



National Capital Region
Transportation Planning Board

MEMORANDUM

TO: TPB Technical Committee
FROM: Tom Harrington, TPB Multimodal Planning Program Director
SUBJECT: Transportation Mutual Aid Operations Plan
DATE: April 24, 2026

The committee will be briefed by COG Senior Public Safety Planner Eli Russ on COG's regional framework for mutual aid and how that can be operationalized for transportation agencies. The TPB received a high-level briefing on this topic at its March meeting.

The National Capital Region (NCR) Regional Emergency Support Function (RESF-1) Transportation Emergency Preparedness Committee was established in 2006 to plan for and address transportation's role regarding emergency response, coordination, and recovery before, during and after a regional incident or emergency. The committee serves an important regional forum for transportation officials to discuss emergency response and coordination requirements and to provide a voice for transportation in the larger NCR Homeland Security Program. Traffic incident management (TIM) is an important component of the RESF-1 work plan.

The 2005 NCR Mutual Aid Agreement (MAA) allows for the provision of public safety and other emergency response services across jurisdictional boundaries, increasing the ability to preserve the safety and welfare of the entire NCR. The 2023 **Transportation Mutual Aid Operations Plan (TMAOP)** provides a detailed framework on the methods and procedures to put the MAA into action for transportation and transit agencies in the region.

All transportation/transit agencies in the NCR are strongly encouraged to become signatories to the MAA and the TMAOP. As a follow-up to the Technical Committee presentation, Mr. Russ will discuss next steps for sharing the TMAOP and pursuing endorsement of the plan by transportation agencies.