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Federal Lands Highway provides planning, design, and engineering services to support the highways and bridges that provide access to and within federally owned lands.



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Federal Lands Highway Program (FLHP)

Improving transportation to and within federal and tribal lands



Public Lands Highway Discretionary PLH-D

What is the Public Lands Highway

Discretionary Program? The Public Lands Highway Discretionary (PLH-D) Program is one of two components of the Public Lands Highway (PLH) Program, along with the Forest Highway (FH) Program. PLH-D was created in 1930 and incorporated in to the Federal Lands Highway Program (FLHP) in 1983. PLH-D provides funding for the planning, design, construction, reconstruction or improvement of roads and bridges that are within or adjacent to, or provide access to public lands and Indian reservations. In addition, PLH-D funding has

been used for transit facilities, parking lots, roadside rest areas, bike trails, walkways, and transportation planning activities. The 2005 Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) authorized over \$1.65 billion for the PLH program for FY 2005-2009, of which 34 percent is discretionary.



Golden Gate National Park

Indian Reservation Roads (IRR) Program

86,000 miles of roads

Park Roads and Parkways (PRP) Program

8,000 miles of roads

1,415 bridges

63 tunnels

Refuge Roads (RR) Program

5,100 miles

87 bridges

5,000 parking lots

Public Lands Highway (PLH) Program

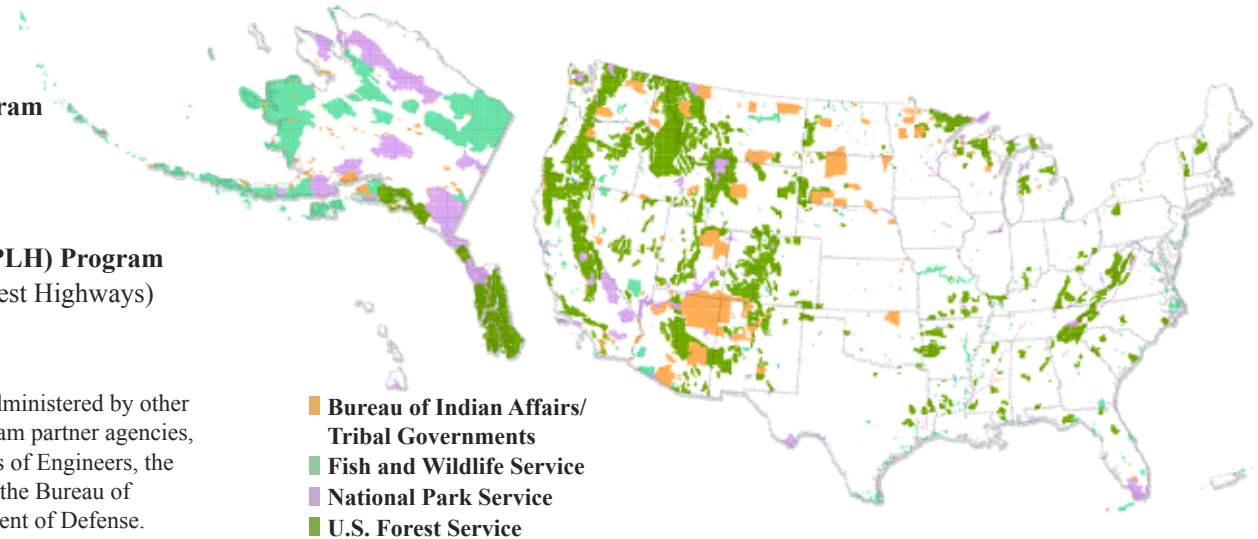
29,000 miles of roads (Forest Highways)

3,094 bridges

Lands and facilities are also administered by other Federal Lands Highway Program partner agencies, including the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Bureau of Land Management, the Bureau of Reclamation, and the Department of Defense.

FY 2005-2009 SAFETEA-LU PLH-D Authorization (\$ Millions)

Fiscal Year	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Authorization	\$86.7	\$93.3	\$93.3	\$96.7	\$100.0



- Bureau of Indian Affairs/
Tribal Governments
- Fish and Wildlife Service
- National Park Service
- U.S. Forest Service

Public Lands Highway Discretionary Program

Process. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) issues annual calls for PLH-D projects. States submit project applications to the FHWA, and projects are selected on the basis of need as determined by the FHWA. Preference is given to those projects that are significantly impacted by Federal land and resource management activities. Preference is also given to projects that contain at least 3 percent of the total public lands in the country. Funds for selected projects are provided directly to State transportation departments. Through agreements with the State, Federal Land Management Agencies (FLMAs) may receive PLH-D funds directly from the FHWA if projects they submit through the State are selected for PLH-D funding.

Notable PLH-D Projects

Boston Harbor Islands National Park in Massachusetts. PLH-D funds allowed for both access and public safety improvements. This included design, fabrication and installation of universal access systems.

Fort Peck Reservoir in Montana. Fishing access roads in several counties were rehabilitated using crushed gravel.

Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, BIA Route 27, in South Dakota. Funds provided for essential roadway reconstruction.

Chickasaw Cultural Center on the Natchez Trace Parkway in Mississippi. Enhancements included a feasibility study, concept plan, environmental assessment, design, and construction of museum and cultural center.

Golden Gate National Park Trails Forever Initiative in California. Improvements have been made to park trails, bikeways, trailheads, trail connectors, transit links, and visitor amenities.

Hoover Dam Bypass Bridge on US-93 in Arizona and Nevada. Construction of a bridge over the Colorado River.



Hoover Dam Bridge Project



Boston Harbor Islands National Park



Chickasaw Cultural Center



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