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Federal Highway Administration, Western Federal Lands Highway Division:

Understanding the Work Ahead



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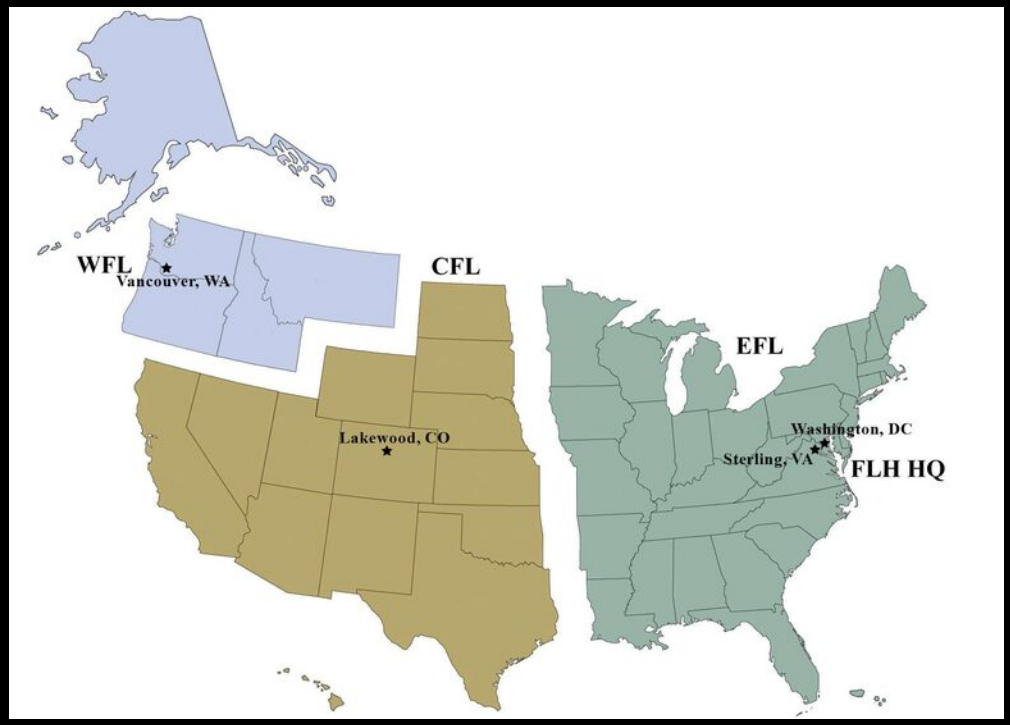
Federal Lands Highway Division Offices

Vision: A safe and reliable transportation system for all those accessing Federal and Tribal Lands

- Department of Transportation - Federal Highway Administration
- Deliver approximately $300 million of transportation projects in AK, ID, OR, WA, MT, and WY
- **Regional Project Office: Wasilla, AK**



Mission: We deliver innovative and context sensitive transportation solutions in alignment with our partners missions and values.

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Our Partners

- National Park Service (NPS);
- USDA Forest Service (FS);
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS);
- Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and Tribal Governments;
- Bureau of Land Management (BLM);
- Department of War (DoW);
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE);
- Bureau of Reclamation (BOR);
- State DOTs; and
- Local Agencies

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Auke Recreation Roadway Rehab
Source: FHWA

Western Federal Lands Highway Division Offices Overview

Provide engineering services for Federal Land Management Agencies

- Project delivery: planning, design, acquisition, construction administration, etc.
- Administer the following programs:
  - Federal Lands Planning Program (FLPP)
  - Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP)
  - Federal Lands Transportation Program (FLTP)
  - Emergency Relief for Federally Owned Roads (ERFO)
- Deliver projects with other funding sources (e.g., Great American Outdoors Act, Competitive Grants, Disaster Supplemental, State DOT funds)



Tanana
Source: FHWA

FLAP Program

Improve transportation facilities that provide access to, are adjacent to, or are located within Federal Lands.

- Projects are selected by the Programming Decision Committee (PDC) for:
  - Federal high use recreation areas
  - Federal economic generators
- Program uniqueness:
  - Match requirements – depends on project
  - Projects are selected through a Call For Projects
  - Project changes require PDC approval

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EA1 Recommend clarifying what must be owned or maintained by a non-Federal entity and add citation.

