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Mr. Sean Connaughton  
Secretary  
Virginia Department of Transportation  
1401 East Broad Street  
Richmond, VA 23219

Subject: MAP-21 Access Program Programming Decisions Committee Members

Dear Mr. Connaughton:

The Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act (MAP-21), Public Law 112-141, includes the establishment of the new Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP). This new program will be administered by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Office of Federal Lands Highway. Virginia is served by the Eastern Federal Lands Highway Division (EFLHD) office in Sterling, Virginia.

A key requirement for implementing the FLAP is to coordinate the establishment of a three member Programming Decisions Committee (PDC) responsible for programming the FLAP funds allocated to each state. Each state level PDC consists of a representative from the Federal Lands Highway Division office, the State Department of Transportation, and an organization or entity that is suited to represent the local entities responsible for building, operating, or maintaining transportation facilities that are located on, are adjacent to, or provide access to Federal lands. Our program managers have coordinated with your department and have identified the following positions that will fulfill the PDC requirement:

FLAP Program Manager, FHWA, EFLHD  
Special Federal Programs Manager, Virginia Department of Transportation  
County Administrator, Virginia Association of Counties

Additional information on the implementation of FLAP can be found on the EFLHD MAP-21 website at <http://www.efl.fhwa.dot.gov/programs/federal-lands-access.aspx>. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. David Payne at 571-434-1543 or David.Payne@dot.gov, or myself at 703-404-6276 or Karen.Schmidt@dot.gov.

Sincerely yours,



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