

**Welcome to the October 26, 2012,
Training Webinar for:**

Federal Lands Access Program (Access Program)

We will be starting in a few minutes

Download the 10-page implementation guidance document at:

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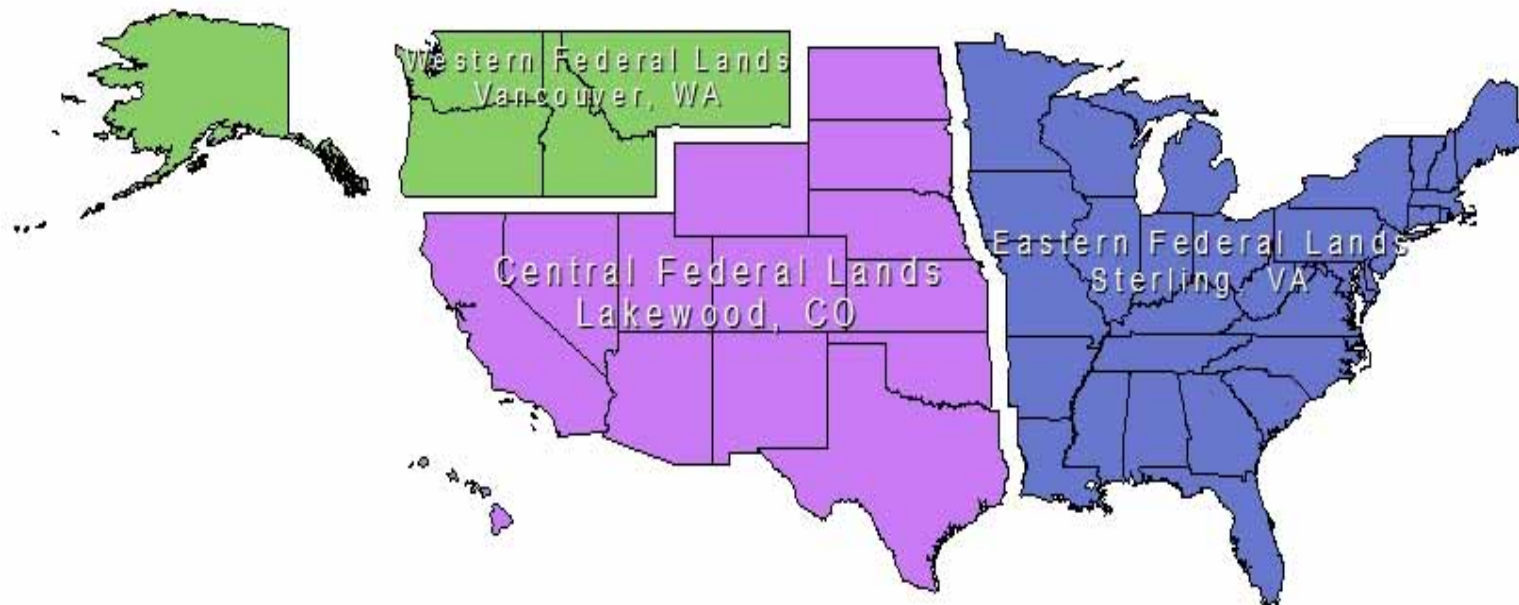
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Learning Objectives



- 1. Basic understanding of the Access Program**
- 2. Strategy and schedule for moving forward in 2013 and 2014**
- 3. Contacts and info for additional information**

