

Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP)

Fact Sheet: New Program Supporting Access to Federal Lands

The purpose of this fact sheet is to alert bicycle and pedestrian advocates and agency staff of a new funding program under the new federal transportation bill, MAP-21, so you can take advantage of opportunities to improve access to park units, including those in urban areas across the country.

Introduction

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) recently established a new funding source, the Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP)¹, to assist national parks and other federal lands in improving access to their sites. The goal of the FLAP program is to improve transportation facilities (i.e. public highway, road, bridge, trail, or transit system) that are located on, adjacent to, or provides access to federal lands. Transportation facilities must be owned and/or maintained by a state, county, town, township, municipality, tribal or local government and not a federal land agency.

FLAP provides \$250 million by formula to all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. The funds under this program will be available for the current year plus three additional years. As a new program, the Federal Land Division Offices are at different stages toward implementing the FLAP program.

Eligibility and Project Selection Criteria

Projects eligible for FLAP funding include:

- Transportation planning, research, engineering, preventive maintenance, rehabilitation, restoration, construction, and reconstruction of Federal Lands Access Transportation Facilities located on or adjacent to, or that provide access to, Federal land, and-
 - adjacent vehicular parking areas;
 - acquisition of necessary scenic easements and scenic or historic sites;
 - provisions for pedestrians and bicycles;
 - environmental mitigation in or adjacent to Federal land to improve public safety and reduce vehicle-caused wildlife mortality while maintaining habitat connectivity;
 - construction and reconstruction of roadside rest areas, including sanitary and water facilities; and
 - other appropriate public road facilities, as determined by the Secretary;
- operation and maintenance of transit facilities; and

¹ FLAP Fact Sheet (FHWA) <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/map21/flap.cfm>; FLAP Guidance (FHWA) <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/map21/guidance/guideflap.cfm>



- any transportation project eligible for assistance under title 23² that is within or adjacent to, or that provides access to, Federal land.

Project selection criteria should be based on the following:

- Before any joint discussion or final programming decision, did the Programming Decision Committee (see below) cooperate with the applicable Federal Lands Management Agency (i.e. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service)?
- Is the project endorsed by the pertinent Federal Land Management Agency/Agencies (FLMA) as a high priority?
- Does the project provide access to Federal high-use recreation sites or Federal economic generators?
- Is the project consistent with the owner's long range transportation plan and is it consistent with the FLMA and other planning efforts in the State and/or region?
- Does the project improve safety while improving access to a Federal facility?
- Can the project be realistically completed based on the scope, schedule, and budget proposed?
- Does the project sponsor have the ability to meet the local match requirements?

Important Features of FLAP

- Eighty percent of the funding from this program will be distributed to 12 western states leaving \$50M /year to be divided among the other 38 states.
- In most states, the FLAP will require a 20% local match. This percentage may be less for those states that have a higher acreage of federal land, and thus a higher level of funding from FLAP. The Federal Land Transportation Program (FLTP)³ funds are eligible and can be considered as a match. In some cases, non-transportation National Park Service (NPS) funds can also serve as a match.
- Proposed FLAP projects must be on the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and if applicable on the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).
- This program is authorized for FY 2013 and FY 2014.
- Preference is given towards projects which access Federal high-use recreation sites or Federal economic generators.
- The funds are administered through the FHWA's Federal Lands Highway (FLH) Division Offices (Eastern, Central and Western)⁴, which either holds funds or transfers funds to the State Departments of Transportation, depending on the state.

Programming Decision Committee

² Title 23 text (FHWA) <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/legsregs/title23.pdf>

³ Federal Lands Transportation Program (FHWA): <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/map21/fltp.cfm>

⁴ FHWA's Federal Lands Highway (FLH) Division Offices: <http://flh.fhwa.dot.gov/about/divisions/>



Funding decisions for each state are made by a three-member Programming Decision Committee (PDC), consisting of representatives from the State Department of Transportation (DOT), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and a “representative of local interests”. See Appendix I for your state’s PDC members and contact information.

