

National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board

2007 — 2010 Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom Projects



The TPB Coordinated Plan and Project Selection

The Coordinated Plan

As the federally-designated Metropolitan Planning Organization charged with coordinating transportation planning and funding for the Metropolitan Washington Region, the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB) has developed a Coordinated Human Service Transportation Plan under the guidance of a Human Service Transportation Coordination Task Force. The Plan, which was updated by the TPB on December 16, 2009, identifies the unmet transportation needs of low-income workers, people with disabilities and older adults; lists priority projects for addressing those unmet needs; and specifies criteria for a federally-required competitive selection of projects under the JARC and New Freedom programs.

Competitive Selection Process

Projects were selected competitively by an independent selection committee that included members representing transportation, disability, and workforce development organizations. The selection criteria approved by the TPB as part of the Coordinated Plan encourage applications that:

- Prioritize projects that address unmet needs
- Reflect the importance of coordination, innovation and replicability
- Serve a regional need and impact the greatest number of people
- Involve private sector partners



The Coordinated Plan and more info are at: TPBCoordination.org

Program Goals

The Federal Transit Administration's JARC and New Freedom programs provide the Washington region with approximately \$1 million per year for each program, which must be matched with local funds (50 percent for operating projects and 20 percent for capital projects), to support the goals below.

Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC)

The goal of the JARC program is to improve access to job sites and employment-related activities for people who are transitioning from welfare to work or for others with limited incomes.

New Freedom

The New Freedom program provides funding for transportation capital and operating projects that go above and beyond what is required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).



10 Projects Were Approved for Funding in 2010 Solicitation

Funding recommendations were made by a Selection Committee based on the responsiveness to and consistency with the priorities in the Coordinated Plan.

The TPB approved these projects on June 16, 2010.

New Freedom Projects (4 projects)

Prince William County Area Agency on Aging: Funding for a prototype voucher program, which is a priority project in this solicitation. The funding would provide adults with disabilities with access to taxi service for medical appointments and other services for which they would otherwise not have transportation. This project was scaled up to a level indicated in the application to ensure needs are better addressed.

Recommended Funding	
New Freedom Funds	\$30,000
Required Match	\$30,000
Total Project	\$60,000

Recommended Funding	
New Freedom Funds	\$ 76,500
Required Match	\$ 76,500
Total Project	\$153,000

Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind: Funding to provide specialized door-to-door transportation to and from the agency's activities and programs for visually impaired children and teens.

Prince George's County Department of Public Works & Transportation: Funding for a demonstration project to install voice annunciation systems on 22 replacement buses and to conduct a survey of riders in collaboration with the Prince George's County Department of Family Services to determine the usefulness of the system in improving bus accessibility for the visually impaired.

Recommended Funding	
New Freedom Funds	\$236,800
Required Match	\$ 59,200
Total Project	\$296,000

Recommended Funding	
New Freedom Funds	\$142,200
Required Match	\$ 81,600
Total Project	\$223,800

DC Office on Aging: Funding to purchase two wheelchair accessible vans for use at two new senior wellness centers and for a taxi voucher program for agency clients to use for taxi trips.

Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) Projects (6 projects)

Northern Virginia Family Service Vehicles for Change Program:

In partnership with Vehicles for Change, funding to purchase 168 cars over two years to provide to low-income families for a program fee. The program requires participants to register for a ridesharing service, and benefits families with limited access to transit.

Recommended Funding	
JARC Funds	\$568,479
Required Match	\$248,943
Total Project	\$817,422

Recommended Funding	
JARC Funds	\$100,005
Required Match	\$100,005
Total Project	\$200,010

Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind: Funding for a taxi voucher project, which is a priority project in this solicitation. The vouchers will assist working adults who are visually impaired to travel to and from job sites.

Boat People SOS: Continuation of the Road to Independence through Savings and Education (RISE) Employment project, which prepares Vietnamese refugees and immigrants for employment by providing job skills and other training opportunities. Project also includes a voucher component to assist clients in getting to jobs for the first four months after job placement.

Recommended Funding	
JARC Funds	\$224,704
Required Match	\$102,784
Total Project	\$327,488

Recommended Funding	
JARC Funds	\$114,000
Required Match	\$114,000
Total Project	\$228,000

SkillSource Group: Funding for a transportation voucher project, including taxi vouchers and gas cards, to assist low-income job seekers with transportation to and from training activities, and for the first four to six weeks after securing a job.

Prince George's County Department of Public Works & Transportation:

Funding to establish early-morning shuttle bus service from the Southern Avenue Metrorail station to Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center at National Harbor to assist workers employed at National Harbor to take public transportation for off-peak work trips.

Recommended Funding	
JARC Funds	\$113,500
Required Match	\$113,500
Total Project	\$227,000

Recommended Funding	
JARC Funds	\$ 80,000
Required Match	\$ 20,000
Total Project	\$100,000

Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments: Funding for ongoing maintenance, including database updates and website revisions, for the Regional Transportation Information Clearinghouse, a website that will provide consumers and social service agencies with improved access to information about specialized transportation options.



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JARC and New Freedom Projects

Approved from 2007 — 2009

JARC Projects

2007

Northern Virginia Family Service
Ways to Work Program

Total Project Amount: \$102,768

Montgomery County Ride On
Isolated Communities Taxi Voucher Program

Total Project Amount: \$70,000

**Prince George's County Department of
Public Works & Transportation**
UPS Employment Shuttle

Total Project Amount: \$75,971

2008

Northern Virginia Family Service
Ways to Work Program

Total Project \$230,714

District Department of Transportation
Georgetown Metro Connection Shuttle

Total Project \$607,500

New Freedom Projects

2007

Jewish Council for the Aging
Travel Training for Seniors with Disabilities

Total Project Amount: \$82,561

Arlington Agency on Aging
Door-through-Door Service Pilot

Total Project Amount: \$288,000

2008

D.C. Office on Aging
Caregivers Respite Escort Service for
Transportation

Total Project Amount: \$184,470

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2008, cont.

Boat People SOS
Employment Support Project

Total Project \$162,767

**Metropolitan Washington
Council of Governments**
Regional Transportation
Information Clearinghouse

Total Project \$583,750

2009

Northern Virginia Family Service
Ways to Work Program

Total Project Amount: \$75,000

**Family Matters of
Greater Washington**
Ways to Work Program
Total Project Amount: \$673,710

2008, cont.

Arlington Agency on Aging
Enhanced Transportation Project
Total Project Amount: \$546,081

Yellow Cab Company of D.C.
Wheelchair Accessible Taxi Project
Total Project Amount: \$525,000

Liberty Cab Company
Wheelchair Accessible Taxi Project
Total Project Amount: \$536,400

**Diamond Transportation Education
& Training**
Wheelchair Accessible Taxi Driver
Training
Total Project Amounts: \$53,750

2009, cont.

Doorways for Women & Families
Taxi Voucher Program

Total Project Amount: \$83,830

Prince George's County DPWT
UPS Reverse Commute Shuttle
Total Project \$423,838

JARC and New Freedom Project (2009)

WMATA
Comprehensive Individualized Level
of Travel Training Project
Total Project \$1,234,466

2009

**Prince William County Agency on
Aging**
Mobility Management Plan
Total Project Amount: \$250,000

Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind
Travel Training project
Total Project Amount: \$323,750

Boat People SOS
Travel Training Project
Total Project Amount: \$207,310

D.C. Office on Aging
ADRC Promotion Project
Total Project Amounts: \$33,000

**Melwood Horticultural Training
Center**
Route Optimization Project
Total Project Amount: \$267,000