General comment: all uses of mandatory language, including "must," "shall," "required," and "requirement," should have a corresponding citation to the statutory or regulatory authority for the requirement. If mandatory language is being used only to convey technical facts, then that should be stated explicitly or otherwise made very clear by the text.

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FLTP Program

Improve transportation infrastructure owned and maintained by Federal Lands Management Agencies (FLMA).

- Projects are selected based on FLMA's needs

- Funding:
  - Distributed based on region
  - Managed by partners and regions
  - Changes may need to go back to the partner for approval



Swan Lake
Source: FHWA

ERFO Program

Federally owned roads that have suffered serious damage by a natural disaster.

- Funds approved by the Secretary of Transportation
- Detailed Damage Inspection Report (DDIR) establishes approved scope/cost
- Construction contract must be awarded by the end of the second fiscal year following the fiscal year of the occurrence. (25-36 months)



6235 MP 7.38 – Event AK2021-3-FS
Source: Tongass National Forest

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FHWA Competitive Grant Programs

https://www.transportation.gov/grants/dashboard
https://highways.dot.gov/iija/competitive-grant-funding-matrix

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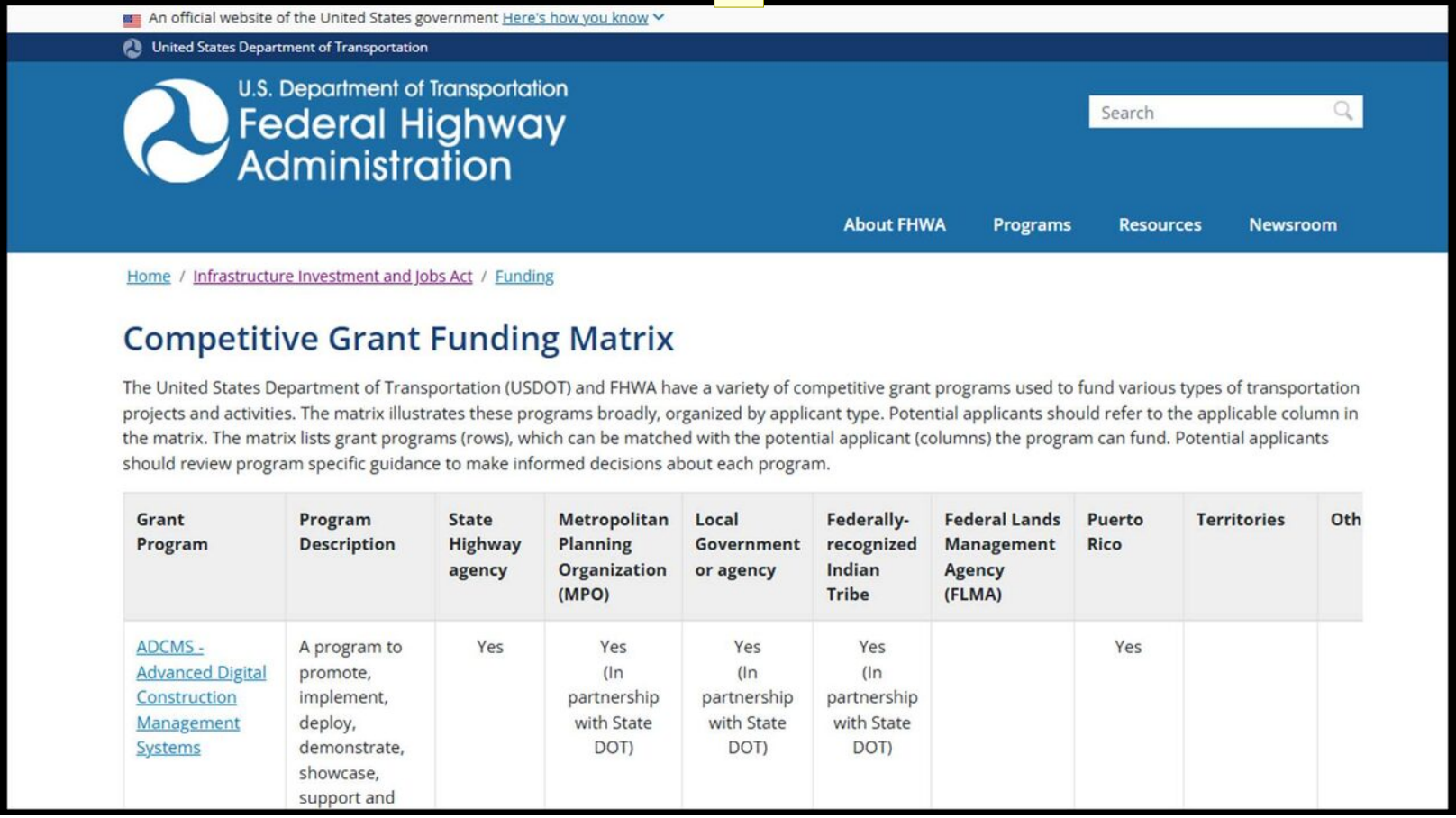

