

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION/ TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM

Suburban Maryland

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STP Block Grant (aka TAP)

- TAP was a federal formula program established under MAP-21 in 2012
 - Funded projects “alternative” to traditional highway capacity expansion
 - Combines three former programs: Transportation Enhancements, Safe Routes to School and Recreational Trails
- 2015 FAST Act reclassified TAP as a “Set-Aside” in STP Block Grant Program
- Funding formula, project and applicant eligibility remain largely unchanged
- Large MPOs participate in project selection



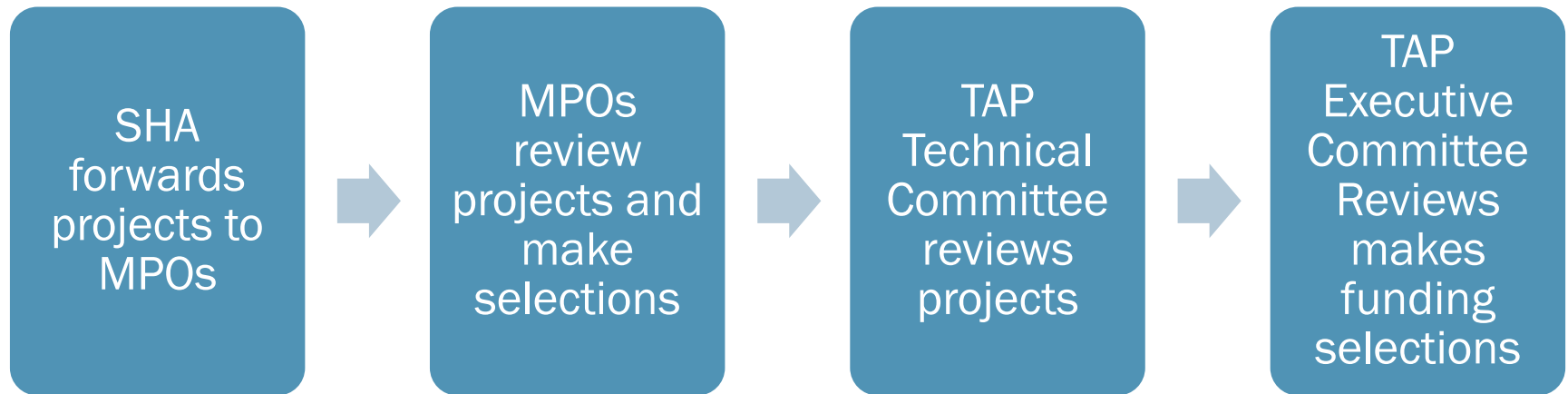
Regional Priorities

- Fund regional goals and priorities
 - Promote multimodal transportation options
 - Support regional activity centers
- Complement regional planning activities
 - TLC technical assistance
 - Regional Transportation Priorities Plan and Region Forward
 - 2012 Station Access Study



Maryland Project Selection

- The TPB works with Maryland SHA for Project Selection
- FY 2017 application deadline: May 16, 2015



Project Selection

- Selection Panel included transportation planning staff from DDOT, VDOT and SHA
- Panel members individually scored projects



- Based on scores, panel members rank projects “High/Medium/Low”
- Selection panel meeting on June 28, panel used rankings to help evaluate and prioritize projects for funding

