 pm)
- 16 Regional TDM Marketing Group (10 am)
- 16 Commuter Connections Subcommittee (noon)
- 16 Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee (1 pm)
- 16 Commuter Connections Ridematching Committee (2 pm)
- 17 Transportation Planning Board (noon)**
- 19 Travel Forecasting Subcommittee (9:30 am)
- 22 Car Free Day
- 23 Regional Bus Subcommittee (noon)
- 25 Aviation Technical Subcommittee (10:30 am)

October 2014

- 1 Regional Taxicab Regulators Task Force (1 pm)
- 2 Freight Subcommittee (1 pm)
- 3 TPB Technical Committee (9 am)
- 3 TPB Steering Committee (noon)
- 9 Citizens Advisory Committee (6 pm)
- 15 Transportation Planning Board (noon)**
- 21 Employer Outreach Committee (10 am)
- 23 Access for All Advisory Committee (noon)
- 28 Regional Bus Subcommittee (noon)

November 2014

- 7 TPB Technical Committee (9 am)
- 7 TPB Steering Committee (noon)
- 12 Bike to Work Day Steering Committee (10 am)
- 13 Citizens Advisory Committee (6 pm)
- 18 Commuter Connections Subcommittee (noon)
- 18 Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee (1 pm)
- 19 Transportation Planning Board (noon)**
- 21 Travel Forecasting Subcommittee (9:30 am)
- 25 Regional Bus Subcommittee (noon)

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