


 National Capital Region  
Transportation Planning Board

Status Report on TPB 2011 Solicitation  
For Job Access Reverse Commute  
(JARC) and New Freedom Projects

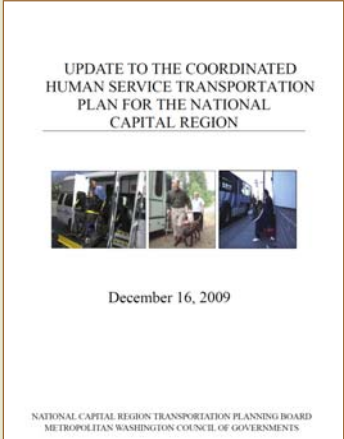
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 Background

- **TPB Designated Recipient in 2006**
  - JARC
  - New Freedom
- **Project Selection/ Administration**
  - Evaluation criteria
  - Selection committee
  - Ongoing funding and administration



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## Projects Funded to Date

- **JARC**
  - 17 projects
  - \$2.9 million in Federal funds
  - \$5 million total
- **New Freedom**
  - 17 projects
  - \$2.6 million in Federal funds
  - \$3.9 million total
- **One joint JARC/New Freedom project (WMATA) (travel training)**
  - \$987,000 in Federal funds (\$1.2 million total) (70% JARC; 30% New Freedom)
- 49% nonprofit recipients; 20% local government agency; 20% transit operator and 11% private provider

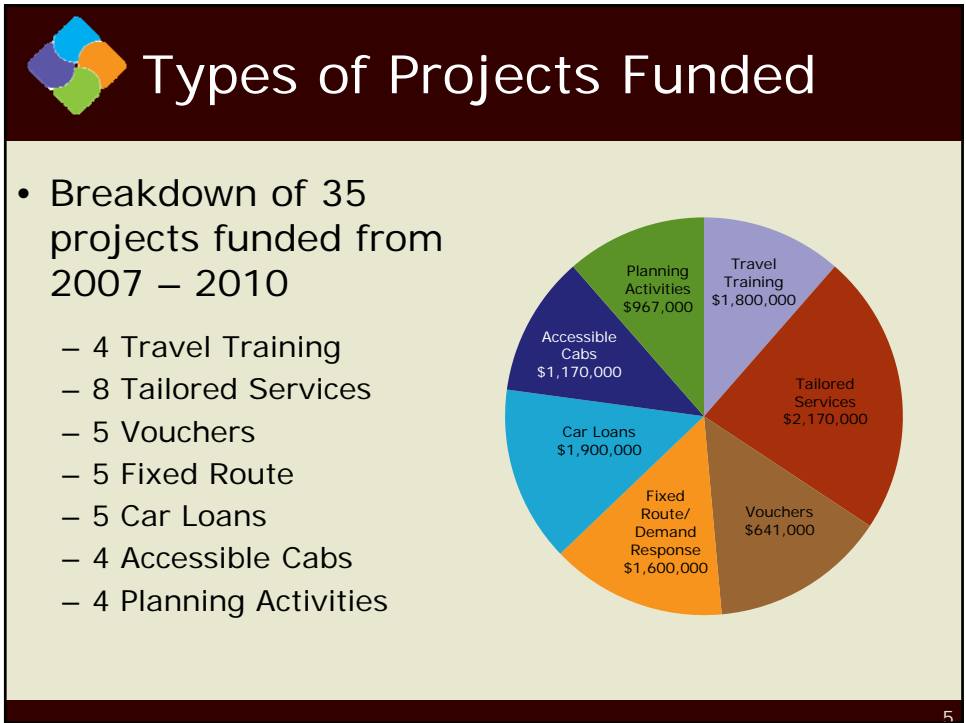
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## Program Assessment Update



- Nelson/Nygaard Under Contract, March 2011
- Review of Projects and Process
  - grantee interviews
  - consumer focus groups
  - milestone and performance reports
- Compare and contrast with peers
- Recommendations
  - project templates
- Timeline
  - Draft Report due in late July
  - Task Force review in August
  - **Final report with templates due September 30**

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## Accessible Taxis in DC

- Official rollout on May 5
- Marketing efforts underway
- **20 vehicles**
- 260 trips in April 2011



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## New fixed route service in MD

- Awarded to Prince George's County Department of Public Works & Transportation
- Establishes new, early-morning shuttle service to National Harbor



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## Low-interest car loans in VA

- Awarded to Northern Virginia Family Service
- Low-interest car loans made available to low-income working families with limited access to transit
- 83 percent of clients increased their credit worthiness
- 50 percent reported reduction in public benefits

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## 2011 Solicitation Details

- **Solicitation Details**
  - February 1 through April 13
  - Funding amounts
    - JARC: \$2.5 million
    - New Freedom: \$1.9 million
    - Local match required (20% capital; 50% operating)
- **Outreach**
  - 1,800 organizations received brochure
  - Three pre-application conferences
    - 1 in MD, 1 in VA, 1 in DC

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## Solicitation Priorities

- **Priority projects encouraged**
  - Regional bus stop improvements
  - Regional public transportation capacity study
  - Door through door services
  - Wheelchair accessible taxi pilot where not currently operating

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## Solicitation Outcomes

- 24 applications received
  - 5 in DC
  - 4 regional
  - 8 in Suburban MD
  - 7 in Northern VA

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## Selection Process

- **Selection Committee**
  - Chaired by Patrick Wojahn
  - 3 meetings in May
  - 6 members from national and local agencies
    - Disability issues
    - Workforce Development
    - Transit
    - Private Provider
- **Funding recommendations**
  - Presented to TPB for final approval on June 15, following review by TPB Officers

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## Next Solicitation

- **2012 Solicitation**
  - Same timeframe as this year
  - FY11 and FY10 carryover funding
    - \$1.5 million JARC
    - \$1.1 million New Freedom
  - Priority projects

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# Questions?

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