



FY 2027 MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES SET-ASIDE PROGRAM

Recommendations for Funding

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Agenda Item #7

Overview

- TA Set-Aside Background
- TPB TAP Selection Process
- Funding and Project Recommendations



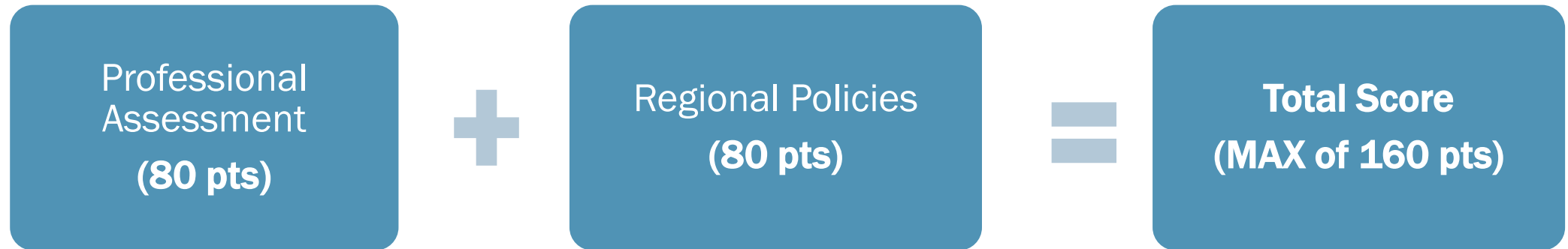
TAP Background

- **PURPOSE:** A federal formula program that provides funding to projects considered “alternatives” to traditional highway construction
- **FEDERAL AUTHORIZATION**
 - MAP-21 (2012) – Established as the “Transportation Alternatives Program”
 - FAST Act (2015) - Renamed “Transportation Alternatives Set- Aside Program”
 - IIJA (2021) – Increased funding
- **TPB ROLE:** Large MPOs are sub-allocated funds and given the responsibility for selecting projects for those funds



TPB TAP Selection Process

- Selection panel included staff from DDOT, VDOT, and the TPB. Staff from MDOT served as a technical resource.
- Panel members individually scored projects.



- The selection panel used the average scores as a basis for discussion. However, the final recommendations were based on consensus.

Funding

6 applications were received

- Combined Funding Request: \$4,553,713
- Funds Available to TPB: \$2,000,000
- Recommended for Funding: \$2,000,000

