

Access Program Status Meeting

Rhode Island

July 10, 2013

Present: LPA: Lindsey Callahan, RIDOT: Bob Smith, FHWA: David Payne, Teresa Parker, Richelle Ellis

Teleconference Agenda Items:

- Introductions
- Status of Funding
 - RI has been allocated \$13,644.00 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:
 - Goals for program in RI
 - Call for projects will be for 2 years 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 existing 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 on August 16, 2013.
 - Program Project Approval: final and will be posted

- State-wide agreement: Review deferred pending call for projects closing
- Project Proposal Application
 - On line at RI Access website
 - Applications will be accepted from RIDOT, Local government agencies, and tribal facility owners.
- RIDOT PDC notification letter: sent 5/9/2013
- Website
 - EFL: <http://www.efl.fhwa.dot.gov/programs/federal-lands-access.aspx>
 - RI Access Website: <http://www.efl.fhwa.dot.gov/programs/fed-lands-rhode-island.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
 - Initial Call for projects time and date will be discussed after review by our division
 - Call for projects will be posted on July 15, 2013 and close August 16, 2013.
 - PDC review, rating, and ranking will extend until August 30, 2013.
 - EFL will post the program of projects by September 10, 2013.

Action/Follow up items:

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