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Request for Project Applications Arizona Federal Lands Access Program

The Federal Lands Access Program (Access Program) 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 Arizona. This new program was established by the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21), the new transportation authorization that was signed into law by the President on July 6, 2012, and was officially enacted on October 1, 2012. Project applications are now being accepted to develop a robust 5–7 year program of transportation projects (estimated program availability from \$74 to \$105 million).

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. 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 Arizona Access Program Application found at <http://www.cflhd.gov/programs/flap/az/index.cfm>
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

How will projects be evaluated?

For Arizona, the Access Program is administered by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) through the Central Federal Lands Highway Division (CFLHD). MAP-21 mandates that decisions be made through Arizona's Programming Decisions Committee (PDC) in cooperation with the respective

FLMAs. 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 Arizona and Federal regulations and guidelines.

Members of the Arizona PDC include:

- Mr. Ryan Tyler, Planning and Programs Branch Manager, FHWA - CFLHD (or designated representative);
- Mr. Dallas Hammit, Deputy State Engineer, ADOT (or designated representative); and
- Mr. Mike Ortega, County Administrator, Cochise County, County Supervisors Association of Arizona (CSA) (or designated CSA appointee).

The Arizona PDC will solicit project applications with the intent of developing a 5 to 7 year program. **Applications will be due by February 28, 2013.** Applicants must be prepared to address the match requirements (5.7%) and have the support of the pertinent FLMA(s).

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 some large projects with smaller projects used to fill in the gaps. 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.

2013 DRAFT Project Selection Schedule:

January	February	March	April	May	June
1	2	3	4	5	6
Call for Projects		PDC Scores and Ranks Applications	Project agreement, and project scoping efforts	PDC Annual Meeting Final Project Selection	Funded Program Announced
Applications Prepared and Submitted					

Note: Schedule subject to change

Who should I contact if I have questions?

Questions about the application process or the Access Program can be directed to:

Mr. Allen Grasmick, CFLHD’s Federal Lands Access Program Coordinator at (720) 963-3664 or Allen.Grasmick@dot.gov or

Ms. Stephanie Lind, CFLHD Transportation Planner at (720) 963-3555 or Stephanie.Lind@dot.gov.

For agency-specific contacts in Arizona, see below.

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Army Corps of Engineers	Scott Rice	Scott.Rice@usace.army.mil
Military Surface Deployment Command	Jason Cowin	Jason.Cowin@us.army.mil

Sincerely yours,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:

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Attachment (Project Application)

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