

Access Program Status Meeting

Maryland

February 28, 2014

Present: LPA: Steven Overbay MSHA: Mary Deitz, Brittany Jackson, Jessica Silwick
FHWA: David Payne

Teleconference Agenda Items:

- Introductions
- Status of Funding
 - MD has been allocated \$462,171 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
 - Program Project Approval: final and will be posted
 - Proposed Goals for program in MD
 - Call for projects will be for 2 years (FY13 and FY14) with a follow up Call for Projects 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.
 - The initial call for projects will prefer projects to be under preliminary design, NEPA compliant, and on existing STIP.
 - Project delivery is to be through Maryland Department of Transportation or FHWA-Eastern Federal Lands.
 - PDC prefers to award between 1 and 3 projects for the FY13-FY14 funding limits.
 - Hard or soft match requirements will be determined by the PDC on a case-by-case basis.
 - 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.
 - State-wide agreement: Review deferred pending call for projects closing

- Project Proposal Application
 - On line at MD Access website
 - Applications will be accepted from MSHA, Local government agencies, and tribal facility owners.
- MSHA PDC notification letter: sent 5/9/2013
- Website
 - EFL: <http://www.efl.fhwa.dot.gov/programs/federal-lands-access.aspx>
- MD Access Website: <http://www.efl.fhwa.dot.gov/programs/fed-lands-maryland.aspx>
- PDC Meetings
 - PDC and DO will attend 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
 - Tentative call for projects will be posted on March 24, 2014 and close May 16, 2014.
 - PDC review, rating, and ranking is planned for 6 weeks.

Action/Follow up items:

1. EFL will provide updates to MD Access Program page.
2. EFL to provide project agreement template for PDC review.
3. EFL to provide draft notification email to FLMA for PDC review.