



TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM
FOR THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

**Transportation Alternatives Program
FY 2015 Proposed Projects for
Funding in Northern Virginia**

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Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program

- A formula program under MAP-21
- Provides funding to projects considered “alternatives” to traditional highway construction
- Combines three former programs:
 - Transportation Enhancements (TE)
 - Safe Routes to School (SRTS)
 - Recreational Trails (RTP)
- Large MPOs will play a role in project selection for those program funds that are suballocated to large metropolitan regions.



Opportunities for Our Region

Fund regional priorities and goals

- Promote transportation choices and options
- Promote regional activity centers

Complement regional planning activities

- Transportation/Land-Use Connections (TLC) Program
- Regional Transportation Priorities Plan
- Region Forward



Regional Selection Criteria

Projects should strive to meet as many criteria as possible:

- Support a broad range of transportation choices within the region that maximize mobility and transportation options for non-drivers
- Improve access within and between Regional Activity Centers
- Collaboration and public involvement
- ADA accessibility and disadvantaged communities
- Safe Routes to School
- Environmental mitigation, historic preservation, and other eligible activities
- Match funding; innovation



Regional Project Selection

As outlined in the federal guidance, the TPB conducted a competitive process and selected projects in consultation with Virginia:

- VDOT reviewed the projects for readiness and eligibility, and provided feedback to TPB staff
- The Northern Virginia District CTB member allocated \$1 million and At-Large CTB members allocated \$750,000 towards projects in Northern Virginia
- The regional TA Program Technical Review Committee, chaired by Julia Koster, met to review ten remaining applications



Northern Virginia Solicitation and Funding

- VDOT's FY 2015 solicitation ran from August 1 to November 1, 2013
- MPO sub-allocation for Northern Virginia:
 - FY 2014 carryover: **\$388,078**
 - FY 2015 sub-allocation: **\$2,551,269**
 - Total MPO funding for FY 2015: **\$2,939,347**
- Northern Virginia CTB Member allocation of statewide FY 2015 funding: **\$1 million**
- Additional FY 2015 funding provided by At-Large CTB members: **\$752,185**

Total funding for TA in Northern Virginia: \$4,691,532

Total funding requests for Northern Virginia: \$4,738,475



Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Projects

Applicant Jurisdiction	Project	Federal Funding Request	TPB Funding Recommended	Notes	RAC	Rail
Arlington County	Ashlawn and Williamsburg Schools	\$400,000	\$400,000			
Fairfax County	Westbriar Elementary School	\$400,000	\$200,000	\$200,000 provided by CTB		
Loudoun County	Various locations (eight schools)	\$413,018	\$413,018			
Regional funding to SRTS projects		\$1,013,018				
Percent of FY 2015 MPO funding		35 %				

RAC = Regional Activity Center



Trail Connections

Applicant Jurisdiction	Project	Federal Funding Request	TPB Funding Recommended	Notes	RAC	Rail
Arlington County	Four Mile Run Trail Connection	\$400,000	\$200,000	\$200,000 provided by CTB	Y	Y
Fairfax County	Cinderbed Road Bikeway	\$400,000	\$400,000		Y	Y
Fairfax County	Cross County Trail – Lorton Arts	\$400,000	\$353,057	This project is recommended for partial funding		
Regional funding to Trail projects		\$953,057				
Percent of FY 2015 MPO funding		32 %				

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Sidewalk/Facility Gap Projects

Applicant Jurisdiction	Project	Federal Funding Request	TPB Funding Recommended	Notes	RAC	Rail
Arlington County	Rosslyn-Ballston Corridor Accessibility Improvements	\$200,000	\$200,000	This project implements a 2012 TLC Study	Y	Y
Prince William County	Blackburn Road Sidewalk	\$560,000	\$560,000			
Regional funding to Sidewalk projects		\$760,000				
Percent of FY 2015 MPO funding		26 %				

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Streetscape Projects

Applicant Jurisdiction	Project	Federal Funding Request	TPB Funding Recommended	Notes	RAC	Rail
Town of Herndon	Herndon Historic Revitalization Project: Phase 3	\$301,584	\$6,584	\$295,000 provided by CTB	Y	Y
Town of Middleburg	Washington Street Streetscape Improvements	\$413,688	\$206,688	This project implements a 2013 TLC Study. \$207,000 provided by CTB.		
Regional funding to Streetscape projects		\$213,272				
Percent of FY 2015 MPO funding		7 %				

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27 % of the of FY 2015 MPO funding is allocated to projects in Regional Activity Centers.



Next Steps: Regional TA Program

The TPB will conduct future solicitations in partnership with each state:

- Maryland: TPB participated in the second FY 2014 solicitation. Applications were due May 15
- District: DDOT and TPB staff are finalizing a solicitation timeline for FY 2015
- Virginia: Expect to participate in the FY 2016 solicitation this fall



TPB Action Requested

The TPB is being asked to adopt Resolution R17-2014 to approve projects for funding under the MAP-21 Transportation Alternatives Program for FY 2015 in Northern Virginia

