

# Access Program Status Meeting Notes

## Mississippi

July 17, 2013

Present: MDOT: Jeff Ely; MAS: Derrick Surette, Leslie Scott; FHWA: David Payne, Richelle Ellis

### Teleconference Agenda Items:

- Introductions
- Status of funds
  - \$2,877,288.00 allocated for 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.
  - Unobligated Funds are good for 1+3 years.
  - If funds are de-obligated after 4 years, then the funds will lapse at the end the FY that they were de-obligated if not re-obligated in that FY.
  - Obligated funds are good until expended.
- Review of draft documents
  - SOPs
    - Establish PDC-ready for final posting
    - Call for projects
      - MDOT to provide rating criteria values
      - Goals for program in MS
        - Most roads are owned by local authorities.
        - Goal is to distribute the funds across multiple projects in all regions of MS.
        - Goal is to equally distribute funding across the 3 MS transportation districts.
        - Call for projects will be for 2 years and follow up with future Call for Projects for 4 years.
        - Projects that have prior public dollar investments will be considered ahead of new project proposals
        - Program size will evaluate after applications are received
        - Projects are preferred to be at local level with multiple locations throughout state

- Projects that are “shovel ready” are preferred for this call for projects round.
  - Future adjustments to the call for projects SOP will be considered after evaluation of current application process.
- Program Project Approval-ready for final posting
- Website
  - EFL website at <http://www.efl.fhwa.dot.gov/programs/federal-lands-access.aspx>
  - MS Webpage at <http://www.efl.fhwa.dot.gov/programs/fed-lands-mississippi.aspx>
- PDC Meetings
  - Status and coordination meeting can be open to folks outside the PDC
  - Project screening and rating meetings will be PDC members only

Action/Follow up items:

1. MDOT will provide project rating response to EFLHD by 7/26/2013
2. EFLHD to provide updated SOP's to PDC by 7/31/2013
3. Proposed document posting on the website the week of August 5, 2013.
4. Proposed Call for projects tentatively set for August 19, 2013 until November 15, 2013.
5. Proposed rating and rankings completed by January 6, 2013.
6. Next teleconference meeting scheduled for 1:30 pm CDT on 8/1/2013
7. EFL to provide GIS link.
8. MDOT to provide STIP link to PDC.
9. EFL to provide our draft notification email to PDC.