



Memorandum

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Subject: **ACTION:** Programmatic Agreement for Processing
Interstate Access Requests - Revised

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This memorandum is intended to revise the August 22, 2013, memorandum announcing Programmatic Agreements (PAs) for Processing Interstate Access Requests. Section 1405 of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) amends section 111(e) of title 23, United States Code (U.S.C.), by adding new freeway-to-crossroad (service) interchanges inside Transportation Management Areas to the list of Interstate System access change requests that FHWA can allow a State to review and make a determination of engineering and operational (E&O) acceptability (i.e., justification reports). The FHWA interprets this amendment as also allowing these types of Interstate access change requests to be among those eligible for expedited review under a PA between FHWA and a State Department of Transportation.

PAs can now include the following types of change in Interstate System access requests among those that are subject to expedited review:

1. New or modified freeway-to-crossroad (service) interchanges (including those within transportation management areas); and
2. Completion of basic movements at existing partial interchanges.

The attached PA template and related guidance are updated in accordance with the changes made by section 1405 of the FAST Act. More information on PAs can be found at:

<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/design/interstate/130822.cfm>.

If you have any questions on the PA process, please contact Michael Matzke in the Office of Infrastructure at (202) 366-4658 or Jennifer Mayo in the Office of Chief Counsel at (202) 366-1523.

Attachments