

**ITEM 9 – ACTION**  
**December 17, 2025**

**2026 Enhanced Mobility Grant Program Approval**

**Action:** Adopt Resolution R6-2026 to approve funding recommendations for Enhanced Mobility.

**Background:** The board will be briefed on the projects recommended for funding under the Federal Transit Administration's Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program for the Washington DC-VA-MD Urbanized Area. The board was briefed on the solicitation and selection process at its July and November meetings and the TPB officers have concurred with the recommended projects for funding. The board will be asked to approve the recommended projects for funding.

**NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD  
777 North Capitol Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20002**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PROJECTS FOR FUNDING UNDER THE FEDERAL TRANSIT  
ADMINISTRATION'S SECTION 5310 ENHANCED MOBILITY OF SENIORS AND INDIVIDUALS  
WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB), which is the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Washington Region, has the responsibility under the provisions of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, reauthorized November 15, 2021 when the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) was signed into law, for developing and carrying out a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process for the metropolitan area; and

**WHEREAS**, IIJA authorizes the Federal Transit Administration's Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility program to provide capital and operating grants to eligible subrecipients to "improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities by removing barriers to transportation services and expanding the transportation mobility options available"; and

**WHEREAS**, under IIJA, projects funded by the Enhanced Mobility program must respond to strategies in a "locally developed, coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan"; and

**WHEREAS**, in June 2013, the Governor of Maryland, the Governor of Virginia and the Mayor of the District of Columbia designated the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG), as the administrative agent for the TPB, the recipient of the Enhanced Mobility program for the Washington, DC-VA-MD Urbanized Area; and

**WHEREAS**, the TPB adopted an Update to the Coordinated Human Service Transportation Plan at its regular meeting on May 17, 2023 (TPB Resolution R11-2023), which includes the comments and input of the TPB's Access for All Advisory Committee received on February 27, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the Coordinated Plan includes the priority projects and selection criteria to be used in the solicitation and selection of Enhanced Mobility grants; and

**WHEREAS**, a solicitation for Enhanced Mobility grant applications was conducted from August 1 through September 30, 2025, during which more than 3,000 individuals received an announcement of the grant opportunity; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 60 individuals attended one of **three** pre-application conferences conducted during the solicitation period for interested organizations and agencies to receive technical assistance on the application process and FTA requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, a selection committee comprised of local and national experts in transportation and human services met on December 2, 2025 to review the applications and evaluate them against the selection criteria; and

**WHEREAS**, the selection committee recommended funding 25 projects described in the attached memorandum; and

**WHEREAS**, there is \$5,349,143 from FY 2024, \$5,418,589 from FY 2025, (less allowable Program Administration) allocated to COG for supporting projects in the Washington, DC-VA-MD Urbanized Area program for a total of \$10,767,732 million in federal funding to be awarded in this round towards the projects recommended for funding; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 17, 2025 the TPB adopted the FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and funding for this program and all its projects is included in the TIP (TIP ID T6366); and

**WHEREAS**, full funding for this program and all its projects is included in the Visualize 2050 long-range plan financial analysis.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD** approves 25 projects for funding described in the attached memorandum.



National Capital Region  
**Transportation Planning Board**

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Transportation Planning Board

**FROM:** Mr. Canek Aguirre, TPB Member  
Ms. Cherice Sansbury, Enhanced Mobility Program Manager

**SUBJECT:** Funding Recommendations for the Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program and Amendment of the TIP

**DATE:** December 17, 2025

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This memorandum describes the funding recommendations for the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities grant program. This program supports projects that remove barriers to transportation and expand mobility options for older adults and individuals with disabilities in the National Capital Region. The Transportation Planning Board (TPB) will be asked to adopt Resolution R6-2026 to approve the funding recommendations described below.

A solicitation for projects occurring in summer 2025 yielded 31 applications that sought \$20.7 million in federal assistance. The requested amount was nearly double the available funding. The federal funding available included \$10,767,732 in FTA apportionments for FFY2024 and FFY2025, along with an additional \$887,420 reallocated in unspent funds from prior apportionments. This totaled \$11,655,162 in available federal assistance, less allowable program administration. The table below summarizes the overall funding available:

\$10,767,732	FTA FFY2024 & 2025 Section 5310 Apportionments <sup>1</sup>
(\$930,216)	Less allowable program administration
\$887,430	Additional reallocated unspent funds from prior apportionments
<b>\$10,724,946</b>	Total amount of federal funds assigned to 25 projects

The TPB Selection Committee is recommending that 25 projects receive this funding as detailed below. Additional background on the Enhanced Mobility program is provided in **Attachment C**.

**FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS**

Members of the TPB Selection Committee, chaired by TPB Board Member Canek Aguirre, reviewed all 31 projects and assigned scores according to the rubric designated in the [2023 Update to the Coordinated Human Service Transportation Plan for the National Capital Region](#). The committee met on December 2, 2025 to review and discuss the merits of each project. Following the discussion, TPB staff coordinated with Mr. Aguirre to determine funding amounts in a manner consistent with the

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<sup>1</sup> The \$10,767,732 FTA apportionment is identified in resolution R6-2026 for inclusion into the TIP.

committee's recommendations. Discussion between Mr. Aguirre, the Selection Committee, and TPB staff resulted in a recommendation to fund 25 of the 31 projects that applied to the program. A complete listing of each project, their funding request, and recommended award amount is shown in **Attachment A**. Project summaries for each recommended project are provided in **Attachment B**.

Due to strong demand for limited funds, 20 of the 25 recommended projects will receive partial funding. Where possible, funding recommendations attempt to meet the scaled budgets requests included in each project application.

Each project requires local matching funds to be eligible for the Enhanced Mobility program. Recommended projects have committed \$4.18 million in matching funds, bringing total program investment to \$14.9 million.

## **NEXT STEPS**

Upon approval of these funding recommendations at the December 17 meeting, applicants will be notified of board action and staff will develop the submittal materials for FTA review and approval. Following FTA approval, staff will work with the applicants to administer the awards.

The six projects not recommended for funding will receive a letter with feedback and suggestions for improving their application for the next Enhanced Mobility grant solicitation. Applicants will also be offered a debriefing session about their application with TPB staff.



National Capital Region  
**Transportation Planning Board**

**ATTACHMENT A: PROJECT SUMMARY TABLE**

Applicant	Location	Federal Funds Requested	Federal Funds Awarded	Total Awarded Amount (incl. Match)	Scaling Category	# Vehicles Awarded
WMATA	Washington, DC	\$1,831,480	\$1,465,568	\$1,831,960	High Funding	8
Arc of Northern Virginia	Fairfax, VA	\$940,180	\$864,813	\$1,081,016	High Funding	0
Opportunities, Inc.	Lanham, MD	\$976,093	\$652,416	\$815,520	Partial Funding	0
Capitol Hill Village	Washington, DC	\$814,110	\$732,699	\$915,874	High Funding	0
Dulles Area Transportation Association	Reston, VA	\$466,919	\$466,919	\$583,649	Full Funding	0
Jewish Council for the Aging of Greater Washington	Rockville, MD	\$343,442	\$343,442	\$429,303	Full Funding	0
Coach Transportation, Inc. DBA Koach	Landover, MD	\$1,420,703	\$715,000	\$1,222,000	Partial Funding	3
Pozez Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia	Fairfax, VA	\$443,822	\$407,928	\$513,660	High Funding	0
Chinese Culture and Community Service Center	Gaithersburg, MD	\$503,519	\$402,817	\$472,500	High Funding	4
Jewish Council for the Aging of Greater Washington	Rockville, MD	\$491,140	\$491,140	\$559,975	Full Funding	2
Fairfax County Neighborhood & Community Services	Fairfax County, VA	\$648,172	\$337,426	\$737,981	Partial Funding	0
City of Alexandria	Alexandria, VA	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$250,000	Full Funding	0
New Horizons Supported Services, Inc.	Upper Marlboro, MD	\$214,735	\$0	\$0	No Funding	0
Community Support Services	Gaithersburg, MD	\$562,346	\$437,400	\$468,623	High Funding	7
Yellow Transportation	Washington, DC	\$664,000	\$333,500	\$416,875	Partial Funding	5
Easter Seals Serving DC   MD   VA	Silver Spring, MD	\$847,837	\$763,053	\$1,398,242	High Funding	1
Boat People SOS	Falls Church, VA	\$224,000	\$208,000	\$260,000	High Funding	0
ECHO	Leesburg, VA	\$374,522	\$246,484	\$308,105	Partial Funding	2
University of Maryland	College Park, MD	\$254,138	\$127,100	\$158,875	Partial Funding	2