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Competitive Grant Funding Matrix

The United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) and FHWA have a variety of competitive grant programs used to fund various types of transportation projects and activities. The matrix illustrates these programs broadly, organized by applicant type. Potential applicants should refer to the applicable column in the matrix. The matrix lists grant programs (rows), which can be matched with the potential applicant (columns) the program can fund. Potential applicants should review program specific guidance to make informed decisions about each program.

Grant Program	Program Description	State Highway agency	Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)	Local Government or agency	Federally-recognized Indian Tribe	Federal Lands Management Agency (FLMA)	Puerto Rico	Territories	Oth
ADCMS - Advanced Digital Construction Management Systems	A program to promote, implement, deploy, demonstrate, showcase, support and	Yes	Yes (In partnership with State DOT)	Yes (In partnership with State DOT)	Yes (In partnership with State DOT)		Yes		

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Lead Delivery Agency

Projects receiving FHWA funding are designed, contracted, or administered by a lead agency:

- Western Federal Lands
- Federal Land Management Agency
- State DOT
- Local Agency
- Tribal Government



Shotgun Cove
Source: QAP

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Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- Includes transportation improvements funded through primary Federal Lands Highway Program funding for a 4-year period
- Updated bi-annually
- Maintained on public website: https://highways.dot.gov/federal-lands/planning/tip
- Incorporated into State Transportation Improvement Programs (STIPs) through reference or within STIP
- Latest WFL TIP is from May of 2026
- Alaska Supplement



Shotgun Cove Road
Source: QAP

Western Federal Lands TIP

U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration

Transportation Improvement Program
FY2026 to FY2029 Annual Update
FHWA Western Federal Lands Highway Division

