

ITEM 7 – ACTION
May 20, 2026

Approval of the FY 2027 TLC Technical Assistance Recipients

Action: Approve TLC technical assistance recipients and projects under the FY 2027 TLC Program.

Background: The TPB’s Transportation Land-Use Connections (TLC) Program has provided support to local jurisdictions as they deal with the challenges of integrating land-use and transportation planning at the community level since 2007. Staff solicited applications for the FY 2027 TLC round of technical assistance from January 2, 2026, to February 27, 2026. The board will be briefed and asked to approve the applications that are being recommended for FY 2027.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Transportation Planning Board (TPB)
FROM: Janie Nham, Transportation Planner
Jamie Bufkin, Transportation Planner
John Swanson, Consultant
SUBJECT: FY 2027 Transportation Land-Use Connections (TLC) Program Funding Recommendations
DATE: May 14, 2026

This memo provides information on the recommendations of the Selection Panel for the FY 2027 round of technical assistance under the Transportation Land-Use Connections (TLC) Program. At the panel's meeting on April 16, the group identified six projects to recommend for funding in FY 2027. TPB staff request that the TPB vote to approve the panel's recommendations.

FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FY 2027

A total of \$480,000 is available for the TLC Program in FY 2027 through funding in the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The recommended slate of six projects is highly consistent with key TPB objectives: The six projects offer a diversity in geography, urban typology, and project types with a mix of scalable/informative studies and localized projects that align with regional goals. All projects support transportation for those living in areas with above-average concentrations of poverty low-income. Four of the six projects are in a Transit Access Focus Area (TAF).

The six projects recommended for funding are described below:

MARYLAND

Neighborhood Greenway Guidelines and Strategy Toolkit

Charles County, \$60,000

Charles County seeks technical assistance to develop a toolkit of strategies and concepts to serve as a guidebook for retrofitting identified neighborhoods into low-speed, pedestrian friendly streets, referred to as Neighborhood Greenways. This project builds upon the Connect Waldorf study and our Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program, which developed a city-wide vision for an interconnected bicycle/pedestrian network. The project will identify opportunities and challenges for each of the seven identified neighborhoods in implementing recommended traffic-calming solutions, develop conceptual designs, and create a scalable toolkit that other jurisdictions can use for improving bicycle and pedestrian amenities in conventional, low-density communities

Domer Avenue Neighborhood Greenway

Montgomery County, \$100,000

Montgomery County requests funding to develop an engineered design, from concept through preliminary engineering, for pedestrian safety and accessibility improvements along Domer Avenue from Flower Avenue to east of Garland Avenue (~0.3 miles). The improvements will focus on

intersection traffic calming safety measures, addressing sidewalk gaps, and improving ADA accessibility. This project builds upon recommendations from the Purple Line Station Access Study (2021) to support safe access to the future Long Branch Purple Line Station near a busy commercial corridor. Montgomery County will pursue construction funding through its Capital Improvements Program and explore grant opportunities for implementation.

A Bench for Every Bus Stop: A Feasibility Study to Provide Seating for All Bus Stops in Rockville
Rockville, \$80,000

The City of Rockville requests funding to study the feasibility of adding seating at every bus stop within the city's limits. Currently, 156 of the 451 bus stops have a bench. This study will evaluate the challenges related to providing seating for all stops, such as right-of-way availability, slope, accessibility requirements, and maintenance concerns. The needed efforts and funds to overcome these challenges will be identified and better understood. The City will then be able to set aside funding in its Capital Improvement Program and ongoing roadway maintenance programs.

VIRGINIA

Bicycle Network Gap Analysis and Conceptual Design
City of Alexandria, \$80,000

The City of Alexandria requests funding to evaluate their bicycle network to identify gaps between facilities and to identify existing facilities that do not align with existing design guidance for intersection treatments. This study builds upon the 2021 Alexandria Mobility Plan's (AMP) strategy to build out a connected bicycle network of both on- and off-street facilities that serves riders of all ages and abilities. The consultant will evaluate the existing and planned network, identify and categorize network gaps, assess connectivity to key destinations, and recommend prioritized improvements including concept-level plans. The City will then be able to program improvements as part of the City's Capital Improvement Program.

North Carlin Springs Road Multimodal Alternatives Analysis
Arlington County, \$80,000

Arlington County requests funding to conduct a multimodal transportation alternatives analysis along the 12-intersection segment of North Carlin Springs Road from Arlington Boulevard (Route 50) to North Wakefield Street (~1.03 miles). Building upon the County's Master Transportation Plan, this study will evaluate existing conditions based on observational data, County-collected traffic data and County-collected community input. A roadway diet analysis will be conducted to develop multiple conceptual alternatives of a reimagined corridor that reconfigures the existing 4-lane automobile-oriented street to one that meets operational needs for transit riders, non-motorists, and W&OD Trail users. This will inform capital project scoping and programming as part of the County's next 10-year Capital Improvement Plan.

Parking Demand Study
Prince William County, \$80,000

Prince William County requests funding to conduct a parking demand study to establish a locally calibrated, data-driven foundation for modernizing residential parking policy, with emphasis on fast-growing neighborhoods and Activity Centers. The consultant will conduct a literature review of peer suburban jurisdictions that have implemented parking strategies, evaluate utilization patterns, geographic variations, identify opportunities for reform, and assess impacts on travel behavior and

system performance. With a Zoning Ordinance update anticipated in 2026, this study is timely and necessary to ensure future regulations support mobility, land use, and sustainability objectives.