Applicant	Location	Federal Funds Requested	Federal Funds Awarded	Total Awarded Amount (incl. Match)	Scaling Category	# Vehicles Awarded
Transit Group	Gaithersburg, MD	\$814,009	\$205,000	\$256,250	Minimal Funding	3
Montgomery County Department of Transportation	Rockville, MD	\$878,037	\$387,450	\$484,313	Partial Funding	0
Regency Taxi	Gaithersburg, MD	\$857,912	\$220,000	\$275,000	Minimal Funding	3
Leisure World of Maryland Corporation	Silver Spring, MD	\$990,575	\$299,594	\$499,293	Minimal Funding	2
Seabury Resources for Aging	Washington, DC	\$496,305	\$255,100	\$588,190	Partial Funding	1
Arc of Greater Prince William/INSIGHT, Inc.	Woodbridge, VA	\$273,095	\$131,820	\$164,775	Partial Funding	1
Arc of Prince George's County	Largo, MD	\$105,276	\$105,276	\$210,552	Full Funding	0
Liberty Transportation Management Corporation	Washington, DC	\$2,228,626	\$0	\$0	No Funding	0
Arlington Retirement Housing Corporation	Arlington, VA	\$202,750	\$0	\$0	No Funding	0
Arc of Prince George's County	Largo, MD	\$757,466	\$0	\$0	No Funding	0
Second Family Adult Homes Inc.	Bowie, MD	\$625,629	\$0	\$0	No Funding	0
WeAchieve, Inc.	Silver Spring, MD	\$309,214	\$0	\$0	No Funding	0

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## **ATTACHMENT B**

### **PROJECTS RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING UNDER THE 2025 ENHANCED MOBILITY PROGRAM**

1. **Arc of Greater Prince William** will use this funding to procure one replacement vehicle to provide safe and reliable transportation to persons with developmental disabilities within the greater Prince William area.  
**Geographic Focus:** Prince William County, Virginia
  
2. **Arc of Northern Virginia** will use this funding to fill gaps in travel training services for people with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities through the Arc2Independence app, which provides customized Travel, Employment, Safety, and Daily Living Lessons.  
**Geographic Focus:** Northern Virginia
  
3. **Arc of Prince George's County** will use this funding to improve mobility and expand transportation options for older adults and individuals with disabilities in Prince George's County. The Arc Southern Maryland was the lead partner in the launch program Wheels to Wellness (the original name of the program) in Southern Maryland.  
**Geographic Focus:** Prince George's County, Maryland
  
4. **Boat People SOS** will use this funding for Mobility Management services for the transportation component of RISE—Road to Independence through Savings and Education, which aims to increase community awareness about available transportation options and how to enroll in RISE. BPSOS will also train staff to assist clients to overcome social and cultural barriers to access diverse transportation.  
**Geographic Focus:** Northern Virginia
  
5. **Capitol Hill Village** will use this funding to continue a Mobility Management program, in close coordination with other DC Villages, that builds on past successes of improving and increasing door-to-door transportation services, providing mobility counseling and travel training, increasing transportation stakeholders' awareness of the needs of older adults and people with disabilities, and increasing engagement with alternative transportation modes.  
**Geographic Focus:** District of Columbia
  
6. **Chinese Culture and Community Service Center** will use this funding to provide Adult Medical Daycare door-to-door transportation service on a daily basis for up to 350 older adults and individuals with disabilities, who are mostly low-income, to improve their mobility and life quality. CCACC will replace existing vehicles with 15-passenger Body-On-Chassis wheelchair-accessible vehicles.  
**Geographic Focus:** Gaithersburg, Maryland

7. **City of Alexandria** will use this funding to improve mobility for people with disabilities and older adults by teaching them to safely and independently use fixed-route transit, reducing reliance on paratransit. Participants will gain skills in route planning, boarding and exiting buses, fare payment, and safety awareness, expanding their access to employment, education, healthcare, and social opportunities.  
**Geographic Focus:** Alexandria, Virginia
  
