

UPWP TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE OVERVIEW & COORDINATION

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Technical Assistance Program Overview

- The program is unique to TPB and is not federally mandated
- Assists state and local governments as well as transit operating agencies with projects that advance metropolitan planning, including regional goals, priorities, and aspirations
- Applies TPB-developed tools, techniques, data, and staff capabilities
- Projects vary from pre-planning studies to travel modeling to data collection across metropolitan Washington
- Occasionally consultants are hired to support projects if special expertise or additional capacity is needed



Overview: 4 General Project Categories

1. Assisting state and local agencies in pre-planning analyses

- Montgomery County, working with the Maryland State Highway Administration, requested support in analyzing feasibility of BRT
- Virginia Park and Ride study

2. Internal data gathering

- I-95/I-395 HOV counts
- Non-motorized counts in the District of Columbia and Virginia

3. Studies that can help inform larger regional interests

- Commuter Bus Parking Study
- Regional Bus Service Provision Study
- MARC-VRE Run Through Service Study

4. Augmenting funding availability for TPB local technical assistance grant programs

- Transportation Land-Use Connections (TLC)
- Regional Roadway Safety Program (RRSP)
- Transit Within Reach (TWR)



How is the Program Funded

- Funding is based upon an agreed-upon percentage of the total new FTA and FHWA planning funding passed through each state into TPB Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).
- **\$1.6 million total FY 2026 Technical Assistance Budget**
 - \$303,000 – District of Columbia
 - \$538,000 – Maryland
 - \$473,000 – Virginia
 - \$275,000 – Regional Transit



Seeking Input and Ideas

- What regional planning needs exist in your jurisdiction or agency? What are you aware of and should be considered for FY 2026...? During the next few of years?
- Two thresholds to be considered for funding:



Next Steps

- Contact your state or regional transit Technical Assistance representative as well as the TPB Technical Assistance Program Manager to discuss your idea

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- Eligible projects will be evaluated for inclusion in the UPWP by the TPB State Technical Working Group



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