



Transportation/Land-Use Connections Program

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Update

Technical Assistance Projects

Regional Clearinghouse



TLC Program Background

The TLC Program was designed to support key strategies for transportation/land-use coordination identified in TPB's Regional Mobility and Accessibility Scenario Study:

- **promote development efforts that bring housing and jobs in closer proximity**
- **focus mixed-use development around transit stations**
- **implement supportive transit investments**



TLC Program Background

The TLC Program promotes the implementation of key TPB Vision goals:

- “better inter-jurisdictional coordination of transportation and land use planning”
- the development of “dynamic regional activity centers with a mix of jobs, housing, and services in a walkable environment.”





Program Components

The TLC Program began in January 2007 as a six-month Pilot with two components:

- **Regional Clearinghouse**
 - **Web-based source of information about local and national transportation and land-use coordination, including experiences with transit-oriented development and other key strategies**
- **Technical Assistance Program**
 - **Focused consultant assistance available to local jurisdictions working on creative, sustainable and coordinated transportation/land-use plans and projects**₄



Regional Clearinghouse

Launch of the TLC website occurred in June 2007 and includes the following components:

- **National Strategies and Resources**
 - **Best practices for enhancing transportation and land-use from across the country**
- **Regional Role Models**
 - **Region-wide examples of successful land-use and transportation planning at the local level**

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TLC Pilot Program

Six Technical Assistance Projects were chosen for the Pilot Program:

- **Langley Park / Takoma Park Pedestrian Study**
- **St. Charles Development of Urban Roadway Standards**
- **Fairfax County TOD Level of Service Study**
- **Prince William County BRAC Impacts Scoping Study**
- **DC Potomac Avenue Metro Station Scoping Study**
- **Public Presentation on Density Issues**



Langley Park / Takoma Park Pedestrian Study

- Consultants analyzed the pedestrian environment at the intersection of University Blvd. (MD 193) and New Hampshire Ave. (MD 650)
- This process convened inter-agency stakeholders to discuss key issues and current projects

Product: Pedestrian Study serves as background for the Takoma/Langley Crossroads Sector Plan

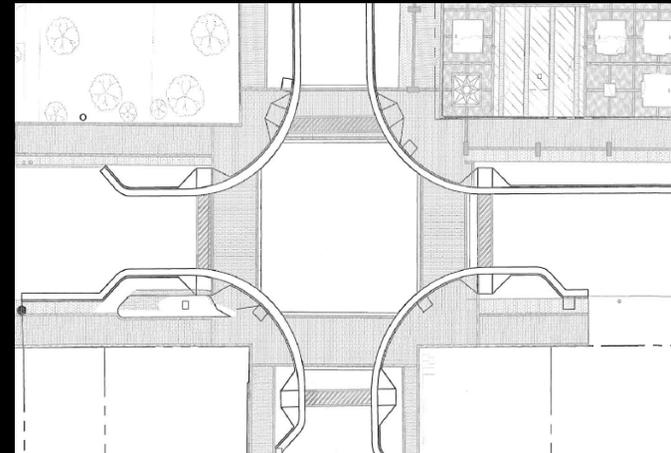




St. Charles Urban Roadway Standards

- Consultants developed context-sensitive street design standards for Bryans Road Town Center and the Waldorf Sub-area
- These standards will allow Charles County staff to implement their vision for more dense, walkable communities in these two sub-areas

Product: Functional Urban Roadway Classifications for the County's Road Ordinance



Fairfax County TOD Level of Service Study

- Review available literature and best practices and recommend how vehicular congestion should be addressed within and adjacent to transit-oriented development



Product: A report on findings and recommendations for levels of service appropriate within transit station environments in the County



Prince William County BRAC Impacts Scoping Study

- Consultants and County staff reviewed three future scenarios: current conditions, current conditions with BRAC changes, and recommended land use and transportation improvements that accommodate BRAC changes

Product: Scope of work for a study to determine County actions in response to the impacts of BRAC



DC Potomac Avenue Metro Station Scoping Study



- Consultants worked with DC and stakeholders to isolate key land-use, transportation, and development issues
- A public meeting was held to incorporate community concerns in the scope of work

Product: Scope of work for a Revitalizations Strategy that addresses public space, site-specific market analysis and way-finding around the Potomac Avenue Station

Public Presentation on Density Issues

- **The TLC lead consultant developed presentation materials on density issues in consultation with TPB staff and jurisdictions facing development pressure and community concerns about increased density**
- **This presentation will be offered initially in College Park and Takoma Park**

Product: A PowerPoint presentation that will be offered through the TLC Program to jurisdictions facing similar growth issues

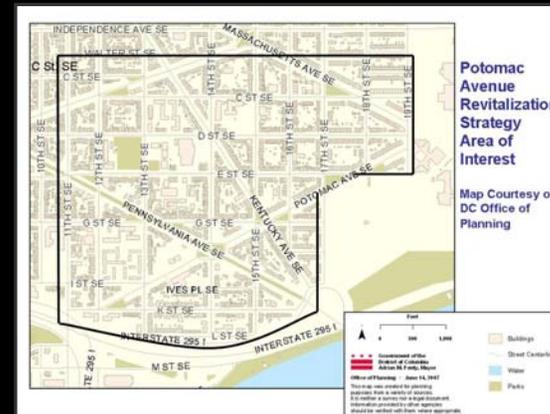
Lessons Learned from Pilot Phase

- **Quick turnaround on projects makes these small projects successful**
- **It's helpful to have a lead consultant familiar with TLC principles during project selection and review**
- **Pilot projects responded to meet local and regional needs for small “start-up” or interim projects**
- **Consultants bring regional knowledge and best practices to local projects**
- **TLC projects serve to convene stakeholders**



Impact of the TLC Program

- Clearinghouse with regional and national best practices for transportation and land use planning
- Concise products that directly inform planning decisions and can be incorporated into current planning programs



Anticipated Next Steps following the Pilot Program

- **Maintain the Regional Clearinghouse**
- **Plan for a second round of funding for the Technical Assistance Program beginning Fall 2007**
- **Participate in the VDOT Grant Program and administer technical assistance for five Virginia projects:**
 - **Cities of Alexandria, Falls Church, and Manassas Park
Fairfax and Loudoun Counties**