

Public Participation and Human Service Transportation Coordination

OVERSIGHT

Transportation Planning Board

MAJOR PRODUCTS

- Public comment solicited and documented
- CAC and AFA committee reports
- Information dissemination through the website, social media, and printed documents

TOTAL COST ESTIMATE

\$830,200

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Update of the Participation Plan as approved by the TPB in September 2014 will guide all public involvement activities to support the development of the CLRP, TIP, and all other TPB planning activities. The TPB's Public Participation plan emphasizes involving traditionally-disadvantaged populations in the planning process, as part of the TPB's commitment to ensuring nondiscrimination in all its programs and activities as required under Title VI and the Environmental Justice Executive Order.

- Conduct regular public involvement as described in the TPB Participation Plan, including public comment sessions as the beginning of TPB meetings and official public comment periods prior to the adoption of TPB plans and programs as key TPB policies and documents.
- Provide staff support for the TPB Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), including organizing monthly meetings and outreach sessions, and drafting written materials for the committee.
- Provide staff support for the TPB Access for All Advisory (AFA) Committee that includes leaders and representatives of low-income communities, minority communities, persons with disabilities and those with limited English skills as the TPB's primary strategy for engaging traditionally-disadvantaged population groups in the planning process. Staff will transmit AFA Committee comments to the TPB on transportation plans, projects, programs, services and issues that are important to AFA community groups.
- Develop and conduct workshops or events, as needed, to engage the public and community leaders on key regional transportation issues, including challenges reflected in the development of the CLRP, the TIP, and the forthcoming Plan of Unfunded Regional Priority Projects.
- Conduct at least one session of the Community Leadership Institute, a two-day workshop designed to help community activists learn how to get more actively involved in transportation decision making in the Washington region.
- Support implementation of the TPB Participation Plan and conduct evaluation activities of the public involvement process.
- Conduct continuing evaluation activities of the public involvement process using the process

for evaluation established in FY 2016.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Develop new written materials, tools and visualization techniques to better explain to the public how the planning process works at the local, regional and state levels.
- Produce regular on-line and print TPB newsletters
- Produce the annual edition of the Region magazine highlighting significant TPB activities in the past year.
- Ensure that the TPB's website, publications and official documents are timely, thorough and user-friendly.
- Effectively use technology, including social media and other web-based tools, to spread information about regional transportation planning and engage the public in planning discussions and Produce regular on-line and/or print TPB newsletters

HUMAN SERVICE TRANSPORTATION COORDINATION

Under Federal regulations, a Coordinated Human Service Transportation Plan is required to guide funding decisions for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) "Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities" program. COG is designated recipient of this program for the Washington DC-VA-MD Urbanized Area. In 2014, the TPB approved an update to the Coordinated Plan to respond to the requirements of the Enhanced Mobility program.

The TPB established the Human Service Transportation Coordination Task Force in 2006 to help develop the Coordinated Plan. In FY2016, the Task Force was incorporated into the Access for All Advisory Committee given overlapping membership and that the work of the Task Force is largely done.

This task includes:

- Review the Coordinated Human Service Transportation Plan with the AFA Committee for any revisions or updates to capture unmet transportation needs for people with disabilities and older adults.
- Plan for the next solicitation and selection of projects for Enhanced Mobility funding under FAST.
- Further the goals regional mobility management efforts to provide an array of transportation services and options to older adults and people with disabilities.

Transportation Alternatives and Land Use Connection (TLC) Programs

This work activity strengthens the coordination between local land use and transportation planning. Begun as a pilot in November 2006, the TLC program offers short-term technical assistance through consultant teams to local jurisdictions to advance their planning activities.

This activity will encompass the following work tasks in FY 2017:

- Offer short-term consultant team technical assistance to local jurisdictions to advance their land use and transportation planning activities.
- Fund at least six technical assistance planning projects at a level between \$20,000 and \$60,000 each.
- Fund at least one project for between \$80,000 and \$100,000 to perform project design to achieve 30% completion.
- Maintain and update the TLC Regional Clearinghouse and website
- Develop tools and activities to facilitate regional learning about TLC issues among TPB member jurisdictions through the Regional Peer Exchange Network. Organize at least one regional meeting to facilitate an exchange of information about lessons learned from past TLC projects.
- Identify recommended implementation action steps in each planning project report, such as further study needs, more stakeholder collaboration, suggested land use or local policy changes, and transportation investment opportunities and priorities.
- Provide staff support for TLC Technical Assistance Projects to be conducted as part of the MDOT Technical Assistance Program and for other projects where additional funding is provided by state or local agencies.
- Conduct the selection process for small capital improvement projects using funding sub-allocated to the Washington metropolitan region through the state DOTs from the MAP-21 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP).

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Technical Committee

MAJOR PRODUCTS

- Technical assistance, including final reports, provided by consultant teams to localities
- Updated website
- Peer exchange activities
- TAP coordination

TOTAL COST ESTIMATE

\$422,700