8. **Community Support Services** will use this funding to procure seven minivans with capacity for one wheelchair and four other passengers per vehicle, to continue transportation services available to people with intensive needs due to developmental disabilities by partnering with ParaMed Medical Transportation, Inc. CSS will use minivans daily across programs serving children and adults with developmental disabilities, and increase community based services, which require specialized transportation.  
**Geographic Focus:** Gaithersburg, Maryland
  
9. **Dulles Area Transportation Association** will use this funding to aid in the travel training program that provides participants with the knowledge and confidence in riding the bus and/or metro thus providing them with more transportation options. Transportation options presentations introduce participants to transportation services that they often did not know exist thus increasing their choices for transportation.  
**Geographic Focus:** Northern Virginia
  
10. **Easterseals** will use this funding to reduce participant travel time, continue coordinating and improving transportation services, retain drivers, maintain the fleet, and replace technology. The funding will also help expand project with the acquisition of one bus.  
**Geographic Focus:** Silver Spring, Maryland
  
11. **ECHO** will use this funding to replace 2 buses. These vehicles would reduce the average age of their fleet, and the expansion van would provide employment to more individuals with disabilities.  
**Geographic Focus:** Leesburg, Virginia
  
12. **Fairfax County Neighborhood & Community Services FXMAP** will use this funding to coordinate and enhance knowledge and awareness of transportation resources by continuing to work with county and community partners to provide additional transportation options. FXMAP will also use funding to increase awareness of transportation programs and services by developing an interactive transportation toolkit, and develop and implement new transportation options for older adults and individuals with disabilities.  
**Geographic Focus:** Fairfax County, Virginia
  
13. **Jewish Council for the Aging of Greater Washington Elderbus** will use this funding to transport older adults living within a five-mile radius of six Montgomery County Senior Centers to and from the centers five days a week. JCA will provide on average at least 59

days of curb-to-curb bus transportation to and from Senior Centers each quarter. Also in this project will acquire two buses to help with expansion of the project.

**Geographic Focus:** Rockville, Maryland

14. **Jewish Council for the Aging of Greater Washington NVD** will use this funding to build on current volunteer driving coordination program by expanding capacity and effectiveness. The initiative provides shared resources (ride scheduling systems, background checks, subsidized rides), supports program development (guidance for start-ups, driver training, recruitment), and offers free technical assistance (software helpdesk, troubleshooting).

**Geographic Focus:** Rockville, Maryland

15. **Coach Transportation (DBA Koach)** will use this funding to ensure older adults and individuals with disabilities will not experience a gap in communication of services by offering affordable and reliable transportation for passengers who require wheelchair accessible vans. Koach will coordinate with non-profits and local government agencies while expanding project with the acquisition of three vehicles.

**Geographic Focus:** Metropolitan Washington

16. **Leisure World of Maryland Corporation** will use this funding to establish a fare-free flexible transit system that coordinates Leisure World's buses and Dial-A-Ride (DAR) services to adjust to daily demand for older adults and residents with disabilities. Expanding the DAR with five new ADA-accessible minivans will help residents with mobility and sensory impairments reach healthcare, groceries, and social activities. Along with the acquisition of two ADA minivans will support the Blue, Green, and Red metro lines.

**Geographic Focus:** Silver Spring, Maryland

17. **Montgomery County Department of Transportation** will use this funding to improve the physical infrastructure at priority bus stops that serve communities with a high percentage of older adults and people with disabilities. Through these improvements, older adults and people with disabilities will have better access to bus stop facilities and experience a safer transit system. Benches and shelters will provide practical and comfortable seating options for passengers waiting for public transportation, while additional lighting will improve safety.

**Geographic Focus:** Montgomery County, Maryland

18. **Opportunities, Inc.** will use this funding to continue travel training program for program participants who have intellectual and developmental disabilities, in partnership with the Arc of Northern Virginia. Opportunities will also hire new employees to help expand the program.