Partnership Opportunity

This program provides a unique opportunity for communities to work with the National Park Service or other relevant federal land agency on transportation facility projects of importance. Park units or other land agencies **MUST** coordinate with State and Federal Highway coordinators. To receive NPS support, projects must be aligned with Department of the Interior priorities and be endorsed by the NPS regional office. Talk with your NPS contact⁵ about what those priorities are.

Call to Action

To win FLAP funding for bicycle and pedestrian projects, advocates should:

1. Identify a project which meets the Eligibility and Project Selection Criteria (above). Make sure the project is on the STIP or TIP. Preference will be given to high-use federal recreation areas or federal economic generators. Projects which provide for pedestrians and bicycles are explicitly included.
2. Contact your region’s Federal Highway’s FLAP Coordinator AND the Program Decision Committee members in your state (Appendix I) to request information about the program, including deadlines and requirements in the state in which your project is located.
3. Build local and regional support for the project (i.e. letters of support from state organizations and Representatives).

If the application deadline has passed for your state, still contact the regional FLAP Coordinator and state PDC members. Make sure they know you are aware of this program and work with them to identify projects for funding in FY2014.

Appendix I

⁵ National Park Service Contacts: http://www.nps.gov/transportation/contact_us.html

FLAP Distribution, Timelines and Contacts by State



Western Federal Lands Office

FHWA WFL FLAP Coordinator: George Fekaris, george.fekaris@dot.gov, (360) 619-7766; Tom Erkert, 360-619-7791 Tom.Erkert@dot.gov

Alaska (AK)	
Contract Authority under MAP-21	\$7,809,942.00
Request for Projects	1/2/13
Project Proposals Due	2/4/13
State DOT FLAP Coordinator	Mike Vigue, mike.vigue@alaska.gov , (907) 465-7679
PDC Members & Website	contact info on AK FLAP website, http://www.wfl.fhwa.dot.gov/programs/flap/ak/
Idaho (ID)	
Contract Authority under MAP-21	\$18,765,289.00
Request for Projects	11/26/12
Project Proposals Due	2/4/13
State DOT FLAP Coordinator	Loren Thomas, loren.thomas@itd.idaho.gov , (208) 334-8231
PDC Members & Website	contact info on ID FLAP website,

	http://www.wfl.fhwa.dot.gov/programs/flap/id/
Montana (MT)	
Contract Authority under MAP-21	\$25,064,181.00
Request for Projects	11/29/12
Project Proposals Due	2/8/13
State DOT FLAP Coordinator	Wayne Noem, wnoem@mt.gov, (406) 444-6109
PDC Members & Website	contact info on MT FLAP website, http://www.wfl.fhwa.dot.gov/programs/flap/mt/
Oregon (OR)	
Contract Authority under MAP-21	\$24,282,680.00
Request for Projects	11/1/12
Project Proposals Due	1/25/13
State DOT FLAP Coordinator	Patricia Fisher, patricia.r.fisher@odot.state.or.us, (503) 986-3526
PDC Members & Website	contact info on OR FLAP website, http://www.wfl.fhwa.dot.gov/programs/flap/or/
Washington (WA)	
Contract Authority under MAP-21	\$15,377,605.00
Request for Projects	11/2/12
Project Proposals Due	1/25/13
State DOT FLAP Coordinator	Bill Leonard, leonardb@wsdot.wa.gov, (360) 705-7344
PDC Members & Website	contact info on WA FLAP website, http://www.wfl.fhwa.dot.gov/programs/flap/wa/

Central Federal Lands Office

FHWA CFL FLAP Coordinator: Allen Grasmick, Allen.Grasmick@dot.gov, (720) 963-3664

Arizona (AZ)	
Contract Authority under MAP-21	\$14,873,315.00
Request for Projects	1/1/13
Project Proposals Due	2/28/13
PDC Members & Website	contact info on AZ FLAP website, http://www.cflhd.gov/programs/flap/az/index.cfm
California (CA)	
Contract Authority under	\$39,283,077.00

