

WisDOT Federal Program Update



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FHWA Local Program Review Follow-up

National FHWA Local Program Review

- Local program identified as “high risk”
- Improvements based on 2004 Review jump started Wisconsin’s process
- Program Management a critical piece of this more comprehensive analysis

National FHWA Local Program Review (cont.)

- Issues matrix, with additional annual reviews
- Monthly WisDOT-FHWA meetings
- Entire effort must be completed by October 1, 2009

CY2008 Annual Review Results

- Real Estate follow-up
- Construction Administration
- Local Financial Accountability



Getting Ready for the 2011-2014 Local Program Cycle

2011-2014 Local Program Cycle

- STP-Urban Program
- STP-Rural Program
- Local Bridge Program

Getting Ready for 2011-2014

- Meeting with County Highway Commissioners and MPO Directors
- Review of existing projects prior to accepting new applications
 - New WisDOT reports summarizing status of existing projects
 - Locals decide to drop, substitute or complete approved projects prior to applying for new ones

Local Transportation Symposia

- WisDOT will hold five regional informational meetings
- Winter of odd-numbered year
- Coincides with Local Program solicitation

Local Transportation Symposia (cont.)

- Common statewide agenda items
- Major program elements to be led by WisDOT staff
 - Local Program Management
 - Local Project Delivery
- Management consultant participation

Extending Timeline

- More time for locals to scope projects (February-July 2009)
- WisDOT scoping assistance available upon request
- More time to complete better applications
- Programs will be approved in October 2009

State Municipal Agreements

- Initial statewide MC logic shifted this responsibility to project delivery
- Makes sound business sense for WisDOT regional programming staff to be responsible for SMAs
- SMAs logical “hand off” point to project delivery

Statewide Consistency

- Common, statewide package of solicitation materials
- Early project scoping upon request
- Extended timeline
- State Municipal Agreement refinements
- Standardized reporting and management tools

2011-2014 Guidelines

- Similar format to previous programs
 - Purpose and Description
 - Policy Changes
 - Process Changes
 - General Instructions
 - Program Overviews
 - Schedule for Program Approvals
- Published Jan. 16, 2009, on WisDOT Web site

2009-2012 Applications

- Program applications were called Concept Definition Worksheets (CDWs)
- CDW application process was not consistently used on a statewide basis

2011-2014 Applications

- Concept Definition Worksheets will be updated and referred to as *Program Applications*
- One statewide application for each program
 - STP-Rural, Local Bridge, STP-Urban
- Locals will be required to submit an electronic application packet for each potential improvement

2011-2014 Applications (cont.)

- Application packets will include instructions and the application form
- The new application process will be applied on a statewide basis
- Located on WisDOT Web site at:
<http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/localgov/highways/tools.htm>

2011-2014 Applications (cont.)

- Application Categories:
 - Project Description
 - Existing Facility
 - Project Justification
 - Type of Improvement
 - Environmental Issues
 - Estimated Costs and Scheduling
 - Other Issues
 - Contact Information

2011-2014 Applications (cont.)

- WisDOT is currently drafting new application forms and instructions
- Forms will be available to locals in early February 2009

Summary of Improvements for 2011-2014 Program Cycle

- Meeting with County Highway Commissioners and MPO Directors
- Statewide consistency in program review, solicitation and approval
- More time available for better project scoping and applications

Summary of Improvements for 2011-2014 Program Cycle (cont.)

- Statewide local transportation symposia
- New project reporting tools
- Updated SMA templates
- Updated electronic application forms



***Better up-front information
results in better local projects!***