**Geographic Focus:** Prince George's and Montgomery County, Maryland

19. **Pozez Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia** will use this funding to increase the capacity and effectiveness of volunteer driving programs through the following activities: providing resources (bulk purchasing of ride scheduling portal system, background checks, subsidized rides for unmet rides), program development (support to start-up volunteer driver

programs, enhance driver training, and volunteer recruitment) and technical assistance (helpdesk for software, troubleshooting) as well as provide essential marketing and publicity support to volunteer driver organizations.

**Geographic Focus:** Northern Virginia

20. **Regency Taxi** will use this funding to acquire three wheelchair accessible vehicles, which can significantly improve the ability to meet growing service demand. The expanded fleet will improve on-time performance and reduce delays. It will also allow support to more health and human service organizations, helping them avoid financial losses related to managing transportation logistics independently.

**Geographic Focus:** Metropolitan Washington

21. **Seabury Resources for Aging** will use this funding to replace one outdated vehicle with new 14-passenger shuttle. It will also support Transportation Coordinator staffing by offering competitive wages to attract and retain skilled drivers and to maintain service quality. The program will provide biannual driver training, while expanded outreach and promotion will increase awareness and usage of services among seniors.

**Geographic Focus:** District of Columbia

22. **Transit Group, Inc.** will use this funding to significantly improve mobility for people with disabilities and older adults by filling critical service gaps not met by existing options. By adding three wheelchair-accessible vehicles, Transit Group Inc. will expand capacity for WMATA Metro Access riders as well as Medicaid-eligible individuals using our Rides to Health program for dialysis, medical appointments, and treatments.

**Geographic Focus:** Prince George's and Montgomery County, Maryland

23. **University of Maryland** will use this funding to replace two paratransit minivans with wheelchair accessible minivans for the provision of safe and reliable paratransit service to all members of the UMD community.

**Geographic Focus:** College Park, Maryland

24. **Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority** will use this funding for the acquisition of 8 vehicles this project will provide increased, timely customer mobility for people with disabilities throughout the region. The Project will improve safety, reliability, comfort, and customer satisfaction.

**Geographic Focus:** Metropolitan Washington

25. **Yellow Transportation, LLC** will use this funding to repair and maintain vehicles that are over 9-years-old in active service. Five wheelchair accessible vehicles will replace these nearly obsolete vehicles with a more reliable brand this will give Yellow a more dependable and functioning fleet.

**Geographic Focus:** Metropolitan Washington



## PROJECTS NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING

The following table shows the applications not recommended for funding. The rationale for not funding these applications include:

- Lack of coordination prioritized in the Coordinated Plan.
- Marginal impacts to the underserved populations of the region compared to other projects.
- Lack of financial capability to match the federal funds available.

Denied applicants will receive recommendations for improving their application for the next grant solicitation and will also be offered a debriefing about their application with TPB staff.

Applications Not Recommended for Funding			
Applicant	Geographic Focus	Proposed Project	Federal Funds Requested
Arc of Prince George's County	Prince George's County, Maryland	Continue to enhance the ability to provide specialized transportation to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to whom we currently provide service. With the acquisition of 10 vehicles will have fully functioning fleet of wheelchair-accessible vehicles.	\$757,466
Arlington Retirement Housing Corporation	Arlington, Virginia	Support door to door reliable access to medical care, essential services, and social support for Arlington Neighborhood Village members by contracting with WeDriveU to provide a certified transit driver and a bilingual coordinator for scheduling and door-through-door assistance.	\$202,750
Liberty Transportation Management Corporation	Metropolitan Washington	Procure (30) thirty Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles, thereby by replacing our aging (30) WAV currently in use for seniors and disabled residents in the DC Metropolitan area who cannot use a standard taxi sedan.	\$2,228,626
New Horizons Supported Services, Inc.	Prince George's and Montgomery County, Maryland	Allow for round-trip, no-cost transportation for up to 102	\$214,734

		adults in our community program, available five to seven days a week. Services will be safe, reliable, and trusted by clients and families. Acquisition of one bus to help with expansion of program.	
Second Family Adult Homes	Lanham, Maryland	Provides personalized, flexible transportation for adults with developmental disabilities, addressing medical and behavioral needs often unmet by public transit. Also, the acquisition of four vehicles for door-through-door support, enabling participants to attend medical appointments, family events, church, day programs, and other essential activities beyond the reach of traditional providers.	\$625,630
WeAchieve, Inc.	Montgomery and Prince George's County, Maryland	Provide improved mobility for individuals with disabilities and older adults supported through expansion of residential fleet and replacement of aging vehicles with the acquisition of five minivans.	\$309,214

