

TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES SET-ASIDE PROGRAM

Maryland Project Recommendations for FY 2019

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Overview

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TA Set Aside

- *PURPOSE:* A federal formula program that provides funding to projects considered “alternatives” to traditional highway construction
- *FEDERAL AUTHORIZATION*
 - MAP-21 (2012) – Established as the “Transportation Alternatives Program”
 - FAST Act (2015) - Renamed “Transportation Alternatives Set Aside”
- *TPB ROLE:* Large MPOs are sub-allocated funds and given the responsibility for selecting projects for those funds



TLC Program

- In our region, the TA Set Aside Program is a component of the TPB's TLC Program
- The TLC Program also includes:
 - Technical assistance projects
 - TLC PeerX (Peer Exchange Network)
- These programs promote regional goals and priorities, including:
 - Multimodal transportation options (RTPP Goal 1)
 - Regional activity centers (RTPP Goal 2)



Maryland: FY 2019 Schedule

- May 15 Application deadline
- July 3 TPB Selection Panel selects projects
- July 18 TPB approval
- August MDOT/SHA selection of projects using statewide funding



TPB Selection Process

- Selection Panel included TPB staff, District Department of Transportation, and Virginia Department of Transportation. Staff from Maryland State Highway Administration participated as a technical resource.
- Panel members individually scored projects.



- Based on scores, panel members rank projects “High/Medium/Low.”
- At the selection panel meeting on July 3, panel used rankings to help evaluate and jointly prioritize projects for funding.

Regional Policies Criteria

- Expanding Multimodal Transportation Options for Non-Drivers
- Supporting Regional Activity Centers
- Access to High-Capacity Transit
- Increased Access in Equity Emphasis Areas
- Safe Routes to School
- Increased Access for People with Disabilities



FY 2019 Project Recommendations

- TPB received **\$5,654,983** in funding requests for 6 projects in Suburban Maryland.
- TPB's STP Set Aside sub-allocation is **\$1,217,150**.
- **Four projects were** recommended for funding.



FY 2019 Project Recommendations

Project	Jurisdiction/Agency	Recommendation
Forest Glen Sidewalk	Montgomery County	\$248,000
Golden Mile Multi-Modal Access Project	City of Frederick	\$686,309
Bike Share Program (Phase 2)	Prince George's County	\$222,841
Scott/Veirs Drive Shared Use Path	City of Rockville	\$60,000
Total		\$1,217,150



Next Steps

- The TPB is scheduled to approve projects on July 18, 2018.
- TPB staff will forward information regarding the approved projects to SHA.
- SHA will also consider whether to award funding, using the statewide TA Set Aside funds, to the remaining Suburban Maryland applications.
- Once all selections are finalized, SHA staff will work with applicants to administer funding.



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