

Access Program Status Meeting

Connecticut

November 20, 2013

Present: LPA: Jennifer Carrier, CDOT: David Elder, Peter Calcaterra FHWA: David Payne, Lewis Grimm

Teleconference Agenda Items:

- Introductions
- Status of Funding
 - CT has been allocated approximately \$35,000 in FY13.
 - FY14 funding anticipated to be about the same as FY13 funding level.
 - FY15 and beyond funding levels and to be determined with next Transportation Bill. The next Transportation Bill is expected to be similar to the current bill with similar funding levels.
- Review of draft documents
 - SOPs
 - Establish PDC: final and will be posted
 - Call for projects:
 - Proposed Goals for program in CT
 - Call for projects will be for funding in FY13 and FY14 with follow up Call for Projects for 4+ years pending evaluation of applications received.
 - Projects that have prior public dollar investments will be considered ahead of new project proposals.
 - Program size will be evaluated after applications are received.
 - Funds can be used for pedestrian access improvements, or utility relocation on access roads.
 - Initial call for projects will prefer projects to be under preliminary design, NEPA compliant, and on, or in the process of being added to, the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).
 - If there are multiple applications serving one FLMA, then the FLMA will be asked to provide their prioritized project listing at the closing of the call for projects.
 - Shovel ready, or projects where added scope is allowed, are preferred and will reinforce final ranking decisions.

- Project priorities will emphasize safety, security, maintenance, preservation, economic development, accessibility and mobility, and environmental quality.
 - Program Project Approval: final and will be posted
- State-wide agreement: Review deferred pending call for projects closing
- Project Proposal Application
 - On line at CT Access website
 - Applications will be accepted from CDOT, Local government agencies, and tribal facility owners.
- CDOT PDC notification letter: sent 5/9/2013
- Website
 - EFL: <http://www.efl.fhwa.dot.gov/programs/federal-lands-access.aspx>
 - CT Access Website: <http://www.efl.fhwa.dot.gov/programs/fed-lands-connecticut.aspx>
- PDC Meetings
 - PDC and DO will participate coordination meetings
 - PDC, DO, FLMA's, and LPA's will be notified via email prior to start of call for projects.
 - PDC will conduct project rating and ranking meeting. DO is invited, but their attendance is not required.
- Future timelines
 - Call for projects will be posted on December 2, 2013 and close March 3, 2014.
 - PDC review, rating, and ranking will extend until April 15, 2014.
 - EFL will post the program of projects by April 30, 2014.

Action/Follow up items:

1. EFL will provide updates to CT Access Program page.
2. EFL to provide draft state-wide agreement to PDC for review and comment by December 9, 2013.