## **ATTACHMENT C**

### **2025 ENHANCED MOBILITY PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

The Federal Transit Administration's (FTA's) Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities program (Section 5310) is for improving mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities by removing barriers to transportation service and expanding transportation mobility options. Approximately \$5.35 million a year is provided to the region under the "Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill". The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, (COG) as the administrative agent for the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB), is the Designated Recipient for this program for the Washington DC-VA-MD Urbanized Area (shown [here](#)). The TPB is tasked with the management of the program, including the approval of grant awards. The TPB solicits and selects grant applications for funding every other year. The applicants must match the federal funds: 20 percent for capital or mobility management projects and 50 percent for operating projects.

### **COORDINATED HUMAN SERVICE TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

As a metropolitan planning organization, the TPB has developed a Coordinated Human Service Transportation Plan ("Coordinated Plan") for the planning area. The TPB approved an update to the Coordinated Plan on May 17, 2023. The Coordinated Plan outlines priority projects for Enhanced Mobility funding and the selection process, including the criteria found below.

### **SELECTION PROCESS AND CRITERIA**

The TPB is focused on ensuring that its Enhanced Mobility program includes a broad spectrum of programs and services for residents in the Washington DC-VA-MD Urbanized Area. To ensure that the funding is utilized by grant recipients who can effectively deliver services, the TPB's Coordinated Plan outlines selection criteria that places a strong emphasis on the institutional capacity of an applicant to manage and administer an FTA grant. There are numerous federal requirements under the Enhanced Mobility program. The selection criteria also emphasize an applicant's prior grant performance.

The Coordinated Plan outlines a quantitative scoring process consisting of six factors designed to provide a comprehensive consideration of the applicant's ability to serve the transportation needs of the region's older adults and individuals with disabilities. The factors and the quantitative scores are listed below.

## Selection Criteria for Enhanced Mobility Funding

Criterion	Maximum Points
Coordination among agencies and organizations	25
Responsiveness to strategies in the Coordinated Plan Priority Projects (up to 12 points) Address strategies in the Coordination Plan (up to 8 points)	20
Institutional capacity to manage and administer an FTA grant	20
Project feasibility	15
Regional priorities	10
Customer focus and input	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>

## 2025 SOLICITATION FOR ENHANCED MOBILITY PROJECTS

The seventh TPB solicitation for Enhanced Mobility funds was conducted from August 1 through September 30, 2025. The Access for All Advisory Committee confirmed the [seven priority projects](#) outlined in the Coordinated Plan in May 2023 for the 2025 solicitation. Applicants could submit proposals that did not address the priorities; however, proposals that did respond to the priorities received extra points when scored.

More than 3,000 individuals received an email announcing the availability of grant funds. The grant opportunity was also promoted through *TPB News*, the Transportation Planning Board's weekly e-newsletter, and COG and TPB social media accounts.

TPB staff conducted three pre-application conferences for interested organizations on the application process, the federal requirements, and project eligibility. Conferences were held in Alexandria, Virginia on July 14, College Park, Maryland on July 22, and at COG on July 30.

## SELECTION COMMITTEE

TPB Member and City of Alexandria Councilmember Canek Aguirre chaired the Selection Committee, which was comprised of four individuals representing aging, disability, transit and human service transportation coordination. The Selection Committee members were:

1. Mr. David Somers, USAging
2. Ms. Jess Maffey, Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (VDRPT)
3. Ms. Cydney Dickens, Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT)
4. Ms. Carla Longshore, DC Department of Transportation (DDOT)

After the solicitation period closed, TPB staff thoroughly reviewed all the applications received and when necessary, asked for clarifications or revised budgets from the applicants. TPB staff developed

summaries of the 31 applications and scored each application based on the selection criteria listed above.

Each Selection Committee member received the staff summaries and 31 applications and reviewed the materials prior to the meeting on December 2, 2025. The Selection Committee reviewed the applications, preliminary scores and funding recommendations with TPB staff at the meeting. After a thoughtful and deliberate process, the Selection Committee recommended funding levels as described in **Attachment A**.