

Appendix A - Access Program Screening Process



Eastern Federal Lands Highway Division

Access Program

Project Screening and Rating Criteria for General Projects

Instructions: If the answer is yes to criteria below, then allocate points. Points are cumulative.

**First two “Base” criteria shall have points, otherwise project does not move forward to Step 2 (Rating Criteria).

STEP 1: INITIAL SCREENING (max 200 points)		Point allocation
Economic/Visitation Prioritization		
Do FLMA, StateDOT, and Facility Owner agree that the project is an economic/visitation generator?		45
Do FLMA, StateDOT, and Facility Owner agree that the project is a priority?		45
Is Project on current State Transportation Improvement Program?		10
Base**		
Submitted by facility owner**		40
Project supported by FLMA**		40
20% Match		No points
Leveraging additional funding more than the required 20% match	20% match + (1-10)% of project cost	5
	20% match + (11-20)% of project cost	10
	20% match + (21)% of project cost	20
STEP 2: PROJECT RATING (max 100 points)		
General Projects		Point allocation
Safety (Max 25 points)		
Improves safety at a crash site with a rate above the statewide average for a similar facility		5
Provides low cost systematic safety improvements		10
Improves safety for wide range of users		10
Accessibility and Mobility (Max 20 points)		
Increases/improves access to FLMA unit/area		5
Identified need on FLMA plan, State or County Comprehensive Plan		5
Fills missing link in network, removes travel restriction, bottleneck		5
Improves mode choice, explores and enhances transit systems (i.e. operation and maintenance of transit facilities)		5
Preservation (Max 20 points)		
Improves surface condition/bridge rating		10
Reduces operating costs		10

Economic Development (Max 20 points)	
Increases visitation, enhancing tourism and recreation along with associated spending in the local community by persons outside the region	15
Provides Economic Benefit to the Local Community/region by increasing visitation	5
Environmental Quality and Sustainability (Max 15 points)	
Improves water quality, fish passage and wildlife connectivity	5
Reduces erosion, scour, and/or sedimentation	5
Provides bicycle or pedestrian opportunities	5
TOTAL MAXIMUM POINTS (cumulative) = 300	

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Project Screening and Rating Criteria for Studies and Assessments

Instructions: If the answer is yes to criteria below, then allocate points. Points are cumulative.

**First two “Base” criteria shall have points, otherwise project does not move forward to Step 2 (Rating Criteria).

STEP 1: INITIAL SCREENING (max 200 points)		Point allocation
Economic/Visitation Prioritization		
Do FLMA, State DOT, and Facility Owner agree that the project is an economic/visitation generator?		45
Do FLMA, State DOT, and Facility Owner agree that the project is a priority?		45
Is Project on current State Transportation Improvement Plan?		10
Base**		
Submitted by facility owner**		40
Project supported by FLMA**		40
20% Match		No points
Leveraging additional funding more than the required 20% match	20% match + (1-10)% of project cost	5
	20% match + (11-20)% of project cost	10
	20% match + (21)% of project cost	20
STEP 2: PROJECT RATING (max 100 points)		
Studies and Assessments		Point allocation
Safety (Max 30 points)		
Will address issues related to safety		10
Will consider safety for all users (pedestrians, bicycles, motor vehicles)		20
Accessibility and Mobility (Max 25 points)		
Will consider issues related to traffic congestion		10
Will address missing link/travel restriction/bottleneck in network		5
Will address mode choice, explore and enhance bicycle/pedestrian/transit opportunities		10
Economic Development (Max 20 points)		
Considers ways of attracting visitation		10
Addresses more than one FLMA		5
Provides Economic Benefit to the Local Community		5
Environmental Quality and Sustainability (Max 25 points)		
Addresses water quality, fish passage and wildlife connectivity		10
Addresses erosion, scour, and/or sedimentation issues		5
Addresses bicycle or pedestrian opportunities		5
TOTAL MAXIMUM POINTS (cumulative) = 300		

