

Appendix A - Access Program Screening Process



**Eastern Federal Lands Highway Division**

**Minnesota Access Program**

**Project Screening and Rating Criteria for General Projects**

Instructions: If the answer is yes to criteria below, then allocate points. Points are cumulative.

\*\*First two “Base” criteria shall have points, otherwise project does not move forward to Step 2 (Rating Criteria).

<b>STEP 1: INITIAL SCREENING (max 200 points)</b>		<b>Point allocation</b>
<b>Economic/Visitation Prioritization</b>		
Do FLMA, StateDOT, and Facility Owner agree that the project is an economic/visitation generator?		45
Do FLMA, StateDOT, and Facility Owner agree that the project is a priority?		45
Is Project on current State Transportation Improvement Plan?		10
<b>Base**</b>		
Submitted by facility owner**		40
Project supported by FLMA**		40
20% Match		No points
Leveraging additional funding more than the required 20% match	20% match + (1-10)% of project cost	5
	20% match + (11-20)% of project cost	10
	20% match + (21)% of project cost	20
<b>STEP 2: PROJECT RATING (max 100 points)</b>		
<b>General Projects</b>		<b>Point allocation</b>
<b>Safety (30 points)</b>		
Improves identified hazardous conditions in County or Regional safety plan/Engineering Assessment		15
Project includes pavement reconstruction with safety enhancements such as realignment, grade corrections, widening shoulders, pavement marking, etc.		10
Improves safety for wide range of users		5
<b>Accessibility and Mobility (20 points)</b>		
Identified route connects to a FLMA inventory route		5
Identified need on FLMA plan, State or County Comprehensive Plan		5
Improves or provides an ADA accessible route to the FLMA Site		3
Fills missing link in network, removes travel restriction, bottleneck		3
Improves mode choice, explores and enhances transit systems (i.e. operation and maintenance of transit facilities)		4
<b>Preservation (20 points)</b>		
Improves surface condition or deficient bridge rating		8
Enhances scenic and/or historic features		6
Reduces operating costs to user		6

<b>Economic Development (15 points)</b>	
Increases/improves access to FLMA unit/area	5
Provides Economic Benefit to the Local Community	10
<b>Environmental Quality and Sustainability (15 points)</b>	
Avoids, minimizes or mitigates issues related environmental quality	10
Provides enhancements to the environment	5
<b>TOTAL MAXIMUM POINTS (cumulative) = 300</b>	

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#### Project Screening and Rating Criteria for Studies and Assessments

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STEP 1: INITIAL SCREENING (max 200 points)		Point allocation
<b>Economic/Visitation Prioritization</b>		
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Do FLMA, State DOT, and Facility Owner agree that the project is a priority?		45
Is Project on current State Transportation Improvement Plan?		10
<b>Base**</b>		
Submitted by facility owner**		40
Project supported by FLMA**		40
20% Match		No points
Leveraging additional funding more than the required 20% match	20% match + (1-10)% of project cost	5
	20% match + (11-20)% of project cost	10
	20% match + (21)% of project cost	20
STEP 2: PROJECT RATING (max 100 points)		
Studies and Assessments		Point allocation
<b>Safety 30 (30 points max)</b>		
Will address issues related to safety		10
Will consider safety for all users (pedestrians, bicycles, motor vehicles)		20
<b>Accessibility and Mobility 30 (30 points max)</b>		
Will consider issues related to traffic congestion		10
Will explore mode choices (promote bicycle/pedestrian/transit opportunities)		10
Will enhance transit systems (i.e. operation and maintenance of transit facilities)		5
Will address missing link/travel restriction/bottleneck in network		5
<b>Economic Development 20 (20 points max)</b>		
Considers ways of attracting visitation		10

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Addresses more than one FLMA	5
Provides Economic Benefit to the Local Community	5
<b>Environmental Quality and Sustainability 20 (20 points max)</b>	
Addresses water quality and/or air quality	5
Will consider purchase or easement of additional lands	5
Will consider fish passage and wildlife connectivity	5
Will consider use of alternative fuels	5
<b>TOTAL MAXIMUM POINTS (cumulative) = 300</b>	