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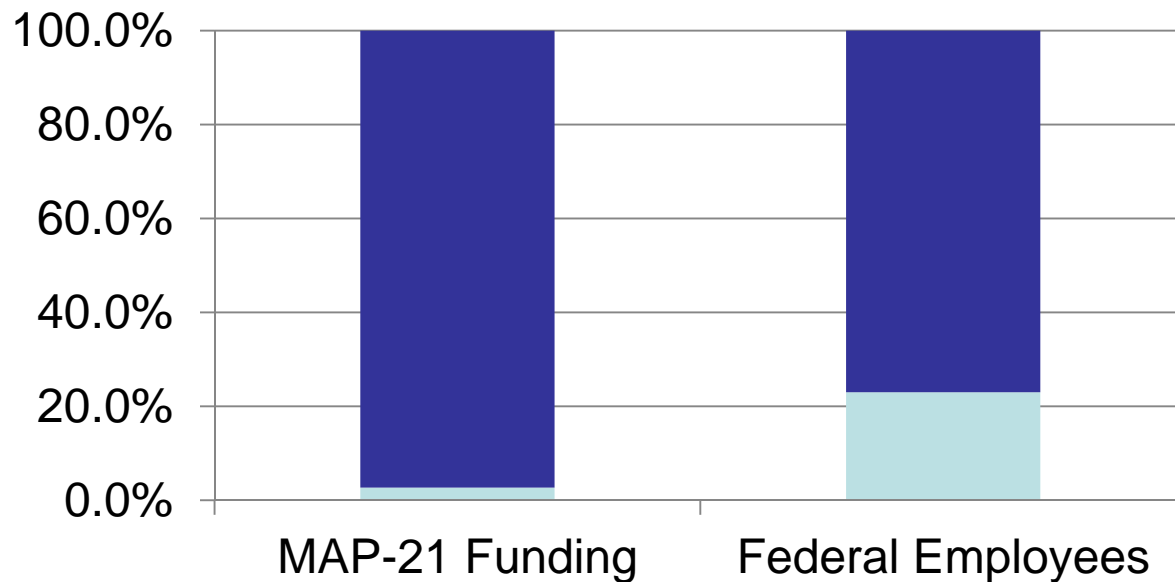


Federal Lands and Tribal Transportation Program (FLTTP)



Program	Annual \$
Federal Lands Transportation Program (NPS, FWS, FS, BLM, USACE)	\$300 million
Federal Lands Access Program	\$250 million
Tribal Transportation Program	\$450 million
<i>TOTAL</i>	\$1.0 billion

Federal Lands and Tribal Transportation Program (FLTTP)



- Federal Lands and Tribal Transportation Program: **\$1.0 billion**
- Office of Federal Lands Highway # of employees: **700**

Federal Lands and Tribal Transportation Program (FLTTP)



Office of Federal Lands Highway Mission Areas

- Program Administration (similar to FHWA Federal Aid)
- Project Delivery (similar to a State DOT)
- Training
- Technology Innovation and Deployment

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Framework

- **Modeled after Forest Highway Program**
- **Goal:** Improve state and local transportation facilities that provide access to, are adjacent to, or are located within **Federal** lands
- **Emphasis:** High-use facilities and economic generators
- **50 States, District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico**
- **Requires local match (80-20 with sliding scale)**
- **Programming decisions made by committee in each State**

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Eligibility – Funds made available under the Access Program shall be used to pay the cost of:

(A) transportation planning, research, engineering, preventive maintenance, rehabilitation, restoration, construction, and reconstruction of Federal Lands Access Transportation Facilities located on or adjacent to, or that provide access to, Federal land, and—

- (i) adjacent vehicular parking areas;
- (ii) acquisition of necessary scenic easements and scenic or historic sites;
- (iii) provisions for pedestrians and bicycles;

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Eligibility - cont.

- (iv) environmental mitigation in or adjacent to Federal land to improve public safety and reduce vehicle-caused wildlife mortality while maintaining habitat connectivity;
- (v) construction and reconstruction of roadside rest areas, including sanitary and water facilities; and
- (vi) other appropriate public road facilities, as determined by the Secretary;

(B) operation and maintenance of transit facilities; and

(C) any transportation project eligible for assistance under title 23 that is within or adjacent to, or that provides access to, Federal land.

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Transportation Planning

- Up to 5% off top of Access Program (and FLTP) for Federal agency transportation planning, data collection, and bridge inspections.
- The programming committee, through the Office of Federal Lands, will coordinate the statewide and metropolitan planning efforts.
- Unlike the FLTP, the Access Program is not subject to the Federal Lands management system requirements. (e.g., no defined system)
- Special accounting code will be used to track planning expenditures. Do NOT use other Access Funds for planning activities.

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Programming Decisions Committee (PDC)

The PDC, responsible for the Access Program programming decisions in each State, must be comprised of a representative of:

- The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
- The State Department of Transportation
- An appropriate political subdivision of the State

The PDC in each State should develop Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) that may be part of a Statewide Program Agreement.

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Local Match Requirement

- 80-20 with sliding scale
- FLTP and TTP funds may be used as local match
- Other Federal agency funds (non-title 23 or 49) may be used as local match
- "Soft-matches" or "in-kind matches" are permitted
- Access funds may **NOT** be used to match other Federal Aid programs

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Agreements

Statewide Program Agreements

- Template available
- Serves as a standard operating procedure for the State

Project Agreements – Needed prior to initiating NEPA and other project development activities.

