Regionalism in Metropolitan Washington

The Transportation/Land-Use Connections Program

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TLC Program: Context

The TLC Program provides support to local governments in the National Capital Region as they work to improve multidisciplinary coordination. Through the program, the TPB provides communities with technical assistance to catalyze or enhance planning efforts.

- Regional Planning Initiatives
- The Future of the TLC Program
The TPB Vision is the policy framework guiding the work of the Transportation Planning Board:

- The National Capital Region will achieve better inter-jurisdictional coordination of transportation and land use planning.
- The region will develop an interconnected transportation system that enhances quality of life and promotes a strong economy.
TPB’s Regional Mobility and Accessibility Study

What If the Washington Region Grew Differently?

1. More Households
2. Households In
3. Jobs Out
4. Region Undivided
5. Transit-Oriented Development
The purpose of the scenario was to take a holistic, comprehensive approach to achieving long-range regional outcomes based on multidisciplinary strategies.

- Land use analysis focuses on transit-oriented development
- Transportation analyses maximize current transportation infrastructure and explore creative funding mechanisms
- The scenario highlights the difficulty of combining strategies that, when implemented on their own, produce positive results.
MWCOG Region Forward Initiative

The Regional Forward Report is a guide that:

- Reflects shared regional goals
- Helps measure regional progress
- Demonstrates the benefits of working together

Region Forward is not a one-size-fits all vision

- Reflects the differences among our cities and counties.
- Shapes a more accessible, sustainable, prosperous and livable region over the next half-century.
The TLC Program was designed to support key strategies in the TPB’s Regional Mobility and Accessibility Scenario Study and promote implementation of TPB Vision goals:

- Promote development efforts that bring housing and jobs in closer proximity
- Focus mixed-use development around transit stations
- Foster better inter-jurisdictional coordination of transportation and land use planning
Program Components

The TLC Program began in November 2006 with two components:

Regional Clearinghouse

- Web-based source of information about local and national transportation and land use coordination

Technical Assistance Program

- Focused consultant assistance available to local jurisdictions working on innovative, coordinated plans and projects integrating transportation and land use
Regional Clearinghouse

The TLC Clearinghouse is an information resource for government agencies, community groups, and individuals:

TLC Strategies

- **Integrate** transportation and land-use planning at all scales
- Build and plan for communities with a *mix* of jobs, housing, and civic uses
- Develop housing *affordable* for a range of incomes around transit
- Foster *public involvement* in planning transportation and great places
- Broaden regional *mobility choices* and improve safety and access for alternative modes of transportation
- Maximize existing investments and effectively link new infrastructure by focusing *development around transit*
- Improve the *health* of communities and the environment
TLC Technical Assistance

- The TPB typically provides $220,000 for TLC technical assistance projects reflecting regional diversity and studying a variety of topics.
- The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) has consistently committed $100,000 - $130,000.
- Projects range from $20,000 - $60,000.
- MWCOG/TPB contracts directly with consultants.
- Project typically start in October and finish by June 30.
TLC Technical Assistance Summary

48 Technical Assistance Projects funded at $1,350,000:
- 7 in the District
- 24 in Maryland
- 16 in Virginia
- 1 Region-wide

Projects address common challenges:
- Bike/Ped Issues
- Complete Streets
- Enhancements to Transit Access
- Freight
TLC Regional Peer Exchange Network

TLC Peer Exchange Network Kickoff Forum
- Share work from past TLC technical assistance projects
- Discuss topics on which participants would like more information

Additional Peer Exchange Network Events in FY 2012
- Events from topics identified at the Forum
- Online Information Exchange
Lack of funding for multimodal/multidisciplinary projects

- Capital improvements recommended in TLC projects often do not have local capital funding identified
- Multimodal projects are difficult to fund under the current transportation funding silos

TPB FY 2011 TIGER Application

- Includes capital improvements developed from TLC projects
- Highlights the need for further design/engineering to help jurisdictions implement project recommendations
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