

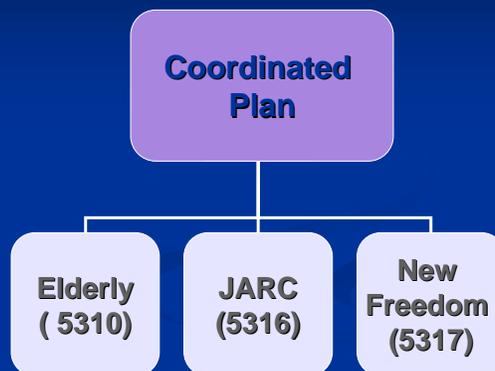
# Overview of the TPB Coordinated Human Service Transportation Plan

Technical Committee  
March 2, 2007



## Background SAFETEA-LU Requires:

- A "locally developed coordinated plan" be drafted with stakeholder involvement
- Projects for the three programs must be derived from the plan
- Projects for JARC and New Freedom must be selected on a competitive basis



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## Plan will Guide Funding Decisions

TPB was designated the recipient for two FTA programs in August 2006

Program	Purpose	Federal FY2006 Funding	Total Funding with Match
Job Access Reverse Commute	Assist low-income commuters getting to job sites	\$1.1 Million	\$2.2 Operating (50/50) \$1.3 Capital (80/20)
New Freedom	Transportation for people with disabilities that goes above and beyond the ADA	\$1.0 Million	\$2.0 Operating (50/50) \$1.25 Capital (80/20)

-Other Non-DOT Federal funds can be used for the required 80/20 match for capital and the 50/50 match for operating programs.

-SAFETEA-LU allows for up to 10% of the programs to be used for administrative and planning

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## TPB Established Task Force in September 2006

### Human Services Transportation Coordination Task Force

- Chaired by Kathy Porter, TPB member
- Purpose:
  - Develop the Coordinated Plan
  - Work towards greater coordination of services
  - Evaluate the effectiveness of the Plan and the competitive selection criteria

### 42 Members Represent:

- Public transit agencies
- State/DC Departments of Transportation
- Private and nonprofit transportation providers
- Human service agencies
- Users/Customers

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## Plan Components

- Assessment of Unmet Transportation Needs
- Inventory of Existing Services
- Strategies for Improved Service and Coordination
- Recommended Priority Actions
- Competitive Selection Process

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## Plan Approach

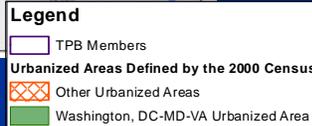
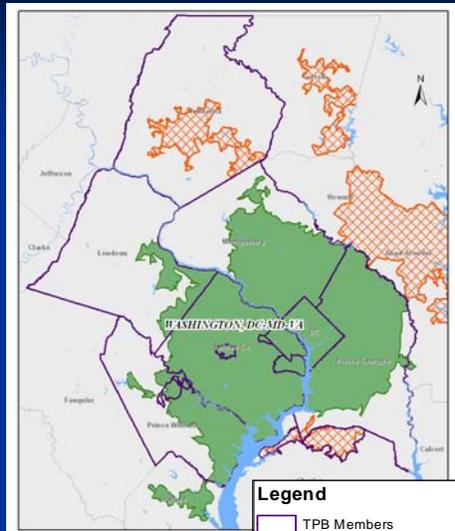
- Encourage **innovative pilots** that:
  - Creatively address unmet needs
  - “Incentivize” coordination of funding, vehicles, information or other resources
  - Offer lessons learned about addressing obstacles
  - Are replicable or have a regional impact
- Sets **framework for greater coordination** and collaboration



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## Plan “Geographies”

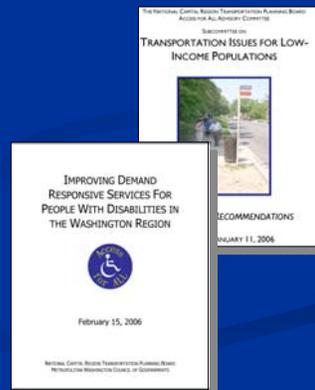


- TPB Members (Plan)
- Washington DC-MD-VA Urbanized Area (\$\$\$)

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## Unmet Transportation Needs

- Identified by the Task Force
- Previous studies conducted by TPB confirm these needs
  - Need for a **Customer Focus**
  - Need for Better **Information**
  - Lack of **Reliability**
  - Lack of Additional **Funding and Transportation Choices**



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## Four Strategies in Plan

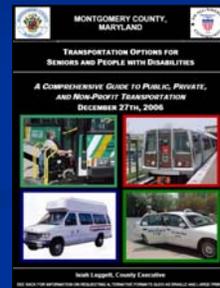
- Project proposals will be required to address one or more of these strategies:
  - **Tailor transportation services** to better respond to needs
  - Provide improved, **user-friendly information to customers**
  - Develop services that **improve reliability** and augment existing paratransit and fixed-route service
  - Develop and implement **new programs** to provide additional transportation choices



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## Recommend Priority Actions for Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) Funding

1. **Brochure** for Low-Income Commuters on Transportation Options
2. **Expanded** Guaranteed Ride Home Program
3. **Low-Interest Loans** to Buy Cars For Low-income Individuals
4. Expanded **Shuttle Service** to Employment Sites



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## Recommend Priority Actions for New Freedom Funding

1. **Accessible Taxis** in Jurisdictions Without Them
2. **Sensitivity Training** for Transportation Providers (i.e. for bus drivers, taxi cab drivers, etc)
3. **Escorted Transportation** or “Door-through-Door” Service
4. **Accessible Pedestrian Infrastructure** at Bus and Rail Stations
5. **Same-Day** Service for MetroAccess Users
6. Personalized **Travel Training** on how to use the fixed-route



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## Competitive Selection Process

- Request applications that **respond to one or more of the strategies in the Plan**
- Applications will be ranked **based on selection criteria**
- Proposed **selection committee** members
  - TPB Officers
  - Three members from Task Force
  - Users and consumers
- The Selection Committee would be **Chaired by Kathy Porter**, be **geographically balanced** and members must not have submitted an application



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## Proposed Selection Criteria

To What Extent Does the Project:	Total Possible Points
1. Respond to <b>Strategies in the Coordinated Plan?</b>	16
2. <b>Demonstrate Coordination</b> among various entities?	16
3. Demonstrate a new or <b>innovative idea that can be replicated?</b>	11
4. Meet a <b>regional transportation need?</b>	11

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## Proposed Selection Criteria, Continued

To What Extent Does the Project:	Total Possible Points
5. Involve the <b>private sector?</b>	10
6. Benefit the greatest <b>number of individuals</b> with disabilities or limited incomes?	11
7. Identify <b>reasonable strategies for on-going funding?</b>	11
8. Seem financially and institutionally <b>feasible?</b>	14
<b>Total Possible Points</b>	<b>100</b>

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## 2007 Timeline



- March 8** Task Force meets to make final changes to Plan before TPB presentation
- March 15** Plan is released for 30-day public comment period
- March 21** Task Force Presents Draft Coordinated Plan to the TPB
- April 18** TPB is Asked to Approve Coordinated Plan and Framework for Competitive Selection Process
- April to June** Solicitation for Projects via Competitive Selection Process
- July or September** TPB Approves Selection for Inclusion in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

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## Comments by March 7

- Please Provide Comments to Task Force Members in your jurisdiction or to TPB Staff by **March 7**
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