



MEMORANDUM

TO: TPB Technical Committee
FROM: Janie Nham, TPB Planning Manager
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SUBJECT: FY 2026 Regional Roadway Safety Program Technical Assistance Funding Recommendations
DATE: May 2, 2025

This memo provides information on the recommendations of the Selection Panel for the sixth round of technical assistance under the Regional Roadway Safety Program (RRSP). The panel met in April and recommended four projects for funding. The TPB is scheduled to vote on the panel's recommendations on May 21.

FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FY 2026

A total of \$320,000 was authorized for the current round of the Regional Roadway Safety Program. Following an evaluation process and joint deliberation, the RRSP selection panel recommends four projects for funding. The recommended projects support several key TPB safety priorities:

- All four projects address one or more of the funding priorities outlined in TPB Safety Policy Resolution R3-2021.
- All projects encourage improved road user behavior through improved infrastructure design.

The projects recommended for funding are:

MARYLAND

Rollins-Twinbrook Complete Street Feasibility Study

City of Rockville, \$80,000

This project will develop preliminary alternatives for redesigning Rollins Avenue and Twinbrook Parkway to support multimodal transportation, including bicycle lanes, pedestrian crossing improvements, traffic calming measures, bus stop enhancements, and wider sidewalks. The Rollins-Twinbrook corridor is in a MWCOG Regional Activity Center and provides access to the Twinbrook Metrorail station, adjacent neighborhoods, a park and community center, commercial assets, bus stops, and the planned National Capital Trail Network trail and BRT line along MD 355. This project has a history of crashes, including 63 injury crashes over the past ten years.

VIRGINIA

High School Pedestrian Safety Improvements Study

Prince William County, \$80,000

This project will conduct a planning study to identify and prioritize locations near County high schools for safety improvements, based on data driven criteria including student population density in

walksheds, crash reports, and traffic counts. The project will recommend proven pedestrian safety improvements to develop Safe Routes to Schools projects for implementation, as well as incorporation into the County's Comprehensive Traffic Safety Action Plan.

Braddock Road Safety Improvements

City of Alexandria, \$80,000

This project will develop conceptual design alternatives for safety improvements on Braddock Road between Quaker Lane and North Van Dorn Street in response to an increase of pedestrian traffic with many students walking between the updated Minnie Howard Campus of Alexandria City High School and the main campus. The project will include existing conditions analysis, traffic analysis, and community outreach. This project is listed in the City's Complete Streets Five-Year Work Plan.

Central Annandale Pedestrian Safety Improvements at Tom Davis Drive

Fairfax County, \$80,000

This project will develop engineering designs for permitting and construction for an innovative traffic calming project for Tom Davis Drive in Annandale. This county-managed street connects two major corridors and provides access to community and retail service assets. The project will develop designs for traffic calming measures such as protected bike lanes, painted meanders, and chicanes to enhance pedestrian and cyclist safety. The County is planning an asphalt mural project, developed in partnership with the surrounding community and businesses to create a culturally relevant sense of place and supplement the project's traffic safety improvements. The census tract where the project is located has the highest rate of pedestrian fatalities in Fairfax County.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The TPB solicited applications from member jurisdictions for this year's FY 2026 RRSP round from January 6 through March 7, 2025. Applicants could submit optional abstracts, which provided them with preliminary feedback from TPB staff on how to strengthen their submissions. Applicants were eligible to receive up to \$80,000 in technical assistance for planning projects and up to \$100,000 for preliminary engineering projects (up to 30 percent design).

As in previous years, the RRSP application process was combined with the Transportation-Land Use Connections Program, which is a TPB program that operates on the same model as RRSP. Applicants had the opportunity to submit one joint application for both programs – or they could choose to apply just for one program. Three applications were submitted for both programs.

The TPB received 11 applications (one from the District of Columbia, three from Maryland jurisdictions, and seven from Virginia jurisdictions) requesting a total of \$890,000 in technical assistance. The District of Columbia requested \$100,000 total in assistance, Maryland jurisdictions requested \$240,000 total in assistance, and Virginia jurisdictions requested \$550,000 total in assistance. For FY 2026, the RRSP was funded for \$320,000. This budget includes five funding sources:

- \$180,000 from the TPB's FY 2026 UPWP core regional planning funds
- \$62,000 of Virginia UPWP Technical Assistance
- \$42,000 of Maryland UPWP Technical Assistance
- \$36,000 of District of Columbia UPWP Technical Assistance

SELECTION PROCESS

The selection panel included the following members:

- Tim Richards, Maryland Highway Safety Office
- Cecil Niles, District Department of Transportation
- Bobby Mangalath, Virginia Department of Transportation
- Victoria Caudullo, COG/TPB staff

The selection panel met on April 21 to review the project applications and develop a list of recommended projects. Panelists applied TPB funding priorities as well as their own extensive knowledge of roadway safety to assess the proposed projects. Each panel member individually reviewed and scored each application in advance of the meeting and assigned each application a high, medium, or low ranking based on their scores. The rankings served as a foundation for the panel's collective discussion.

Based upon a consensus developed through the panel's April 21 meeting and subsequent exchanges, the selection panel developed a list of four projects to recommend to the TPB for approval. The panel believes this package of projects will result in safety improvements, including fewer deaths and injuries. In developing its recommendations, the panel strove to equitably allocate program funds between each state while taking into consideration the strongest project applications.

The application from the District of Columbia was selected for funding through MWCOC's Transportation-Land Use Connections program.

PROPOSED PROJECT COMPLETION TIMELINE

On May 21, 2025, the TPB will be asked to approve the recommended collection of four projects for technical assistance funding under the FY 2026 RRSP. Upon approval, TPB staff will coordinate with the relevant jurisdictions to finalize project scopes of work and begin the consultant selection process. Work on the specific projects will begin after consultant contracts are signed. The projects are anticipated to be completed by June 30, 2026.

For further questions regarding the RRSP, please contact Janie Nham (jnham@mwccog.org) or Victoria Caudullo (vcadullo@mwccog.org).

RRSP PROGRAM
FY 2026 APPLICATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Jurisdiction Name	State	Project Name	Request	Panel Recommendation
DC	DC	Curbless Street Design Specification	\$100,000	Funded via TLC
City of Frederick	MD	Frederick Roadway Safety Campaign	\$80,000	
City of Rockville	MD	Rollins-Twinbrook Complete Street Feasibility Study	\$80,000	\$80,000
Montgomery County	MD	Utilizing AI (Computer Vision) for Conflict Detection and Potential Safety Enhancements at Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon Locations	\$80,000	
City of Alexandria	VA	Braddock Road Safety Improvements	\$80,000	\$80,000
City of Manassas	VA	Manassas First Traffic Garden Design	\$30,000	
Fairfax County	VA	Westpark Drive Safety Project	\$100,000	Funded via TLC
Fairfax County	VA	Central Annandale Pedestrian Safety Improvements at Tom Davis Drive	\$80,000	\$80,000
Prince William County	VA	Port Potomac-Indus Drive Traffic Calming Preliminary Engineering	\$100,000	
Prince William County	VA	Hedges Run Drive & Cotton Mill Drive Roundabout Study	\$80,000	
Prince William County	VA	High School Pedestrian Safety Improvements Study	\$80,000	\$80,000
TOTAL			\$890,000	\$320,000
TOTAL AVAILABLE				\$320,000