

5307 Review and Update

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Vanpool Alliance



- ▶ A public-private partnership that includes:
 - Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC)
 - Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC)
 - George Washington Regional Commission (GWRC)
 - Vanpool operators
 - Federal Transit Administration

Our mission is to promote and support vanpooling and serve as a resource for riders and providers. Our goal is to create a better commuting experience for riders while reducing traffic congestion and air pollution in our community.

Vanpool Alliance also generates funds



- ▶ Vanpools run individuals from areas near their home (often commuter lots) to areas near their place of employment.
- ▶ In the GWRC region that generally includes trips to Northern Virginia and Washington DC. (Trips to Richmond and Dahlgren do not generate 5307 funds.)

- ▶ Drivers report their route, miles, and number of passengers, to the Vanpool Alliance
 - ▶ The Alliance compiles and reports the data to the National Transit Database

Federal Government and PRTC magic (explained later)

- ▶ PRTC
 - ▶ Vanpool Alliance participants
 - ▶ NVTC
 - ▶ PRTC
 - ▶ GWRC

Funds available for use in GWRC region

Budget FY	Total Federal Earnings	Program Budget	NVTC Earnings	PRTC Earnings	GWRC Earnings
FY17	\$1,805,767	\$1,400,000			
FY18	\$4,726,278	\$1,636,500	\$1,354,472	\$637,422	\$571,592
FY19	\$6,211,383	\$1,630,791	\$2,483,435	\$1,123,629	\$987,172
FY20	\$7,116,863	\$1,837,500	\$2,950,017	\$1,334,734	\$1,172,640
			\$225,235	\$103,734	\$91,996
FY21	\$6,688,960	\$1,994,800	\$3,605,795	\$1,622,767	\$1,460,397

So how can the funding be used?*

- ▶ Related to Public Transportation
- ▶ Includes the Urbanized Area (TMA)
- ▶ Aligns with Jurisdictional and Regional Priorities



Note: PRTC has to be comfortable with eligibility as they are the recipient.

- ▶ **Always eligible:**
 - ▶ Transit capital (FRED, VRE)
 - ▶ Maintenance of transit related capital (FRED, VRE)
 - ▶ Transit related shelters and sidewalks
- ▶ **It depends on details:**
 - ▶ Mobility management (Healthy Generations)
 - ▶ Mobility management coordination activities/improvements/software
 - ▶ Park and ride lots (if transit serves the lot)
 - ▶ Job access and reverse commute projects (if traveling to the TMA)
- ▶ **Always ineligible:**
 - ▶ Staff time
 - ▶ Public Service Announcements/Advertising

* If the funds are determined to be "5307"

Funds currently available

Annual Funding

Budget Year	Earnings
FY18	\$571,592
FY19	\$987,172
FY20	\$1,172,640
5% Withholding Returned	\$91,996
FY21	\$1,460,397
Total Earnings	\$4,283,797

Project	Resolution	Allocations
FRED Preventive Maintenance*	18-18	\$625,000
FRED Bus Pool	18-18	\$225,000
FRED Electronic Fareboxes	18-18	\$350,000
Total Allocated		\$1,200,000

Total Available	\$3,083,797
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Possible Options for fund use*

- ▶ At the September 2020 GWRC meeting staff presented the following possible processes for allocating funds:
 - ▶ **1. Option 1: Competitive Funding Process**
 - ▶ Various entities would be invited to “apply for the funds” using a structured, transparent and objective process:
 - ▶ Begins with a Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA) in January 2021.
 - ▶ Full applications due April 2021
 - ▶ Committee makes recommendation, awards in May 2021
 - ▶ **2. Option 2: Leveraging 5307 to Reallocate CMAQ and STBG**
 - ▶ Requires a “Swap” of CMAQ/STBG funds currently earmarked for projects that could be funded instead by 5307 dollars.
 - ▶ Potentially frees up more funding for road and other projects in the FAMPO region, while still funding projects previously approved for CMAQ/STBG funds.
 - ▶ Requires coordination.
 - ▶ **3. Option 3: Hybrid of Options 1 and 2**
 - ▶ Example:
 - ▶ \$1.2 million to FRED (currently allocated, Resolution 18-18)
 - ▶ \$1.5 million for swap
 - ▶ \$1.5 million to be allocated through the competitive process.

* Assumes these are 5307 funds. Also assumes GWRC Board plays a role in the process per existing MOU.

* The asterisk*

Questions arose around:

- ▶ Who controls the allocation decisions?
- ▶ What “type” of money is it?
- ▶ How can this “type” of funding be utilized?
- ▶ How does this relate to the TIP?
- ▶ How does this relate to the UZAs?
- ▶ And many, many more ...

