

MetroAccess Strategy Study



WSTC
WASHINGTON SUBURBAN
TRANSIT COMMISSION

Pre-Solicitation Conference
Monday, August 12, 2024

Agenda

- WSTC Overview
- Scope of Work
- Work Plan, Schedule, Meetings + Coordination
- Evaluation Criteria
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WSTC Overview

- **Liaison** between the State of Maryland, Prince George's County, Montgomery County, and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) **for public transit, rail, bus, and paratransit planning and policy issues**
- Administers the Washington Suburban Transit District and has powers to **plan, develop, and oversee, on a bi-county basis, a transportation system***
- Acts as the **financial conduit for funding of mass transportation projects**. It also is authorized to levy a property tax in each county to support mass transit services, and associated debt service and administrative costs.
- Board is comprised of representatives of the Counties and State

Scope of Work

- Setting the table:
 - Reliable, safe, and effective paratransit is a critical piece of the public transit landscape in Maryland
 - WMATA operates a regional paratransit service, MetroAccess
 - Maryland represents a disproportionate amount of total MetroAccess costs – over sixty percent of total regional costs

Understanding how to provide paratransit while managing the long-term cost curve is a critical need

Task 1: Landscape and Cost Drive Analysis

- Provide a landscape analysis to understand how paratransit is provided in Montgomery and Prince George's and to understand the drivers of costs to the counties and to Maryland
 - Review, analyze, and summarize past efforts
 - Understand service demands based on current usage
 - Identify key trends
 - Review cost drivers
- Deliverable: Memorandum of findings

Task 2: Peer Review

- How peer agencies provide quality service for people with disabilities with the need for sustainable funding strategies
 - Local alternative programs
 - Current WMATA efforts/Abilities-Ride
 - National best practices
- Evaluation and comparison across programs and with MetroAccess
 - Maintaining service quality is imperative
- Deliverable: Memorandum of findings

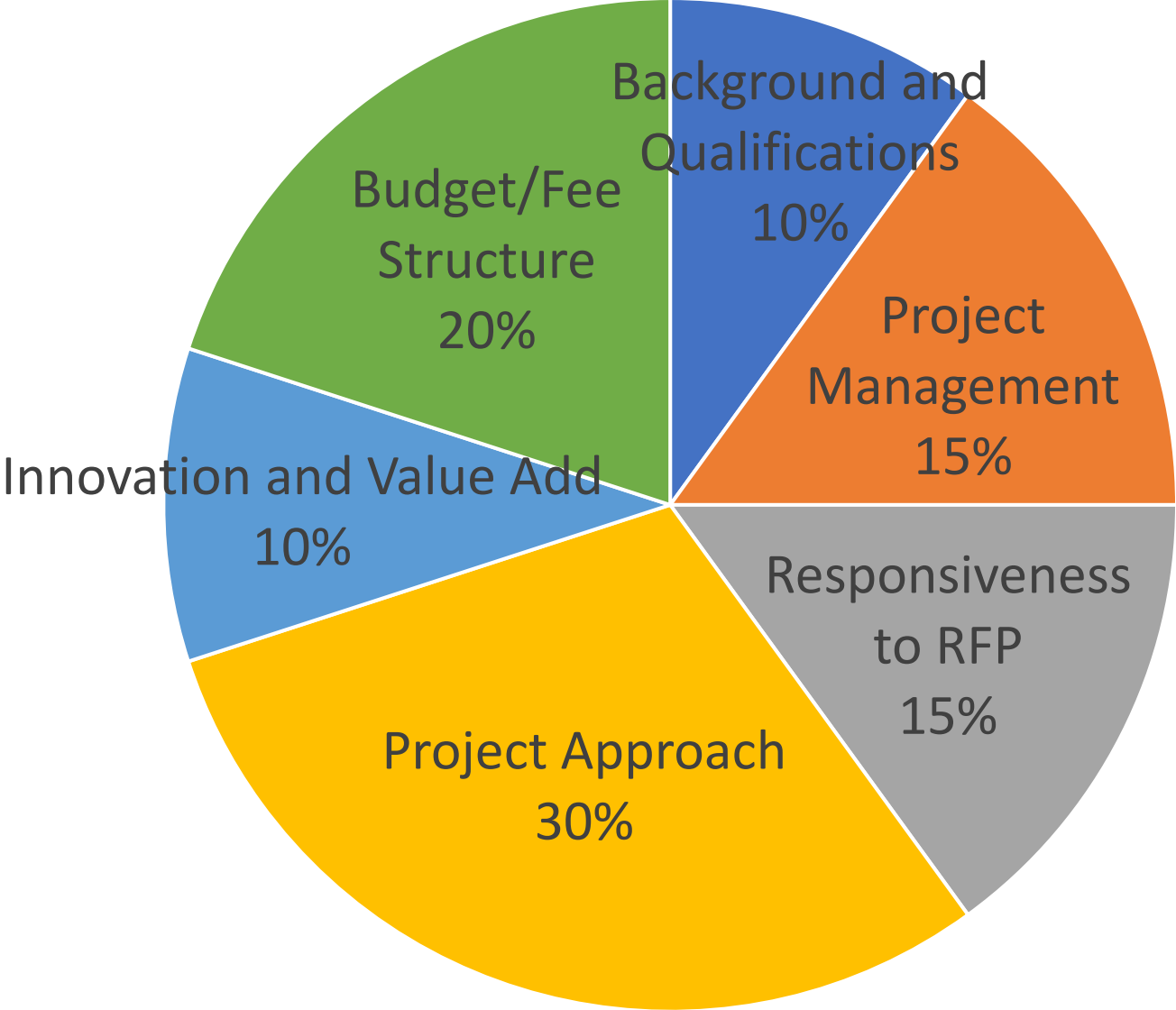
Task 3: Strategy Map and Final Report

- Propose a strategy roadmap for Maryland to consider how to refine its paratransit approach
 - Regional solutions to transform MetroAccess
 - Sub-regional solutions at the State or County level
- Must include
 - High level cost comparisons to the status quo
 - Major required policy and legislative steps
- Deliverables:
 - A written roadmap supported
 - Final report
 - Accompanying PowerPoint presentation

Work Plan, Schedule, Meetings + Coordination

- Develop a detailed work plan based on Project Approach
- Approximate 6-month duration
- Primary coordination with WSTC and MDOT staff
 - Strategic direction
 - Review of deliverables
 - Facilitate data requests
- Kick-off meeting + bi-weekly project management meetings
- Supplemented by coordination with Counties + WMATA
- Additional coordination as-needed

Evaluation Criteria



Key Dates

- Issue of the RFP: August 1, 2024
- Pre-proposal conference via Teams: August 12, 2024 at 11:00am
- Proposer Questions/Clarifications due: August 16, 2024 at 2:00pm
- WSTC responds to Questions/Clarifications: August 30, 2024 at 2:00pm
- Proposals due: September 13, 2024 at 2:00pm
- Finalist Interviews: Week of September 23, 2024

Inform Jonathan Rogers (jrogers4@mdot.maryland.gov) of intent to submit a proposal

Thank you for your interest!

Pre-Solicitation Conference Consultant Attendee List

- ADC Management Solutions
- Seam Social Labs
- Yaffe Mobility Consulting
- KFH Group
- Kittleson & Associates