



MEMORANDUM

TO: Transportation Planning Board
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SUBJECT: FY 2024 Solicitation for Technical Assistance Program Applications: Transportation Land-Use Connections (TLC) Program and Regional Roadway Safety Program (RRSP)
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The application period for two TPB technical assistance programs, the Transportation Land-Use Connections (TLC) Program and the Regional Roadway Safety Program (RRSP), will open on Friday, January 6, 2023. This year, the application process for both programs will feature two enhancements:

- the application timelines for both programs will be synchronized to simplify the application process for interested member jurisdictions; and
- planning projects are now eligible to receive up to \$80,000 in technical assistance, an increase of \$20,000 from previous years

The deadline for applications is March 3, 2023. The deadline for submitting abstracts for proposed projects, which is an optional step, is January 24, 2023.

TRANSPORTATION LAND-USE CONNECTIONS (TLC) PROGRAM

The TLC Program provides short-term consultant services to local jurisdictions for small planning projects that promote mixed-use, walkable communities and support a variety of transportation alternatives. Any local jurisdiction in the National Capital Region that is a member of the TPB is eligible to apply. Non-profits and non-member jurisdictions in the region may apply as secondary recipients to a TPB member jurisdiction. Recipients receive short-term consultant services and no direct financial assistance. Projects are eligible to receive \$80,000 in technical assistance for planning projects and design projects. TLC projects typically last 6-8 months.

As in past years, TLC projects may provide a range of services for community-oriented planning activities, such as:

- Small area & transit station area planning
- Bicycle and pedestrian safety & access
- Transit-oriented development studies
- Housing studies
- Economic development studies
- Roadway design guidelines & standards
- Streetscape improvement plans
- Safe Routes to School planning
- Trail planning and design
- Transit demand and feasibility analysis

The TPB encourages applications that address long-standing TPB priorities, including support for multimodal transportation options and land use enhancements in Activity Centers. This year, we are particularly interested in applications that support walking and biking improvements in high-capacity transit areas, especially Transit Access Focus Areas (TAFAs); projects to plan and design missing links in the National Capital Trail Network (NCTN); and projects that support access in Equity Emphasis Areas (EEAs).

REGIONAL ROADWAY SAFETY PROGRAM (RRSP)

The RRSP provides short-term consultant services to local jurisdictions for small planning and preliminary engineering projects that focus on roadway safety in the National Capital Region. Any local jurisdiction in the National Capital Region that is a member of the TPB is eligible to apply. Non-profits and non-member jurisdictions in the region may apply as secondary recipients to a TPB member jurisdiction. Recipients receive short-term consultant services and no direct financial assistance. Similar to the TLC Program, all projects are eligible to receive \$80,000 in technical assistance, regardless of whether they are planning or design projects. RRSP projects typically last 6-8 months.

Proposed projects may provide a range of services to support roadway safety efforts, including.

- Support of local roadway safety plans
- Bicycle and pedestrian safety & access studies
- Roadway safety audits
- Crash data analysis
- Jurisdictional efforts to leverage the “Street Smart” program
- Identification of jurisdictional “high injury networks”
- Road diet design
- Lighting and signage improvements
- Intersection improvements
- Enhanced pedestrian infrastructure
- Safety guides or toolkits
- Safety guidelines and standards

The TPB encourages applications that address five TPB priorities: safety improvements for Equity Emphasis Areas (EEAs), improvements to road user behavior, identifying and designing safety countermeasures, understanding safety data, and cross-jurisdictional collaboration.

TIMELINE

The TPB is anticipated to approve a slate of recommended projects for both in April 2023. The projects will begin in fall 2023. For more information, contact John Swanson (jswanson@mwkog.org) regarding the TLC program and Janie Nham (jnham@mwkog.org) regarding the RRSP.