APPLICATION PROCESS

On January 2, 2026, the TPB issued a call for projects for the FY 2027 round of TLC technical assistance. The deadline for application submissions was February 27. Applicants were invited to submit optional abstracts which provided applicants an interim opportunity for TPB staff to review project concepts and to provide feedback on how to develop stronger TLC applications.

This year, the maximum request for preliminary engineering/design was \$100,000 and the maximum request for planning projects was \$80,000.

As in previous years, the TLC application process was combined with the Regional Roadway Safety Program (RRSP), which is a TPB program that operates on the same model as TLC. Applicants had the opportunity to submit one joint application for both programs – or they could choose to apply just for one program. Two applications were submitted for both programs. One of the selected TLC projects this year applied for both applications, the *Neighborhood Greenway Guidelines and Strategy Toolkit* from Charles County.

The TPB received 10 TLC applications for FY 2027 – 7 from Virginia, 3 from Maryland, and none from the District of Columbia. The total funding request for the entire application package was \$880,000.

For this application cycle, \$480,000 is available. This includes three funding sources:

- \$300,000 from the TPB's FY 2025 UPWP core regional planning funds. Applications from all TPB jurisdictions are eligible for these funds
- \$90,000 from the Virginia UPWP Technical Assistance account for projects in Virginia
- \$90,000 from the Maryland UPWP Technical Assistance account for projects in Maryland

SELECTION PROCESS

The selection panel included the following members:

- Michael Weil, Panel Chair, National Capital Planning Commission
- Douglas Noble, Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE), Selection Panelist
- Claire Randall, Transportation Research Board, Selection Panelist
- Mike Farrell, COG/TPB staff, Selection Panelist

John Swanson, former COG staffer, facilitated the meeting. Janie Nham of the COG staff participated in the panel meeting as a technical resource for safety and freight-related questions. Jamie Bufkin of the COG staff provided support.

The selection panel met on April 16 to review the applications and develop a list of recommended projects for the FY 2027 round of TLC technical assistance. The selection panel used established regional evaluation criteria and their own extensive industry knowledge to assess the proposed projects. The selection panel members individually reviewed and scored each application in advance of the meetings based on their assessments of the projects as well as regional criteria. The panel members then used their scores to divide the applications into rankings of high/medium/low. The rankings served as a starting point for the panel's collective discussion.

Based upon discussion of the regional and local merits of the applications, the selection panel developed a list of six projects to recommend to the TPB for approval. The panel believes this package of projects will be locally and regionally beneficial. In developing the list, the panel strove to equitably allocate funding shares of different sizes among the region's jurisdictions, while also attempting to create a slate of projects that addresses regional priorities across a range of topics affecting core, inner, and outer jurisdictions.

Unselected projects were ranked by the selection panel. Should MDOT or VDOT provide additional funding from their technical assistance, staff would reference the selection panel's ranking of the remaining projects to identify the next projects to be funded for FY 2027.

PROPOSED PROJECT COMPLETION TIMELINE

TPB staff request that the TPB approve the proposed slate of six projects for funding under the FY 2027 TLC technical assistance program. Upon approval of the projects, TPB staff will begin to coordinate with the jurisdictions that have been awarded technical assistance to commence the consultant selection process from the pre-qualified list of TLC consultants. All projects will begin soon after consultant task orders are signed. The projects will be scheduled for completion by June 30, 2027.

For further information regarding the TLC program, contact Janie Nham (jnham@mwkog.org) or Jamie Bufkin (jbufkin@mwkog.org) of the TPB staff.

TLC Program
 FY 2027 Applications and Recommendations

Jurisdiction	State	Project Title	Requested Funding	Panel Recommendations
Charles County	MD	Neighborhood Greenway Guidelines and Strategy Toolkit	60,000	60,000
Montgomery County	MD	Domer Avenue Neighborhood Greenway	100,000	100,000
Rockville, City of	MD	A Bench for Every Bus Stop: A Feasibility Study to Provide Seating for All Bus Stops in Rockville	80,000	80,000
MARYLAND TOTAL REQUEST			240,000	240,000
Alexandria, City of	VA	Bicycle Network Gap Analysis and Conceptual Design	80,000	80,000
Arlington County	VA	North Carlin Springs Road Multimodal Alternatives Analysis	80,000	80,000
Fairfax County	VA	Kingstowne Village Parkway Safety Project	100,000	
Prince William County	VA	Minnieville Road Shared Use Path (SUP) Preliminary Engineering and Design (Elm Farm Road to Fowke Lane)	100,000	
Prince William County	VA	Parking Demand Study	80,000	80,000
Prince William County	VA	Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail (PHNST) Gap 3 Design and Triangle Connectivity (Inn St and Old Triangle Road)	100,000	
Prince William County	VA	Dumfries Fairground Trail Design (Prince William County to City of Manassas Connection)	100,000	
VIRGINIA TOTAL REQUEST			640,000	240,000
TOTAL			\$880,000	480,000