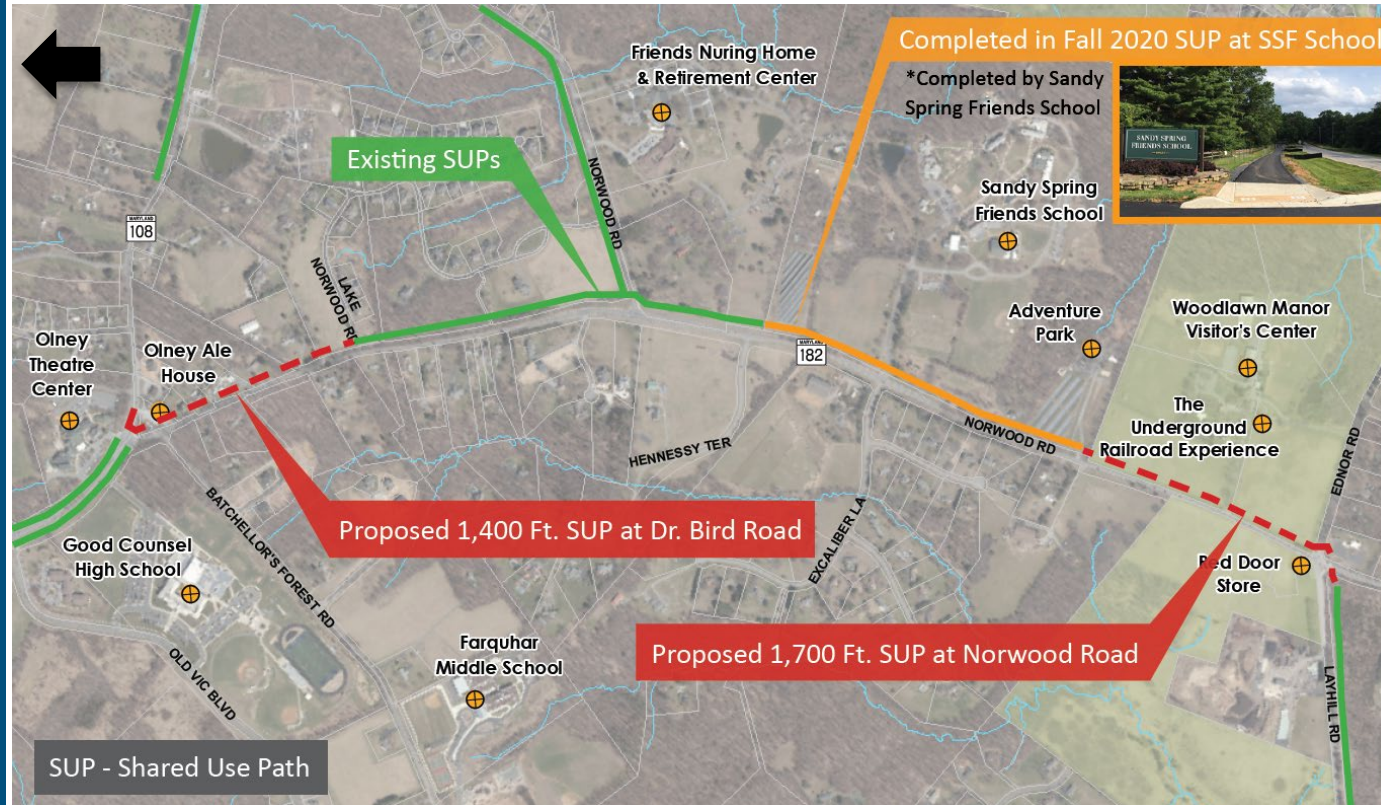


Project Recommendations

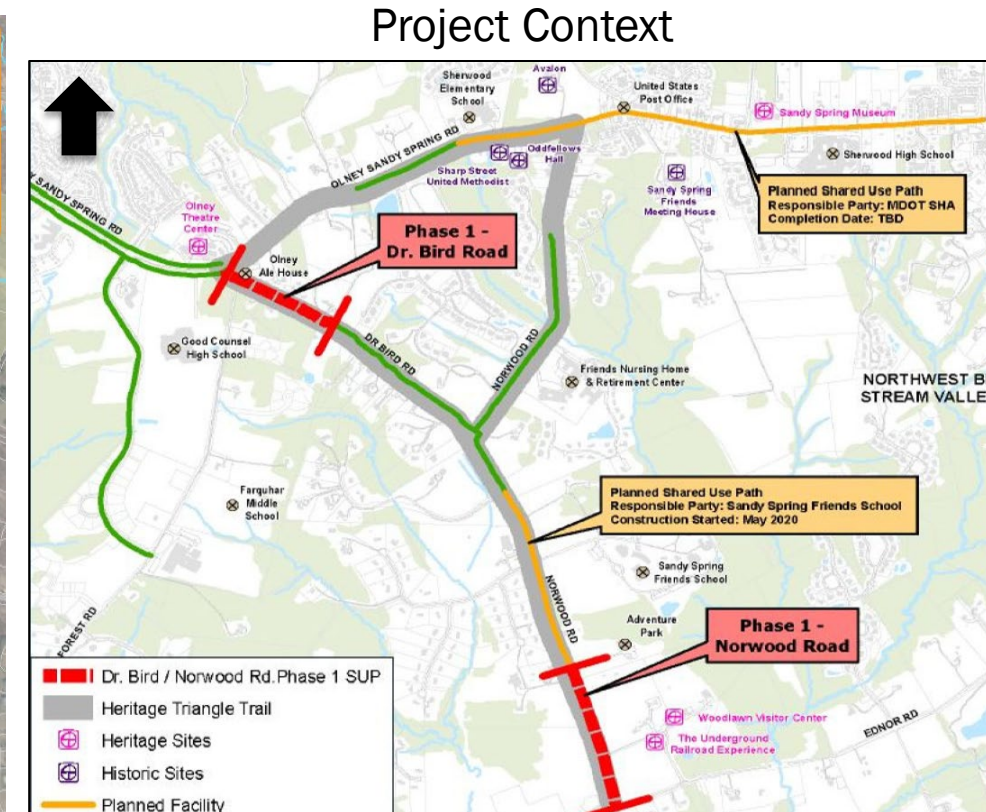
Project Name	Sponsor	Recommendation
Heritage Triangle Trail Phase 1: Dr. Bird Road/Norwood Road Shared Use Path	Montgomery County	\$2,000,000



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Staff Recommendations

TPB staff recommend the Board vote to adopt R1-2027.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board approves the projects for federal funding under the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program for FY 2027 in Maryland, as listed below:

- \$2,000,000 Heritage Triangle Trail Phase 1: Dr. Bird Road/Norwood Road Shared Use Path, Montgomery County



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