

# Idaho Federal Lands Access Program Meeting

November 19, 2012

Western Federal Lands Division Office, Vancouver, WA

The Program Decisions Committee met by teleconference. The objectives of the meeting were to:

1. Discuss the Implementation Guide for the Federal Lands Access Program
2. Review the documents for the Call for Projects

## 1) Implementation Guide

- Federal Lands Access Program Implementation Guide was released by Federal Lands Highway HQ on 10/4/2012 and sent to PDC, Staff, and FLMA's for review. See <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/map21/guidance/guideflap.cfm>
- From last meeting, previous decisions were made but subject to implementation guidelines that had not been issued at that time.
- Jurisdiction or Maintenance responsibility
  - Route needs to be currently under non-federal ownership or maintenance.
  - FAQ 7 & 8 – Not eligible if currently owned or maintained by federal entity

## 2) Call for Projects

Project Selection Team (PST) staff has put together call documents for review.

### a) Schedule/Selection Process

- Get call announcement out Nov 26 or earlier
- Proposals will be due to WFLHD on 2/4/2013
- Information webinar will be done by WFLHD on 12/11/2012
- Decision by PDC 8/1/2013

### b) Cover Letter/Priorities

- Eliminated maintenance from the current call. Another Call will be crafted at a future date as these projects are quick delivery.
- AOP projects – are eligible in the call, part of regular road reconstruction
- Transit:
  - In a future call as the info required and criteria is different than road/trail projects
  - WFL proposes to move forward with this call, but go out with another call for transit and have that come in before the programming decisions need to be made on August.
- Planning and Research projects
  - Will be done in a supplemental call yet this winter.

- Full menu of projects will be available this coming August
- Feb 28 PST will meet for project evaluation and ranking in Boise
- LHTAC will run a Safety Evaluation on submitted projects
- PST Staff Changes:
  - USACE – Jamie Howard will be on the committee
  - BLM – Cynthia Kowalczyk will not be able to participate
- Project Type Priorities:
  - Use Maintenance to fill in holes of funding (quick delivery)
  - Don't want to set aside funds for certain facility types yet
  - Categorize all projects that come in for the call, and then see how the rankings fall out in the categories. PDC can then see what the total need is by category.
- WFLHD will send a notice to past applicants on their past projects to ensure that they know that they be reapply.

**Decisions:**

- Do separate calls for Transit, Maintenance, Research, and Planning. Insert language in the call letter that describes that these will be eligible in future calls.

### **c) Proposal Form**

- Asking for joint endorsement from appropriate FLMAs and road owner
- Expand on application on what the match can be composed of (FLTP, FLMA agency funds, TTP)

### **d) Evaluation Criteria**

- Resolutions coming back from County/Highway Districts.
  - Shouldn't the evaluation criteria reflect that commitment was received from the local agency?
  - Pg 7 of the application has wording to address this. Add additional wording on the commitment of the application for the non-federal match involved.
  - Jerry will send George a copy of the resolution form that LHTAC uses in their local projects.
- Bridges
  - Concern was expressed on how bridge projects will rank. These are usually critical linkages that if lost can render the route inaccessible. The project may only address a few criteria
  - Could categorize the projects and set aside funds for the types of projects after the projects come in. PST will categorize the projects for display to the PDC.

### **e) Project Status Sheet**

- Bogus Basin Chip Seal had an incorrect jurisdiction, should be Ada or Boise County.

## **f) Next Steps**

- George Fekaris will send PDC final Call documents to PDC members
- George will need it endorsed by PDC members so that it can be sent out.

## **3) Next Meeting**

- PDC meeting for initial cut review (Before PST Field Reviews)
  - March 6 – April 8; Phyllis will set up
- FLMAs will be invited to all PDC meetings.

## **4) Attendees**

The following people attended the meeting:

- Loren Thomas, ITD
- Jerry Flatz, LHTAC
- Phyllis Chun, WFL
- Tom Erkert, WFL
- Greg Humphreys, WFL
- George Fekaris, WFL
- Keith Simila, USFS
- Kay Schurtz, USFS
- Bob Kirkpatrick, USFS (for Fred and Joel)