#### **Transportation Alternatives Program**

FY 2016 Projects Recommended for Funding in Maryland TPB Jurisdictions

> Transportation Planning Board July 22, 2015

> > Lamont B. Cobb Transportation Planner

#### Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)

- A federal formula program under MAP-21
- Provides funding to projects "alternative" to traditional highway capacity expansion
- Combines three former programs
  - Transportation Enhancements
  - Safe Routes to School
  - Recreational Trails Program
- Large MPOs play a role in project selection



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# **Opportunities for the Region**

- Fund regional goals and priorities
  - Promote multimodal transportation choices and options
  - Support Regional Activity Centers
- Complement regional planning activities
  - Transportation/Land-Use Connections
  - Regional Transportation Priorities Plan
  - Underutilized Rail Stations
  - Region Forward



# **Maryland Project Selection**

- The TPB participated in MDOT's FY 2016 Project Selection
  - May 15, 2015:
  - July 8, 2015:
  - July 22, 2015:
- Application Deadline TPB Selection Panel Meeting TPB is scheduled to approve projects



# **Regional Selection Criteria**

- Projects should address the following:
  - Multimodal transportation choices for non-drivers
  - Access between and within Activity Centers
  - Collaboration and Public Involvement
  - ADA accessibility and disadvantaged communities
  - Safe Routes to School
  - Environmental mitigation, historic preservation and other activities
  - Match funding; Innovation



# **Regional Project Selection**

- TPB conducted a competitive process and collaborated with Maryland SHA in project selection
  - Maryland SHA staff reviewed applications and provided feedback to TPB staff
  - The TPB's Review Panel met to the review seven projects.
  - Panel included TPB, DDOT and FCDOT staff



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#### **TPB Funding Sub-Allocation**

- Total funding requests for TPB Maryland jurisdictions: \$5,622,832
- TPB Sub-allocation for FY 2016: \$3,228,958
  - Funding Recommendations:
    - \$2.75 million for Trail/Path connections
    - \$477,000 for Safe Routes to School projects



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#### Safe Routes to School Projects

- College Park Hollywood Road \$36,000
- Town of Emmitsburg (Frederick County) East Lincoln Ave \$46,000
- Takoma Park Lincoln Ave Sidewalks \$395,000
- Total SRTS Funding: \$477,000
- 15% of Total Maryland TAP funding suballocation



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#### **Trail/Path Connections**

- Town of Emmitsburg (Frederick County) Emmitsburg/Mt. St. Mary's Multi Use Path \$128,839
- Montgomery County
  - North Branch Hiker-Biker Trail \$2,000,000
  - MD 355-Clarksburg Shared-Use Path \$523,416
- Rockville Falls Road East Shared Use Path \$99,703
- Total Funding to Trail/Path Connections: \$2,751,958
- 85% of Total Maryland TAP funding suballocation



# Next Steps: Regional TAP

- The TPB will conduct future solicitations with each state:
  - District of Columbia: DDOT and TPB staff are coordinating to begin the FY 2016 solicitation in the next few months
  - Virginia: VDOT's Local Assistance Division should begin the FY 2017 solicitation in early November
  - Maryland: SHA should begin the FY 2017 solicitation in late 2016



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