

MEMORANDUM

TO: Transportation Planning Board Technical Committee

FROM: Cherice Sansbury, TPB Enhanced Mobility Program Manager

SUBJECT: Enhanced Mobility Grant Approvals

DATE: October 31, 2025

The Enhanced Mobility Program continues to play a vital role in improving transportation access for older adults and individuals with disabilities across the Washington, DC-VA-MD Urbanized Area. Administered through federal grants, the program supports capital and operating projects such as volunteer driver programs, travel training, mobility management, ADA-pedestrian improvements, and vehicle acquisition.

2025 PROJECT SOLICITATION

The 2025 solicitation cycle was launched with pre-application conferences held in July across DC, Maryland, and Virginia. Applications were accepted from August through September. Eligible projects must demonstrate benefit to the urbanized area and include required matching funds—50% for operating grants and 20% for capital and mobility management grants. Approximately \$10.8 million in federal funding is available, with \$20.7 million requested across 31 applications, indicating strong demand and a competitive selection process.

Project priorities are guided by the Coordinated Human Service Transportation Plan, last approved by TPB in May 2023. This plan identifies strategies to address unmet transportation needs, including escorted transportation services, increased wheelchair-accessible options, tailored services for human service agencies, and improved access to transit stations.

2025 SELECTION COMMITTEE & IMPENDING TPB ACTION

The 2025 Selection Committee includes representatives from each jurisdiction, a national expert, and is chaired by TPB Member and City of Alexandria Councilmember Canek Aguirre. The committee began its review in October and will finalize recommendations by late November. TPB is expected to take action on the recommended projects in December. Successful applicants will complete federal paperwork in early 2026, with project implementation anticipated to commence by Fall 2026 and vehicle deliveries beginning in early 2027.

This biannual solicitation reflects ongoing regional coordination and commitment to expanding mobility options for vulnerable populations. The next solicitation is scheduled for Summer 2027.

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