Evaluation Criteria

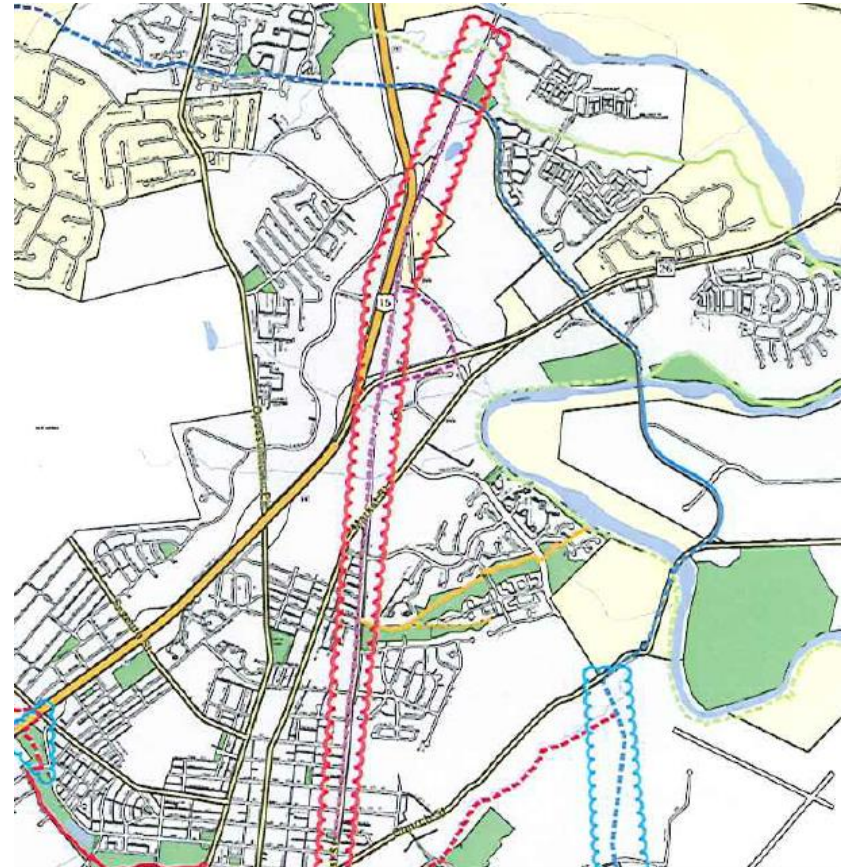
- Professional Assessment: knowledge of the region, project management experience, and analysis of project readiness
- Regional Criteria
 - Multimodal Transportation Options for non-drivers
 - Regional Activity Centers
 - Access to Transit
 - Safe Routes to School
 - Disadvantaged Communities
 - People with Disabilities
 - Local Commitment (% match in application)