MAP-21	
Request for Projects	3/1/13
Project Proposals Due	4/30/13
PDC Members & Website	contact info on CA FLAP website, http://www.cflhd.gov/programs/flap/ca/index.cfm
Colorado (CO)	
Contract Authority under MAP-21	\$18,335,540.00
Request for Projects	3/1/13
Project Proposals Due	4/30/13
PDC Members & Website	contact info on CO FLAP website, http://www.cflhd.gov/programs/flap/co/index.cfm
Hawaii (HI)	
Contract Authority under MAP-21	\$289,622.00
Request for Projects	Unknown (as of 2/25/13)
Project Proposals Due	Unknown (as of 2/25/13)
PDC Members & Website	contact info on HI FLAP website, http://www.cflhd.gov/programs/flap/hi/index.cfm
Kansas (KS)	
Contract Authority under MAP-21	\$893,428.00
Request for Projects	4/15/13
Project Proposals Due	6/15/13
PDC Members	Not on website
Website	http://www.cflhd.gov/programs/flap/ks/index.cfm
Nebraska (NE)	
Contract Authority under MAP-21	\$305,300.00
Request for Projects	3/1/13
Project Proposals Due	4/30/13
PDC Members & Website	contact info on NE FLAP website, http://www.cflhd.gov/programs/flap/ne/index.cfm
New Mexico (NM)	
Contract Authority under MAP-21	\$6,362,804.00
Request for Projects	3/1/13
Project Proposals Due	4/30/13
PDC Members & Website	contact info on NM FLAP website, http://www.cflhd.gov/programs/flap/nm/index.cfm



Nevada (NV)	
Contract Authority under MAP-21	\$7,792,499.00
Request for Projects	3/1/13
Project Proposals Due	4/30/13
PDC Members & Website	contact info on NV FLAP website, http://www.cflhd.gov/programs/flap/ne/index.cfm
North Dakota (ND)	
Contract Authority under MAP-21	\$948,520.00
Request for Projects	3/1/13
Project Proposals Due	4/30/13
PDC Members & Website	contact info on ND FLAP website, http://www.cflhd.gov/programs/flap/nd/index.cfm
Oklahoma (OK)	
Contract Authority under MAP-21	\$1,469,248.00
Request for Projects	4/15/13
Project Proposals Due	6/15/13
PDC Members	Not on website
Website	http://www.cflhd.gov/programs/flap/ok/index.cfm
South Dakota (SD)	
Contract Authority under MAP-21	\$1,275,708.00
Request for Projects	3/1/13
Project Proposals Due	4/30/13
PDC Members & Website	contact info on SD FLAP website, http://www.cflhd.gov/programs/flap/sd/index.cfm
Texas (TX)	
Contract Authority under MAP-21	\$2,955,690.00
Request for Projects	4/15/13
Project Proposals Due	6/15/13
PDC Members	Not on website
Website	http://www.cflhd.gov/programs/flap/tx/index.cfm
Utah (UT)	
Contract Authority under MAP-21	\$11,853,383.00
Request for Projects	3/15/13
Project Proposals Due	5/15/13



PDC Members & Website	contact info on UT FLAP website, http://www.cflhd.gov/programs/flap/ut/index.cfm
Wyoming (WY)	
Contract Authority under MAP-21	\$10,199,685.00
Request for Projects	12/1/12
Project Proposals Due	1/31/13
Local Government Coordinator	Taylor Rosetti, taylor.rossetti@wyo.gov , (307) 777-4438
PDC Members & Website	contact info on WY FLAP website, http://www.cflhd.gov/programs/flap/wy/index.cfm

Eastern Federal Lands Office

FHWA EFL FLAP Coordinator: David Payne, David.Payne@dot.gov (571) 434-1543

Alabama (AL)	
Contract Authority under MAP-21	\$1,129,490.00
Request for Projects	Unknown
Project Proposals Due	Unknown
PDC Members	Unknown
Website	Information will be posted as it becomes available: http://www.efl.fhwa.dot.gov/
Arkansas (AR)	
Contract Authority under MAP-21	\$3,415,779.00
Request for Projects	Unknown
Project Proposals Due	Unknown
PDC Members	Unknown
Website	Information will be posted as it becomes available: http://www.efl.fhwa.dot.gov/
Connecticut (CT)	
Contract Authority under MAP-21	\$38,837.00
Request for Projects	Unknown
Project Proposals Due	Unknown
PDC Members	Unknown
Website	Information will be posted as it becomes available: http://www.efl.fhwa.dot.gov/
Delaware (DE)	
Contract Authority under MAP-21	\$32,639.00

