

Appendix A - Access Program Screening Process



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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 30 points)		
Improves identified crash site		10
Improves identified hazardous conditions in Road Safety Audit (RSA)/Engineering Assessment		10
Improves safety for wide range of users		10
Accessibility and Mobility (Max 20 points)		
Project serves a primary access route to federal lands property		5
Provides bicycle or pedestrian opportunities		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 National Bridge Inventory System (NBIS) deficient bridge rating		8
Improves surface condition		6
Reduces operating costs		3

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Enhances scenic and historic areas	3
Funding/Economic Development (Max 15 points)	
Project can be realistically completed/project readiness	5
Increases/improves access to FLMA unit/area	5
Provides Economic Benefit to the Local Community	5
Environmental Quality and Sustainability (Max 15 points)	
Improves water quality, fish passage and wildlife connectivity	5
Reduces erosion, scour, and/or sedimentation	5
Reduces noise impacts	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		15
Will consider safety for all users (pedestrians, bicycles, motor vehicles)		15
Accessibility and Mobility (Max 30 points)		
Will consider issues related to traffic congestion		10
Will address mode choice, explore and enhance transit systems (i.e. operation and maintenance of transit facilities)		10
Addresses bicycle or pedestrian opportunities		10
Economic Development (Max 20 points)		
Considers ways of attracting visitation		5
Addresses more than one FLMA		7
Provides Economic Benefit to the Local Community		8
Environmental Quality and Sustainability (Max 20 points)		
Addresses water quality, fish passage and wildlife connectivity		7
Addresses erosion, scour, and/or sedimentation issues		7
Reduces noise impacts		6
TOTAL MAXIMUM POINTS (cumulative) = 300		