



MEMORANDUM

TO: Transportation Planning Board
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SUBJECT: FY 2025 Solicitation for Technical Assistance Program Applications: Transportation Land-Use Connections (TLC) Program and Regional Roadway Safety Program (RRSP)
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The application period for two TPB local technical assistance programs, the Transportation Land-Use Connections (TLC) Program and the Regional Roadway Safety Program (RRSP), will open on Friday, January 5, 2024. Applicants will be able to access the application forms through the TLC and RRSP webpages (www.mwcog.org/tlc and www.mwcog.org/rrsp) on the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOG) website.

The deadline for applications is March 8, 2024. Applicants have the option to submit a proposed project abstract. The deadline for this optional step is January 24, 2024.

TRANSPORTATION LAND-USE CONNECTIONS (TLC) PROGRAM

The TLC Program provides short-term consultant services to local jurisdictions for small planning projects that promote mixed-use, walkable communities and support a variety of transportation alternatives. Any local jurisdiction in the National Capital Region that is a member of the TPB is eligible to apply. Non-profits and non-member jurisdictions in the region may apply as secondary recipients to a TPB member jurisdiction. Recipients receive short-term consultant services and no direct financial assistance. TLC projects typically last 6-8 months.

As in past years, TLC projects may provide a range of services for community-oriented planning activities, such as:

- Small area & transit station area planning
- Bicycle and pedestrian safety & access
- Transit-oriented development studies
- Housing studies
- Economic development studies
- Roadway design guidelines & standards
- Streetscape improvement plans
- Safe Routes to School planning
- Trail planning and design
- Transit demand and feasibility analysis

The TPB encourages applications that address long-standing TPB priorities, including support for multimodal transportation options and land use enhancements in Activity Centers. We are

particularly interested in applications that support walking and biking improvements in high-capacity transit station areas, especially Transit Access Focus Areas (TAFAs); projects to plan and design missing links in the National Capital Trail Network (NCTN); and projects that support access in Equity Emphasis Areas (EEAs).

REGIONAL ROADWAY SAFETY PROGRAM (RRSP)

The RRSP provides short-term consultant services to local jurisdictions for small planning and preliminary engineering projects that focus on roadway safety. Any local jurisdiction in the National Capital Region that is a member of the TPB is eligible to apply. Non-profits and non-member jurisdictions in the region may apply as secondary recipients to a TPB member jurisdiction. Recipients receive short-term consultant services and no direct financial assistance. RRSP projects typically last 6-8 months.

Proposed projects may provide a range of services to support roadway safety efforts, including.

- Support of local roadway safety plans
- Bicycle and pedestrian safety & access studies
- Roadway safety audits
- Crash data analysis
- Jurisdictional efforts to leverage the “Street Smart” program
- Identification of jurisdictional “high injury networks”
- Road diet design
- Lighting and signage improvements
- Intersection improvements
- Enhanced pedestrian infrastructure
- Safety guides or toolkits
- Safety guidelines and standards

The TPB encourages applications that address five TPB priorities: safety improvements for EEAs, improvements to road user behavior, identifying and designing safety countermeasures, understanding safety data, and cross-jurisdictional collaboration.

TIMELINE

The TPB anticipates approving a slate of recommended projects for both programs in spring 2024. The projects will begin in fall 2024. For more information, contact John Swanson (jswanson@mwkog.org) regarding the TLC program and Janie Nham (jnham@mwkog.org) regarding the RRSP.