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Mission: Improving transportation to and within federal and tribal lands by providing technical services to the highway transportation community.

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Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP)

Improving access to and within Federal and tribal lands

Iowa

MAP-21 Funding Authorized:

FY 2013: \$327,674

FY 2014: \$330,136

Federal land acreage for the five core FLMAs: 0.72 percent

Federal public road miles: 242

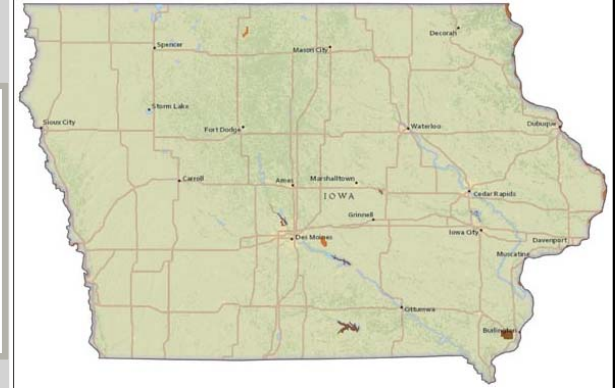
Number of Federal public bridges: 12

Recreational visitation: 5,614,538 visitors per year

Success story: The Neal Smith Trail Renovation project will resurface and widen 1 mile of the Neal Smith Trail beginning at the Riverview Park and heading north along the trail. The 10-foot wide section of trail south of Euclid Avenue needs to be widened. The work will consist of earthwork for widening the trail to a 12-foot width and placing a 2-inch asphalt overlay to improve the smoothness of the ride.

The Neal Smith Trail provides access to the US Army Corps of Engineer (USACE) managed Saylorville Lake and Big Creek State Park to the north and downtown Des Moines to the south. The trail brings hundreds of thousands of visitors to Saylorville Lake each year. The 26 mile Neal Smith Trail, a National Recreation Trail, is considered the backbone of the 550 mile Central Iowa Trails system. In addition to flood control the 26,000 acre Saylorville Lake provides recreation opportunities, environmental stewardship and water supply.

The benefits ascribed to trails are evident with this project—alternative transportation, recreation, safety, economic impact, connections with nature and health benefits will result from the renovation of this trail.

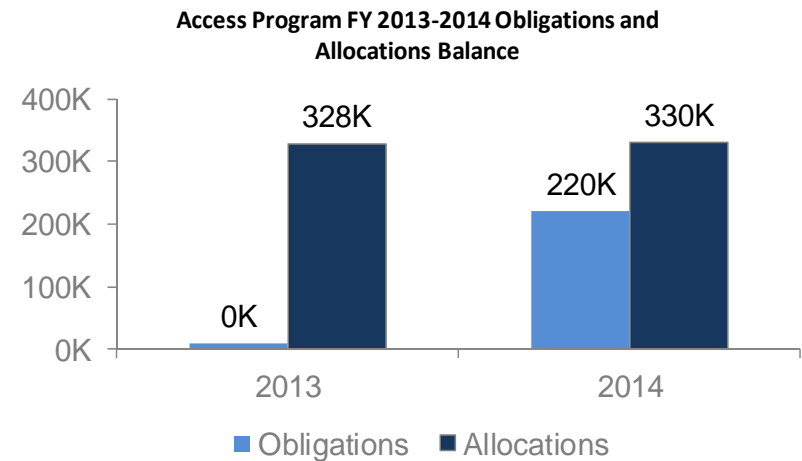


Scenic View of the river and historic InterUrban Trail Bridge from the Neal Smith Trail

FLAP Project Selection Process

Each FLAP project was selected from a pool of applications submitted by the facility owner in response to a state-wide call for projects. The applications were screened, rated, and ranked using PDC approved rating criteria. The PDC unanimously agreed which projects met the established State program goals and conformed with the project ranking criteria contained in the “Call for Projects SOP.” Based upon these evaluations, the proposed projects were recommended for programming within the available funding for each State.

Memorandum of Agreements (MOA) were coordinated and executed for each programmed project prior to obligation of FLAP funds. There was one call for projects, from July 1, 2013, until September 18, 2013, that generated four applications totaling \$1,166,800 funds requested. Three of the four projects were programmed and utilized all of the available funds from FY13 and FY14 allocations.



FLAP Program of Projects*

Project Name	Improvement Type	FLMA Accessed	Federal Land's Unit	Delivery Year	Delivery Agency	Owner Agency
Linking Bicycle Trails on the Great River Road	Facilities for Pedestrians and Bicycles	FWS	FWS- Port Louisa National Wildlife Refuge	TBD	Louisa County	Louisa County
Neal Smith Trail Renovation	Facilities for Pedestrians and Bicycles	USACE	USACE- Saylorville Lake	TBD	City of Des Moines	City of Des Moines
Pavement rehabilitation and traffic sign improvements 170th St.	4R Maintenance- Restoration and Rehabilitation	USACE	USACE- Mississippi River Project Lands	TBD	Clinton County	Clinton County

*This information is an overview of the FLAP projects information. It is subject to change at any time. For additional details or clarifications, please contact the Federal Lands Highway Division offices or visit the State FLAP webpage.