FY 2017 Project Recommendations



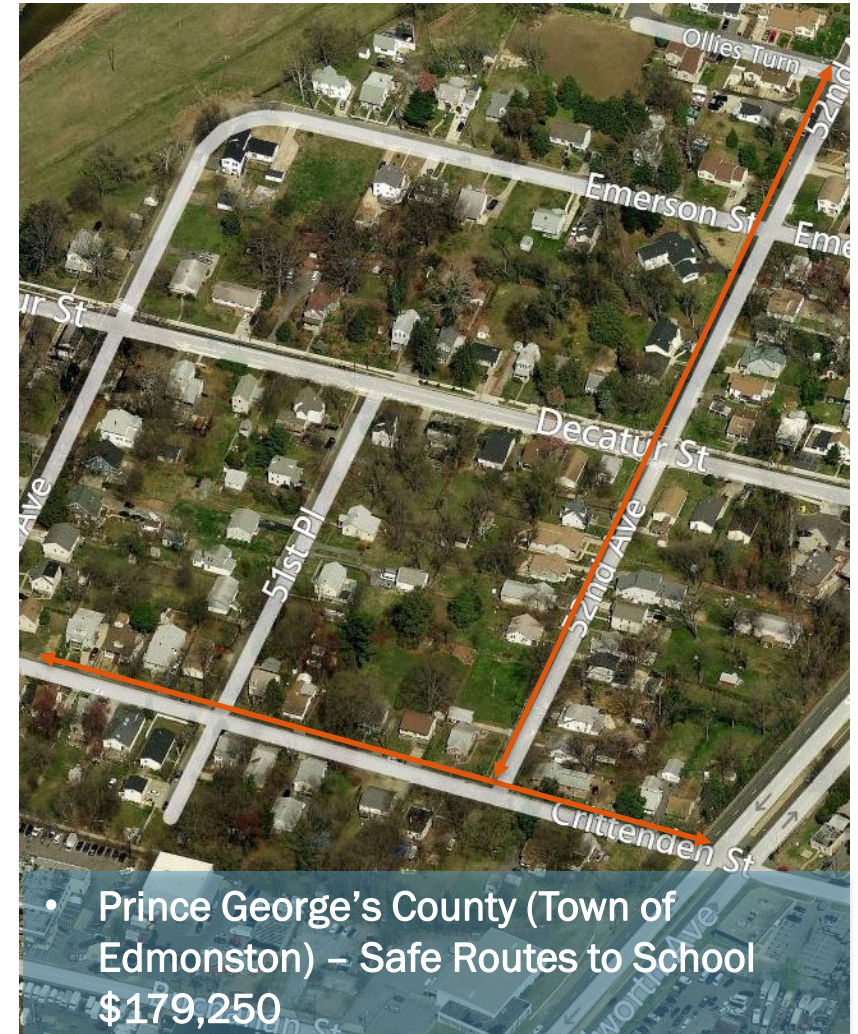
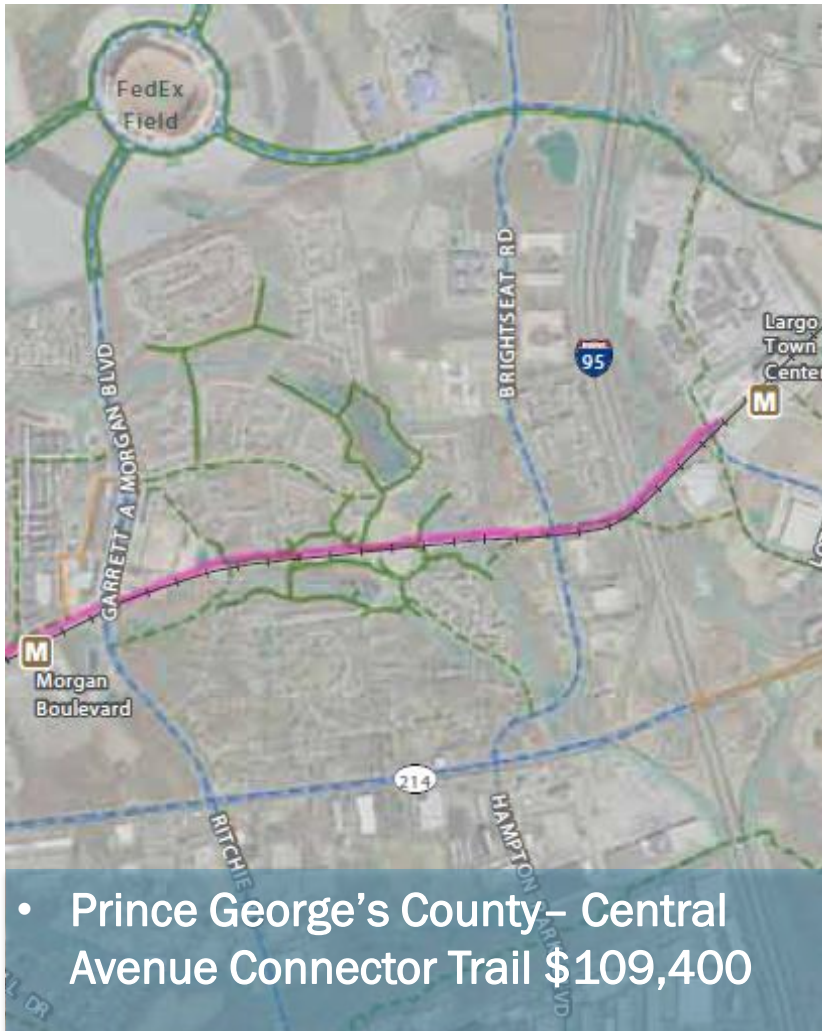
- College Park – Safe Routes to School \$57,464



- City of Frederick – East Street Rails with Trails \$479,000



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STP/TAP Next Steps

- Present funding recommendations to TPB for approval
- Submit recommendations to SHA
- SHA continues process with state TAP Technical and Executive Committees



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