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Building a Multi-Year Program

- Program comes out of long-range planning process
- PDC (through Federal Lands Division Office) issues “call” for projects
- PDC shall cooperate with Federal agencies during planning process **and** prior to making programming decisions
- Build 4-year program, minimum. Include in STIP.

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Selecting Projects

- Endorsed by pertinent Federal agency as a high priority?
- High-use Federal facility? Federal economic generator?
- Consistent with long range plan?
- Improve safety?
- Realistic scope, schedule, and budget?
- Project sponsor can provide local match?

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Project Agreement:

- Scope, Schedule, and Budget
 - Roles and responsibilities
 - Maintenance commitment by the Cooperator/Sponsor
 - Document local match requirement and strategy for administering and tracking
 - Coordination with pertinent FLMA's
 - **Designates S&O responsibility**
 - Other, as determined by the PDC
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- **Important:** Project Agreement does **NOT** obligate funds. No guarantee beyond 2014.

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Allocations

- MAP-21 formula – gives preference to 12 western States (80% of funds)
- Allocations are based on the MAP-21 formula
 - 55% Federal road miles
 - 30% Recreational visitation
 - 10% Federal public bridges
 - 5% Federal land area
- Funds will be allocated to 3 FHWA Federal Lands Division Offices and administered as determined by the PDC.

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12 States with at least 1.5% of Federal lands in U.S.
(80% of the Funds)

Alaska	\$	7,809,942
Arizona	\$	14,873,315
California	\$	39,283,077
Colorado	\$	18,335,540
Idaho	\$	18,765,289
Montana	\$	25,064,181
Nevada	\$	7,792,499
New Mexico	\$	6,362,804
Oregon	\$	24,282,680
Utah	\$	11,853,383
Washington	\$	15,377,605
Wyoming	\$	10,199,685
Subtotals:	\$	200,000,000

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Other States

(20% of the Funds)

Alabama	\$	1,129,490
Arkansas	\$	3,415,779
Connecticut	\$	38,837
Delaware	\$	32,639
Dist. Of Columbia	\$	1,427,932
Florida	\$	2,178,283
Georgia	\$	2,546,805
Hawaii	\$	289,622
Illinois	\$	994,419
Indiana	\$	548,199
Iowa	\$	360,388
Kansas	\$	893,428
Kentucky	\$	1,805,461
Louisiana	\$	1,378,525
Maine	\$	321,933
Maryland	\$	508,312
Massachusetts	\$	408,842
Michigan	\$	1,763,028
Minnesota	\$	1,480,225
Mississippi	\$	3,164,540
Missouri	\$	1,594,799

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Other States (2 of 2)

(20% of the Funds)

Nebraska	\$	305,300
New Hampshire	\$	308,501
New Jersey	\$	234,233
New York	\$	491,509
North Carolina	\$	2,812,507
North Dakota	\$	948,520
Ohio	\$	933,970
Oklahoma	\$	1,469,248
Pennsylvania	\$	1,203,223
Puerto Rico	\$	77,957
Rhode Island	\$	15,006
South Carolina	\$	1,295,975
South Dakota	\$	1,275,708
Tennessee	\$	2,657,077
Texas	\$	2,955,690
Vermont	\$	223,765
Virginia	\$	3,314,583
West Virginia	\$	1,184,934
Wisconsin	\$	2,010,808
Subtotals:	\$	50,000,000

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Transfer or “Loan” Provisions

- Funds may be transferred (loaned) between States
- Federal agencies may transfer (loan) FLTP funds to a State’s Access Program (or vice versa)
- An agreement should be developed and signed to document the commitment and payback

Questions?

Federal Lands HQ and Division Contacts

- FLH HQ, Jeff Mann, (202) 366-9476
- EFLHD, Kurt Dowden, (571) 434-1598
- CFLHD, Ryan Tyler, (720) 963-3729
- WFLHD, Phyllis Chun, (360) 619-7922

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Q&A's (If time allows)

- Is this a continuation or expansion of the Forest Highway Program?
- Are projects that have been eligible for the Forest Highway Program eligible for this program?
- Are there any reductions or rescissions that will apply?
- Forest Highway funds could be used to match other Federal Aid programs during SAFETEA-LU. Can we use those as a match for the Access Program?
- Are Access program facilities eligible for ERFO (Emergency Relief on Federally Owned Roads) like Forest Highways were?
- How will the PDC local rep be determined?