Request for Projects	Unknown
Project Proposals Due	Unknown
PDC Members	Unknown
Website	Information will be posted as it becomes available: http://www.efl.fhwa.dot.gov/
Dist. Of Columbia (DC)	
Contract Authority under MAP-21	\$1,427,932.00
Request for Projects	Unknown
Project Proposals Due	Unknown
PDC Members	Unknown
Website	Information will be posted as it becomes available: http://www.efl.fhwa.dot.gov/
Florida (FL)	
Contract Authority under MAP-21	\$2,178,283.00
Request for Projects	Unknown
Project Proposals Due	Unknown
PDC Members	Unknown
Website	Information will be posted as it becomes available: http://www.efl.fhwa.dot.gov/
Georgia (GA)	
Contract Authority under MAP-21	\$2,546,805.00
Request for Projects	Unknown
Project Proposals Due	Unknown
PDC Members	Unknown
Website	Information will be posted as it becomes available: http://www.efl.fhwa.dot.gov/
Illinois (IL)	
Contract Authority under MAP-21	\$994,419.00
Request for Projects	Unknown
Project Proposals Due	Unknown
PDC Members	Unknown
Website	Information will be posted as it becomes available: http://www.efl.fhwa.dot.gov/
Indiana (IN)	
Contract Authority under MAP-21	\$548,199.00
Request for Projects	Unknown
Project Proposals Due	Unknown
PDC Members	Unknown
Website	Information will be posted as it becomes available:

	http://www.efl.fhwa.dot.gov/
Iowa (IA)	
Contract Authority under MAP-21	\$360,388.00
Request for Projects	Unknown
Project Proposals Due	Unknown
PDC Members	Unknown
Website	Information will be posted as it becomes available: http://www.efl.fhwa.dot.gov/
Kentucky (KY)	
Contract Authority under MAP-21	\$1,805,461.00
Request for Projects	Unknown
Project Proposals Due	Unknown
PDC Members	Unknown
Website	Information will be posted as it becomes available: http://www.efl.fhwa.dot.gov/
Louisiana (LA)	
Contract Authority under MAP-21	\$1,378,525.00
Request for Projects	Unknown
Project Proposals Due	Unknown
PDC Members	Unknown
Website	Information will be posted as it becomes available: http://www.efl.fhwa.dot.gov/
Maine (ME)	
Contract Authority under MAP-21	\$321,933.00
Request for Projects	Unknown
Project Proposals Due	Unknown
PDC Members	Unknown
Website	Information will be posted as it becomes available: http://www.efl.fhwa.dot.gov/
Maryland (MD)	
Contract Authority under MAP-21	\$508,312.00
Request for Projects	Unknown
Project Proposals Due	Unknown
PDC Members	Unknown
Website	Information will be posted as it becomes available: http://www.efl.fhwa.dot.gov/
Massachusetts (MA)	
Contract Authority under MAP-21	\$408,842.00

Request for Projects	Unknown
Project Proposals Due	Unknown
PDC Members	Unknown
Website	Information will be posted as it becomes available: http://www.efl.fhwa.dot.gov/
Michigan (MI)	
Contract Authority under MAP-21	\$1,763,028.00
Request for Projects	Unknown
Project Proposals Due	Unknown
PDC Members	Unknown
Website	Information will be posted as it becomes available: http://www.efl.fhwa.dot.gov/
Minnesota (MN)	
Contract Authority under MAP-21	\$1,480,225.00
Request for Projects	Unknown
Project Proposals Due	Unknown
PDC Members	Unknown
Website	Information will be posted as it becomes available: http://www.efl.fhwa.dot.gov/
Mississippi (MS)	
Contract Authority under MAP-21	\$3,164,540.00
Obligation Limitation Projected	\$2,843,973.00
Request for Projects	Unknown
Project Proposals Due	Unknown
PDC Members	Unknown
Website	Information will be posted as it becomes available: http://www.efl.fhwa.dot.gov/
Missouri (MO)	
Contract Authority under MAP-21	\$1,594,799.00
Request for Projects	Unknown
Project Proposals Due	Unknown
PDC Members	Unknown
Website	Information will be posted as it becomes available: http://www.efl.fhwa.dot.gov/
New Hampshire (NH)	
Contract Authority under MAP-21	\$308,501.00
Request for Projects	Unknown
Project Proposals Due	Unknown
PDC Members	Unknown

