



National Capital Region
Transportation Planning Board

MEMORANDUM

TO: Transportation Planning Board
FROM: Kanti Srikanth, TPB Staff Director
SUBJECT: Steering Committee Actions and Report of the Director
DATE: December 11, 2025

The attached materials include:

- Steering Committee Actions
- Letters Sent/Received
- Announcements and Updates



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At its meeting on Friday, December 5 the TPB Steering Committee reviewed the December 17 TPB agenda. There were no other action items this month, as the 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program will be approved on December 17, therefore it cannot be modified or amended until after it is approved.

TPB Steering Committee Attendance – December 5, 2025
(only voting members and alternates listed)

TPB Chair/VA Rep.: Walter Alcorn

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TPB Vice Chair/DC Rep.: Matthew Frumin

Tech. Committee Chair: Victor Weissberg

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SUBJECT: Letters Sent/Received
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The attached letters were sent/received since the last TPB meeting.



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November 18, 2025

The Honorable Sean Duffy
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590-0001

Re: Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) Grant for Maryland DOT State Highway Association

Dear Secretary Duffy:

I am writing to express the support of the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB), the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the National Capital Region for a request by Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Association (SHA) for federal funding through the Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) Grant to fund critical infrastructure improvements to enhance access to federal lands in Frederick County, Maryland.

Funding this project will improve a pedestrian crossing at South Mountain State Park in Frederick County by connecting a parking lot to the Appalachian Trail. The crossing currently presents safety challenges due to roadway curves, limited sight lines, and multifunctional trail and vehicle traffic. The improvements include relocating the crossing for better alignment, installing high visibility crosswalks, and implementing active warning devices such as Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs). Additional traffic calming measures may be employed to reduce vehicle speeds and improve driver awareness. The U.S. Department of Transportation Volpe Center is providing grant application support resources and conducted a feasibility assessment for this project in April 2025. The project represents a partnership involving Frederick County (MD), Washington County (MD), and the MDOT Department of Natural Resources.

The project is consistent with the regional transportation goals adopted by the TPB in our Regional Transportation Priorities Plan and as identified in the Washington region's metropolitan transportation plan, Visualize 2045. The TPB has long-supported investment in pedestrian safety to improve the region's transportation network. Improvements in the region's pedestrian network will provide benefits to the region's residents and visitors through higher quality transportation options. The support and promotion of non-driving modes is a key strategy of our adopted Regional Transportation Priorities Plan.

The TPB requests your favorable consideration of this request by MDOT SHA. I anticipate that upon a successful grant award, subject to the availability of the required matching funding, the region's transportation improvement program (TIP) will be amended to include the grant funding for this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Walter Alcorn".

Walter Alcorn
Chair, National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board

Cc: Mr. Sean Winkler, Senior Policy Advisor, Maryland Department of Transportation



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SUBJECT: Announcements and Updates
DATE: December 11, 2025

The attached documents provide updates on activities that are not included as separate items on the TPB agenda.

Transportation Planning Board's December meeting



December 17, 2025
12:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.



2300 Wilson Boulevard, 1st
Floor, Arlington, VA 22201



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Transportation Planning Board
FROM: Lyn Erickson, Plan Development and Coordination Program Director
SUBJECT: TPB, Technical Committee and Steering Committee Dates for Calendar Year 2026
DATE: November 13, 2025

The Transportation Planning Board (TPB), TPB Technical Committee and TPB Steering Committee meeting dates for calendar year 2026 are found below. As permitted in the TPB Bylaws, up to 3 meetings can be scheduled in an all-virtual manner, and these meetings will be identified in January.

Please note that during the months highlighted in the table below, TPB meetings will be held at the National Association of Counties (NACO) offices across the street from the COG building: 660 North Capitol Street, NW Suite 400 Washington, DC 20001.

