

Access Program Status Meeting

Massachusetts

October 22, 2013; follow up meeting on November 4, 2013

Present: LPA: Jim Hadfield, Paul Mission, MDOT: Bill Palmer, FHWA: David Payne, Lewis Grimm, Paul Maloney

Teleconference Agenda Items:

- Introductions
- Status of Funding
 - MA has been allocated approximately \$370,000 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 MA
 - 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.
 - Project proposal value is preferred to be no more than approximately \$700,000.
 - 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.
 - 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 MA Access website
 - Applications will be accepted from MDOT, Local government agencies, and tribal facility owners.
- MDOT PDC notification letter: sent 5/9/2013
- Website
 - EFL: <http://www.efl.fhwa.dot.gov/programs/federal-lands-access.aspx>
 - MA Access Website: <http://www.efl.fhwa.dot.gov/programs/fed-lands-massachusetts.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 MA Access Program page.
2. EFL to provide draft state-wide agreement to PDC for review and concurrence by December 9, 2013.
3. EFL to provide project agreement template for PDC review.
4. EFL to revise draft notification email to FLMA for PDC review.
5. MDOT/LPA to provide a copy of the MDOT project review committee process for inclusion in the Call for Projects SOP.
6. EFL to provide revised CFP SOP to PDC by 11/8/13 for concurrence with Project SOP Step 2 Criteria and rating factors 11/15/13.