# Federal Lands Access Program

A Funding Option for Communities Near Federal Lands



### **Program Overview**

The Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) funds transportation projects that are located on, adjacent to, or provides access to Federal lands, with an emphasis on federal high-use recreation sites and federal economic generators. FLAP project selection is coordinated by FHWA's Office of Western Federal Lands Highway and the Programming Decisions Committee (PDC).

**Eligible agencies** are all Federal Land Management Agencies in Oregon, State of Oregon agencies, local governments, and tribes. Applications must be submitted jointly from a federal and local agency.

Eligible projects are those located on Federal Lands Access Transportation Facilities. Federal Lands Access Transportation Facilities means a public highway, road, bridge, trail, or transit system that is located on, is adjacent to, or provides access to Federal lands for which title or maintenance responsibility is vested in a state, county, town, township, tribal, municipal, or local government. Vested maintenance responsibility means that the majority of the cost for these activities is borne by the state, county, town, township, tribal, municipal, or local government. Projects include research, planning, engineering, construction, or maintenance activities. Operation and maintenance of transit facilities is also eligible.

**Individual project funding is not limited**, however the State of Oregon as a whole is limited to the total allocation set by FHWA.

**FLAP project application and selection** is administered jointly by Western Federal Lands, ODOT, and the Association of Oregon Counties. All proposals must be submitted jointly by the Federal Land Management Agency whose lands are accessed and the agency with title or maintenance responsibility (state, county, city, tribe, or other government).

**Projects are delivered either directly by Western Federal Lands or the applying agency.** Based on the type of project, capabilities, and past performance of the agency, WFL may allow the applicant agency to deliver.

### Linn County Quartzville Corridor Improvement Project with FLAP Funds



Whatcomb Bridge Preservation



New Asphalt Pavement Overlay

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### Typical FLAP Project Selection and Delivery Process

- 1 Western Federal Lands send out Call for Projects (about every 2 years)
- 2 Federal Land Management Agency and local agency or tribe jointly submit proposals
- 3 Applicant identifies proposed delivery method (WFL, ODOT, local agency)
- 4 Applicant identifies 10.27% funding match (either local funds or in-kind services)
- 5 A Technical Advisory Group reviews and ranks proposal based on posted criteria
- 6 If necessary, the TAG will request additional information from applicants
- 7 TAG conducts field reviews of eligible projects
- 7 The Program Decision Committee (WFL, ODOT, AOC) selects final projects
- 8 Local agency provides 10.27% match for FLAP project (funds or in-kind services)
- **9** WFL (or state, local, or tribal agency, if applicable\*) delivers FLAP project
- 10 FLAP project is closed out

\*The PDC assumes WFL will deliver all projects during selection process. Applicants proposing to deliver the project will be evaluated using a Capability Assessment. Certified agencies and those with prior experience delivering federal-aid projects will be considered. Notes:

- ODOT typically does not have a role in FLAP projects delivered by WFL or a local agency.
- FLAP is authorized by 23 USC 204 and the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act.
- Detailed program guidance is available through FLAP's Implementation Guidance.

#### **Federal Lands Access Program Contacts**

For project-level questions or to discuss delivery options, applicants should contact their respective agency representative.

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