2026 TPB, TPB TECHNICAL COMMITTEE AND TPB STEERING COMMITTEE DATES			
	TPB Technical Committee	TPB Steering Committee	Transportation Planning Board
	1st Friday at 9 AM	1st Friday at 12:15 PM	3rd Wednesday at 12 Noon
January	9* One week later due to 2025 Dec holidays	9* One week later due to 2025 Dec holidays	21* One week later due to 2025 Dec holidays
February	6	6	18
March	6	6	18
April	3	3	15
May	1	1	20
June	5	5	17
July	1**	1**	15
August	No meetings	No meetings	No meetings
September	4	4	16
October	2	2	21
November	6	6	18
December	4	4	16

* Due to the 2025 December Holidays, meetings will occur one week later

**This is a Wednesday and is to avoid Independence Day Friday (July 4)

*** TPB meetings will be held at NACO in January, February, March, May, and June



National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board

MEMORANDUM

TO: Transportation Planning Board
FROM: Victoria Caudullo, TPB Transportation Planner
SUBJECT: Solicitation for Applications: Transportation Land Use Connections Program and Regional Roadway Program
DATE: December 11, 2025

The Transportation Land-Use Connections (TLC) Program and Regional Roadway Safety Program (RRSP) provide short-term consultant services to local jurisdictions for small planning or engineering projects that promote mixed-use, walkable communities, support a variety of transportation alternatives, or aim to improve transportation safety. The application period for the TPB's TLC and RRSP programs will open on January 2, 2026. The deadline for optional abstracts is January 21 and the deadline for applications is February 27. Any TPB member jurisdiction or agency that is a member of the Transportation Planning Board is eligible to apply.

The TLC program was established in 2007 and has funded 191 projects, totaling over \$9 million in local technical assistance. The RRSP program was established in 2020 and has funded 28 projects, totaling over \$1.78 million in local technical assistance. For both programs, planning projects are eligible for up to \$80,000 in technical assistance and design or preliminary engineering projects are eligible for up to \$100,000 in technical assistance.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The TLC and RRSP programs fund planning, design, and preliminary engineering projects. The TLC program aims to promote mixed-use, walkable communities and support a variety of transportation alternatives. The RRSP program aims to improve road user behavior, identify and design safety countermeasures, understand safety data, and encourage cross-jurisdictional safety improvements.

Local governments that are members of the TPB are eligible to apply. Services are provided by consultants on a short-term basis—typically 8 months. Project categories may include (but are not limited to):

- Corridor and transit station planning
- Bicycle and pedestrian safety and access studies
- Housing and economic development studies
- Streetscape improvement plans
- Design guidelines and roadway standards
- Trail planning and design
- Safe Routes to School planning and design
- Transit-oriented development studies
- Transit demand and feasibility analysis

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- Safety studies
- Lighting and signage improvements
- Cost estimates of improvements

These programs complement the Transit Within Reach (TWR) Program, which also funds technical assistance for local governments throughout the region. But unlike TLC and RRSP, the TWR Program only funds design or preliminary engineering projects that aim to improve walking or biking access to transit.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Any TPB member jurisdiction or agency that is a member of the Transportation Planning Board is eligible to apply. This solicitation is conducted every year. Up to \$80,000 will be available for planning projects and up to \$100,000 will be available for design or preliminary engineering projects. Recipients will receive this funding via short-term consultant services.

The upcoming application period will open on January 2, 2026 and will close on February 27, 2026. There is an optional abstract submission deadline of January 21, 2026. Applicants are welcomed to submit abstracts to the TPB for feedback on their project scopes and goals.

The selection panel for TLC will include TPB staff as well as professionals in the DC region with multimodal expertise. The selection panel for RRSP will include TPB staff as well as staff from VDOT, MDOT, and DDOT. TPB staff will ask state and regional agencies to comment on the applications. The TPB is scheduled to approve projects for funding in May 2026.

