



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** TPB Technical Committee  
**FROM:** Jon Schermann, Transportation Planner  
**SUBJECT:** FY 2022 Regional Roadway Safety Program Technical Assistance Funding Recommendations  
**DATE:** December 3, 2021

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This memo provides information on the recommendations of the Selection Panel for the second round (FY 2022) of technical assistance under the Regional Roadway Safety Program (RSPP). The panel met in November and recommended 5 projects for funding. The TPB is scheduled to vote on the panel's recommendations on December 15.

### FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FY 2022

A total of \$250,000 in FY 2022 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) funding was authorized for the Regional Roadway Safety Program. The RSPP Selection Panel recommends 5 projects for funding.

The recommended slate of projects supports the key TPB safety priorities:

- All 5 projects address one or more of the funding priorities outlined in TPB Resolution R3-2021.

Projects recommended for funding:

#### **Planting Seeds for Regional Roadway Safety, One Traffic Garden at a Time**

*Arlington and Prince George's Counties, \$35,000*

This project seeks consultant services to create traffic garden layout and tool kits that provide templates for implementation of school-based traffic gardens. Traffic gardens are small-scale street networks that provide a safe space for children to practice active transportation.

#### **Improving the Capabilities and Availability of a "Pedestrian and Cyclist Safety Analytics Application"**

*City of Alexandria, \$45,000*

This project, in partnership with NOVA Families for Safe Streets, seeks to improve an existing near miss reporting tool by incorporating analytics that provide correlation between Virginia TREDIS crash data and near miss data and develop a smartphone app for the tool.

### **S. Washington Street Planning Opportunity Area Pedestrian Network**

*City of Falls Church, \$50,000*

This project will study the existing pedestrian network for the City's South Washington Street Corridor Planning Opportunity Area (43.3 acres) to identify: missing pieces of the pedestrian network, intersection geometric improvements, areas for improved lighting and pedestrian countdown signals, and areas that could benefit from traffic calming measures.

### **Graham Park Road Safety Improvements Road Diet and Roundabout**

*Prince William County, \$60,000*

This project seeks to provide preliminary engineering for a four-to-two lane road diet along Graham Park Road and a roundabout at its intersection with Old Triangle Road.

### **Harrison Lane Corridor Pedestrian Improvements**

*Fairfax County, \$60,000*

This project seeks to identify and design pedestrian treatments at four intersections along the Harrison Lane Corridor to improve pedestrian safety and slow vehicle speeds.

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

On August 16, 2021, the TPB issued a call for projects for the second round (FY 2022) of Regional Roadway Safety Program technical assistance. The deadline for application submissions was October 12, 2021. Applicants were invited to submit optional abstracts which provided them an opportunity for TPB staff to review project concepts and provide feedback on how to develop stronger applications.

Like the TLC program, technical assistance was offered in amounts between \$30,000 and \$60,000 for planning projects, and up to \$80,000 for 30% design projects. The Call for Projects and the application form itself placed a focus on TPB priorities, including those described in TPB Resolution R3-2021.

The TPB received six applications (one from a Maryland jurisdiction, four from Virginia jurisdictions, and one joint application from Arlington County, VA and Prince George's County, MD) totaling \$395,000 in funding requests for this round. \$250,000 is authorized. This includes these funding sources:

- \$150,000 from the TPB's FY 2021 UPWP core regional planning funds
- \$35,000 of Maryland UPWP Technical Assistance
- \$35,000 of Virginia UPWP Technical Assistance
- \$30,000 of District of Columbia UPWP Technical Assistance

## **SELECTION PROCESS**

The selection panel included the following members:

- Tim Kerns, Maryland Highway Safety Office
- Azadeh Norouzi, District Department of Transportation
- Stephen Read, Virginia Department of Transportation
- Jon Schermann, COG/TPB staff

The selection panel met on November 30 to review the project applications and develop a list of recommended projects for this round of technical assistance. The selection panel members applied TPB funding priorities as well as their own extensive knowledge of roadway safety to assess the proposed projects. The selection panel members individually reviewed and scored each application in advance of the meeting and then used their scores to assign each application to a high, medium, or low category. The rankings served as a starting point for the panel's collective discussion.

Based upon a consensus developed at the November 30 meeting, the selection panel developed a list of five projects to recommend to the TPB for approval. The panel believes this package of projects will result in safety improvements, including fewer deaths and injuries.

In some cases, the panel chose to award funding at lower levels than the applications requested. These changes were made in accordance with information on scalability provided in the applications.

## **PROPOSED PROJECT COMPLETION TIMELINE**

On December 15, 2021, the TPB will be asked to approve the proposed slate of 5 projects for technical assistance funding under the FY 2022 Regional Roadway Safety Program. Upon approval of the projects, TPB staff will coordinate with the jurisdictions to begin the consultant selection process from a pre-qualified list of consultants. All projects will begin soon after consultant contracts are signed. The projects will be scheduled for completion by September 30, 2022.

For further questions regarding the TLC program, contact Jon Schermann ([jschermann@mwkog.org](mailto:jschermann@mwkog.org); 202-962-3317).