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Dear Mr. Niemela and Mr. Bach:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Eastern Federal Lands (EFL) Division will be accepting applications for Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) funding via electronic submittal from August 5, 2013 through October 4, 2013.

Projects eligible for FLAP funding include transportation facilities such as a public highway, road, bridge, trail, or transit system that is located on, 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.

This program is authorized as part of the current National Highway funding legislation, established under Section 1119 of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21), Public Law 112-141, and is the successor to the Federal Forest Highway Program, funded as part of previous federal transportation bills. This call for projects will be for two fiscal years, FY 2013 and FY 2014. The program of projects may be extended to more than 2 years, contingent on the number and quality of applications. Any future call for projects will be determined after the initial call is evaluated and as future funding programs become active.

Projects that are eligible for funding include transportation planning, research, engineering, preventive maintenance, rehabilitation, restoration, construction, and reconstruction of Federal lands located on or adjacent to, or that provide access to federal land, and operation and maintenance of transit facilities. Project examples include 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. However, Michigan projects should focus on construction or preventative maintenance of the existing eligible transportation facilities.

Michigan applicants must be Act 51 agencies eligible to receive federal aid funds. All projects that are funded will require the local agency to provide matching funds equaling at least 20 percent of the FLAP funds. Soft or in-kind match is discouraged. The maximum request for FLAP funding should not exceed \$500,000 per eligible project application. FLAP funds should be used for construction costs. The local agency will also be expected to provide other project

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services such as preliminary (design) engineering, construction engineering and administration services, and property acquisition. Costs for these items should not be included in the grant application.

Each local agency is limited to submitting not more than three applications. If multiple applications are submitted that are intended to serve the same Federal Land Management Agency (FLMA), then the FLMA will be asked to provide their prioritized project listing within 5 business days after the closing of the call for projects.

Information relating to the program and the application is available at the FHWA website at <http://www.efl.fhwa.dot.gov/programs/federal-lands-access.aspx>. At that site, follow the links to the Michigan FLAP website to download the application, which is at <http://www.efl.fhwa.dot.gov/programs/fed-lands-michigan.aspx>.

Because these funds are federal transportation funds, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Local Agency Program (LAP) unit will assist local agencies in delivering the selected projects for this program, the same as other local agency Federal Aid eligible projects are delivered.

MDOT is requesting that the County Road Association of Michigan (CRAM) and the Michigan Municipal League (MML) provide the agencies they represent with this information. Local agencies are welcome to contact any of the Programming Decisions Committee members with questions or comments using the contact information located on the website mentioned above. If you have any questions, please contact me at 517-335-2233 or Bruce Kadzban, Rural/Enhancement Unit Supervisor, at 517-335-2229.

Sincerely,



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