SCHEDULE

- Application period opens: January 2, 2026
- Optional abstract submission deadline: January 21, 2026
- Applications due: February 27, 2026
- Selection panel review and recommendations: April-May 2026
- TPB approves projects: May 2026
- Task Orders developed for projects: June 2026 to August 2026
- Project kickoff meetings: October 2026
- Project completion: June 2027

FUNDING PRIORITIES

TLC and RRSP applications will be scored according to eligibility criteria listed in the application. TLC projects will receive higher scores for aligning with one or more of the following priorities:

- **Multimodal transportation options:** Applications that expand transportation options, which can include bicycle and pedestrian facilities, access and safety improvements for transit stops/stations, streetcars, bus rapid transit and other transit alternatives, intermodal facilities, Complete Streets improvements, Safe Routes to School, transit service optimization, or freight planning are encouraged.
- **Land-use enhancements in Activity Centers:** Applications that support development in one or more of the region's 141 activity centers are encouraged. Regional activity centers are defined as places where jobs and housing are concentrated and where it is easy to walk,

bike, or take transit. Projects that support this criterion may promote housing, education, training, and/or employment in activity centers. Priority will be given to projects that support development of affordable housing.

- **Access to high-capacity transit and, in particular, in Transit Access Focus Areas (TAFAs):** Applications that improve pedestrian and bicycle access in high-capacity transit station areas, and in particular, in Transit Access Focus Areas are encouraged. Nearly 300 high-capacity transit stations are anticipated in the region by 2045. The TAFAs are a subset of that list. The TAFAs comprise 49 high-capacity station areas that the TPB has prioritized as opportune locations for improving ped/bike access.
- **Completion of the National Capital Trail Network:** Applications that support connections to and completion of the National Capital Trail Network, which is a regional trail network that the TPB approved in 2020, are encouraged.
- **Low income areas:** Applications that are located in census tracts where the concentration of low-income individuals is 1.5 times the federal poverty level per American Community Survey (2019-2023) are encouraged.

RRSP projects will receive higher scores for aligning with one or more of the following priorities:

- **Improving Road User Behavior:** Applications that increase seat belt use among motor vehicle occupants; reduces unsafe vehicle speeds; reduces impaired and distracted driving, and/or generally encourages safer road user behavior are encouraged.
- **Identifying and Designing Appropriate Safety Countermeasures:** Applications that identify and design appropriate safety countermeasures such as those outlined in [TPB Resolution R3-2021](#) or other evidence-based countermeasures are encouraged.
- **Understanding Safety Data:** Applications that analyze crash data to better understand jurisdictional- or community-level roadway safety issues and identify behavioral or infrastructure countermeasures to address them are encouraged.
- **Cross-Jurisdictional / Multi-Agency Safety Improvements:** Applications that feature cross jurisdictional and/or multi-agency cooperation to improve safety within a jurisdiction or in areas that straddle jurisdictional boundaries are encouraged.
- **Low income areas:** Applications that are located in census tracts where the concentration of low-income individuals is 1.5 times the federal poverty level per American Community Survey (2019-2023) are encouraged.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

The Transportation Land Use Connections (TLC) and Regional Roadway Safety Program (RRSP) abstract form and application will be available on January 2, 2026 at:

<https://www.mwcog.org/transportation/planning-areas/land-use-coordination/tlc-program/> and
<https://www.mwcog.org/transportation/planning-areas/management-operations-and-safety/roadway-safety/regional-safety-program/>

For more information, contact

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NEWS HIGHLIGHT

Celebrating regional leadership at COG's 2025 annual meeting

Dec 3, 2025



COG Board Chair Rodney Lusk, Montgomery County Councilmember Kate Stewart, and COG Executive Director Clark Mercer

More than 200 government, business, nonprofit, and civic sector leaders gathered yesterday to celebrate regional partnership at COG's 2025 annual meeting held at HQO, DC Water Headquarters. The event featured networking, regional cuisine, and the presentation of COG's annual leadership awards, including the organization's highest honor for public service to Kate Stewart. Antoine Thompson and Robert Lazaro Jr. were also recognized for their exceptional contributions to regional collaboration.