Website	Information will be posted as it becomes available: http://www.efl.fhwa.dot.gov/
New Jersey (NJ)	
Contract Authority under MAP-21	\$234,233.00
Request for Projects	Unknown
Project Proposals Due	Unknown
PDC Members	Unknown
Website	Information will be posted as it becomes available: http://www.efl.fhwa.dot.gov/
New York (NY)	
Contract Authority under MAP-21	\$491,509.00
Request for Projects	Unknown
Project Proposals Due	Unknown
PDC Members	Unknown
Website	Information will be posted as it becomes available: http://www.efl.fhwa.dot.gov/
North Carolina (NC)	
Contract Authority under MAP-21	\$2,812,507.00
Request for Projects	Unknown
Project Proposals Due	Unknown
PDC Members	Unknown
Website	Information will be posted as it becomes available: http://www.efl.fhwa.dot.gov/
Ohio (OH)	
Contract Authority under MAP-21	\$933,970.00
Request for Projects	Unknown
Project Proposals Due	Unknown
PDC Members	Unknown
Website	Information will be posted as it becomes available: http://www.efl.fhwa.dot.gov/
Pennsylvania (PA)	
Contract Authority under MAP-21	\$1,203,223.00
Request for Projects	Unknown
Project Proposals Due	Unknown
PDC Members	Unknown
Website	Information will be posted as it becomes available: http://www.efl.fhwa.dot.gov/
Puerto Rico (PR)	
Contract Authority under MAP-21	\$77,957.00

Request for Projects	Unknown
Project Proposals Due	Unknown
PDC Members	Unknown
Website	Information will be posted as it becomes available: http://www.efl.fhwa.dot.gov/
Rhode Island (RI)	
Contract Authority under MAP-21	\$15,006.00
Request for Projects	Unknown
Project Proposals Due	Unknown
PDC Members	Unknown
Website	Information will be posted as it becomes available: http://www.efl.fhwa.dot.gov/
South Carolina (SC)	
Contract Authority under MAP-21	\$1,295,975.00
Request for Projects	Unknown
Project Proposals Due	Unknown
PDC Members	Unknown
Website	Information will be posted as it becomes available: http://www.efl.fhwa.dot.gov/
Tennessee (TN)	
Contract Authority under MAP-21	\$2,657,077.00
Request for Projects	Unknown
Project Proposals Due	Unknown
PDC Members	Unknown
Website	Information will be posted as it becomes available: http://www.efl.fhwa.dot.gov/
Vermont (VT)	
Contract Authority under MAP-21	\$223,765.00
Request for Projects	Unknown
Project Proposals Due	Unknown
PDC Members	Unknown
Website	Information will be posted as it becomes available: http://www.efl.fhwa.dot.gov/
Virginia (VA)	
Contract Authority under MAP-21	\$3,314,583.00
Request for Projects	Unknown
Project Proposals Due	Unknown
PDC Members	Unknown
Website	Information will be posted as it becomes available:



	http://www.efl.fhwa.dot.gov/
West Virginia (WV)	
Contract Authority under MAP-21	\$1,184,934.00
Request for Projects	Unknown
Project Proposals Due	Unknown
PDC Members	Unknown
Website	Information will be posted as it becomes available: http://www.efl.fhwa.dot.gov/
Wisconsin (WI)	
Contract Authority under MAP-21	\$2,010,808.00
Request for Projects	Unknown
Project Proposals Due	Unknown
PDC Members	Unknown
Website	Information will be posted as it becomes available: http://www.efl.fhwa.dot.gov/