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### **Request for Project Applications Utah Federal Lands Access Program**

The Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) presents an exciting opportunity for state, county, and local entities to obtain funding for a variety of transportation projects accessing Federal Lands in the state of Utah. Project applications are now being accepted to develop a 5 year program of transportation projects (estimated program availability of 30 to 40 Million dollars). Preliminary engineering, construction, and construction engineering funding will become available after the program selection process has been completed.

#### **What is the deadline for submittals?**

The PDC of Utah requires all applications to be submitted by **June 10, 2016**.

#### **What is the purpose of the program?**

The goal of the Access Program is to improve transportation facilities that provide access to, are adjacent to, or are located within Federal lands.

#### **Who is eligible to apply?**

Eligible applicants include State, county, tribal, or city government agencies that **own or maintain** the transportation facility.

#### **What types of projects will be considered?**

The Access Program supplements State and local resources for public roads, transit systems, and other transportation facilities, with an emphasis on Federal high-use recreation sites and Federal economic generators. The Access Program funds are intended for design, construction, or reconstruction and **are not** intended for maintenance projects (e.g., crack sealing, chip seal, potholes, or drainage repair).

#### **How do I submit a project application?**

1. Complete the Utah Federal Lands Access Program Application found at <http://www.flh.fhwa.dot.gov/programs/flap/ut/>
2. Obtain endorsement from the appropriate Federal Land Management Agency (FLMA)
3. Send your completed project application via E-Mail to [cfl.planning@dot.gov](mailto:cfl.planning@dot.gov)

## How will projects be evaluated?

For Utah, the Access Program is administered by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) through the Central Federal Lands Highway Division (CFLHD). MAP-21 mandated and the FAST Act reinstated that decisions be made through Utah's Programming Decisions Committee (PDC) in cooperation with the respective Federal Land Management Agencies. The PDC consists of three representatives: (a) FHWA; (b) the State DOT; and (c) a "representative of any appropriate political subdivision of the state." The PDC will review project applications and rank them based on weighted selection criteria developed by the PDC. The selection criteria are reflective of needs in the state of Utah and Federal regulations and guidelines.

Members of the Utah PDC include:

- Mr. Ryan Tyler, Planning and Programs Branch Manager, FHWA - CFLHD (or designated representative);
- Mr. Bill Lawrence, Program Finance Director, Utah Department of Transportation (or designated representative); and
- Ms. Claudia Jarrett, County Commissioner, Sanpete County, (or designated representative for the Utah Joint Highway Committee on behalf of rural counties).

The Utah PDC will solicit project applications with the intent of developing a 5 year program. **Applications will be due by June 10, 2016.** Applicants must be prepared to address the match requirements (6.77%) and have the support of the pertinent Federal Land Management Agencies.

Preference will be given to those projects which provide access to **Federal high-use recreational sites** or **Federal economic generators**. Projects will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Access, mobility and connectivity;
- Economic development;
- Facility condition;
- Safety;
- Funding, coordination and cost; and
- Resource protection.

Project selection resides with the PDC. The PDC will select a balanced program made up of a range of projects with a mix of larger and smaller construction values to balance the applicant's needs with the available funding. The PDC will make its final decision based on the project proposals ability to meet the aforementioned criteria as well as project support, project readiness, agency priorities, applicant's share of project costs, availability of funds, project development delivery schedules, previous Federal investment and environmental and right-of-way time constraints.

## 2016 Tentative Project Selection Schedule:

MONTH	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September
<b>PROGRAM DECISION COMMITTEE</b>	Call for Project Applications			PDC scores and ranks applications	PDC selects short-list of applicants for development of project agreements, scoping, project delivery plan.		PDC final project selection meeting	Funded program announced
<b>APPLICANT</b>	Applications prepared and submitted				Short list of applications engaged in scoping			

*Note: Schedule subject to change*

### Who should I contact if I have questions?

Questions about the application process or the Federal Lands Access Program can be directed to: Mr. Christopher Longley, CFLHD's Access Program Coordinator at (720) 963-3733 or Christopher.Longley@dot.gov or Ms. Morgan Malley, CFLHD's Lead Access Transportation Planner at (720) 963-3605 or Morgan.Malley@dot.gov

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Sincerely yours,

### ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:

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Attachment (Project Application)