TPB Chair and Fairfax County Supervisor James Alcorn, COG Board Chair and Fairfax County Supervisor Rodney Lusk, U.S. Representative James Walkinshaw, Fairfax County Board Chairman Jeffrey C. McKay, and Fairfax County Board Member James N. Bierman, Jr.

COG Board Chair Rodney Lusk and COG Executive Director Clark Mercer spoke about the year's major accomplishments, highlighting how regional leaders across the District of Columbia, suburban Maryland, and Northern Virginia responded to significant challenges with some of the most impactful collaborations to date, including the DMV Moves regional transit plan, the groundbreaking Talent Capital workforce tool, a coordinated mutual aid response to the DCA mid-air collision, the first-ever regional forum on AI, and new interactive data projects tracking crime, the economy, and federal changes.

Congressman James Walkinshaw, the newly elected Representative from Virginia's 11th District and the former Chair of the Transportation Planning Board at COG, provided greetings and spoke about the power of local government, honored the memory of the late Virginia Representative Gerry Connolly, and noted how federal workforce cuts have impacted everyone in this region. Walkinshaw was recognized for his work for COG and TPB.



Award recipients Antoine Thompson, Kate Stewart, and Bob Lazaro, Jr.

Kate Stewart received the Elizabeth and David Scull Metropolitan Public Service Award

Kate Stewart, who just concluded her one-year term as Montgomery County Council President, was recognized for her exceptional regional leadership. In her time serving on the COG Board of Directors, including her term as Board Chair in 2023, she has been a driving force on regional initiatives to advance racial equity leadership training programs, support ambitious clean energy goals, and convene leaders around sustainable long-term funding for WMATA, helping lay the groundwork for the recently released DMVMoves regional transit vision and funding plan.

The Scull Award is presented to a local, state, or federal elected official serving a COG member jurisdiction. It is presented in the memory of Elizabeth and David Scull, two former Montgomery County Councilmembers who were strong supporters of COG and regional cooperation.



COG President and City of College Park Councilmember Denise C. Mitchell, COG Board Chair Rodney Lusk, Greater Washington Region Clean Cities Coalition Executive Director Antoine Thompson, and COG Climate, Energy, and Air Programs Director Jeffrey King

Antoine Thompson received the Stuart A. Freudberg Award for Regional Partnership

Greater Washington Region Clean Cities Coalition Executive Director Antoine Thompson was honored for advancing clean transportation, environmental justice, and workforce development throughout the region. He has partnered with COG on electric vehicle initiatives, promoted cleaner fuels, and organized regional job fairs connecting underserved residents with employment and training in clean energy, transportation, and related sectors.

The Freudberg Award recognizes organizations or individuals that provided leadership in support of regional policies or programs endorsed by COG. The award is presented in the memory of Stuart A. Freudberg, who in his 40-year career at COG, served in several leadership positions in the organization, including Deputy Executive Director from 2014 to 2020.



Former Executive Director of the Northern Virginia Regional Commission Robert Lazaro, Jr.

Robert Lazaro Jr. received the Ronald F. Kirby Award for Collaborative Leadership

Former Executive Director of the Northern Virginia Regional Commission Robert Lazaro Jr. was recognized for his career advancing sustainability, clean energy, and regional collaboration. He led NVRC's Solarize program to expand solar adoption, and his public service as a former Purcellville mayor and engagement as a member of many regional boards reflect decades of innovative, collaborative leadership for local and regional communities.

The Kirby Award honors area government executives who work collaboratively with elected officials, stakeholders, and their communities to shape a better region. The award is presented in the memory of Ron Kirby, COG's Transportation Planning Director from 1987 to 2013.

COG also elected its corporate officers for 2026

During the meeting, COG Members also elected City of Fairfax Mayor Catherine Read as Corporate President. District of Columbia Councilmember Kenyan McDuffie and City of Laurel Mayor Keith Sydnor were elected as Corporate Vice-Presidents, and City of College Park Councilmember Denise C. Mitchell was elected as Secretary-Treasurer.

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