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Project Name	Program Year	State	County	FLMA Unit	Project Description	Type of Work	Primary Fund Source	Program Amount	Funds From Title	Delivered By	Phase	Congressional District	FLMA Region
Alaska													
AK FLAP ANCHORAGE 2021(1) FAR NORTH BICENTENNIAL PARK ENHANCEMENTS	2026	AK	Municipality of Anchorage	BLM Campbell Track	Construction and installation of two new bridges over anadromous streams and the construction and installation of boardwalks over wetlands.	3R	FLAP - WFL	$2,000,000	Title 23	WFL	Construction	AK-00	BLM-AK
AK FLAP KASAAN 2021(1) KASAAN ACCESS ROAD MP 0.0 TO MP 1.5	2026	AK	Prince of Wales & Ketchikan Borough	Tongass National Forest	Upgrade the first 1.5 miles of the Kasaan Access Road to AASHTO Standards.	4R	FLAP - WFL	$1,660,000	Title 23	local	Construction	AK-00	FS-10-AK
AK FLAP FS TNF 6040(1) KAKE TO SEAL POINT PAVING	2026	AK	Prince of Wales-Hyder Census Area	Tongass National Forest	Site survey, design and construction of paving on AK DOT&PF Forest Highway 6040.	3R	FLAP - WFL	$6,000,000	Title 23	WFL	Construction	AK-00	FS-10-AK
AK DOT 1(1) ARRC PORTAGE STATION AND TRAILHEAD	2026	AK	Municipality of Anchorage	Chugach National Forest	Planning, design, and construction of the Portage Station and Trailhead.	Trail/Other	FLAP - WFL	$2,136,000	Title 23	state	In Design	AK-00	FS-10-AK
AK SEWARD 2019(1) LOWELL POINT ROAD	2027	AK	Kenai Peninsula Borough	Kenai Fjords National Park	Planning, engineering, geotechnical and surveying work to address slope stability	3R	FLAP - WFL	$1,300,000	Title 23	WFL	In Design	AK-00	NPS-AKR
AK FLAP ALSWORTH 2025(1) THE POINT ACCESS ROAD	2027	AK	Lake & Kenai Peninsula Borough	Lake Clark National Park and Preserve	Extend the existing borough road approximately 1,260 linear feet up to the park boundary.	Study	FLAP - WFL	$200,000	Title 23	WFL	Planned	AK-00	NPS-AKR
AK FS CNF 164(1) PORTAGE CURVE MULTI-MODAL CONNECTOR	2027	AK	Municipality of Anchorage	Chugach National Forest	Planning, design, and construction of a pedestrian overcrossing, parking, and trailheads for improved connectivity along the Iditarod National Historic Trail.	Trail	FLAP - WFL	$3,621,500	Title 23	FS	In Design	AK-00	FS-10-AK
AK PFH 58(2) NECK LAKE RD. RECONSTRUCTION: MARINE ACCESS FACILITY JCT. TO WHALE PASS	2028	AK	Ketchikan Borough	Tongass National Forest	Reconstruct Neck Lake Road.	4R	FLAP - WFL	$29,000,000	Title 23	WFL	Planned	AK-00	FS-10-AK
AK FLAP DENALI 2021(1) DENALI PARK PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE AND TRAIL	2028	AK	Denali Borough	Denali National Park and Preserve	Construct a pedestrian bridge and provide trail connector.	BR_New	FLAP - WFL	$9,500,000	Title 23	WFL	In Design	AK-00	NPS-AKR
AK FLAP DENA 10(1) DENALI PARK ROAD MP 90 DEBRIS FLOW	2028	AK	Denali Borough	Denali National Park and Preserve	Assess geotechnical and roadway conditions on the Denali Park Road (MP 90-91) in response to an existing unstable slope, producing a design package for future construction.	3R	FLAP - WFL	$600,000	Title 23	WFL	Planned	AK-00	NPS-AKR
AK FLAP FNSB CHENA LAKE(3) CHENA LAKE ACCESS ROAD	2028	AK	Fairbanks North Star Borough	Chena Lake Recreation Area	Pave approximately 4.5 miles of gravel access roads and 500,000 square feet of parking areas.	3R	FLAP - WFL	$3,550,000	Title 23	state	Planned	AK-00	BLM-AK
AK FLAP DENALI T 2025(1) NENANA RIVER MULTI-USE PATHWAY	2028	AK	Denali	Denali National Park and Preserve	Design and construct a separated, multiuse pedestrian and bicycle pathway along the George Parks Highway (AK-3) between approximately Milepost (MP) 234 and MP 237.	Trail	FLAP - WFL	$2,200,000	Title 23	state	In Design	AK-00	NPS-AKR
AK FLAP DOT 126100(1) HAMMOND RIVER BRIDGE REPLACEMENT AND WAYSIDE	2029	AK	Yukon-koyukuk Borough	National Petroleum Reserve	Bridge replacement, new river access pullout, bridge work, drainage improvements and roadside hardware.	BR	FLAP - WFL	$3,000,000	Title 23	state	Planned	AK-00	BLM-AK
AK FLAP DOT 1(3) TINCAN TRAILHEAD	2029	AK	Kenai Peninsula	Chugach National Forest	Construction of a new parking facility and associated day use amenities for a new trailhead at Tincan Trailhead.	Trail	FLAP - WFL	$2,500,000	Title 23	WFL	Planned	AK-00	FS-10-AK
AK FLAP DOT 198(5) MCCARTHY ROAD MP 31 - 21 IMPROVEMENTS	2029	AK	Copper River Census Area	Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve	Address identified drainage issues on McCarthy Road between mile posts 21 and 31 through design and construction improvements.	3R	FLAP - WFL	$2,000,000	Title 23	FS	In Design	AK-00	NPS-AKR
AK FLAP COOPER 2025(1) COOPER LANDING PLANNING STUDY	2030	AK	Kenai Peninsula	Chugach National Forest	Study and design of the Sterling Highway between mile posts (MP) 45-60 for a transit corridor.	Study	FLAP - WFL	$215,000	Title 23	state	Planned	AK-00	FS-10-AK

Planning Process



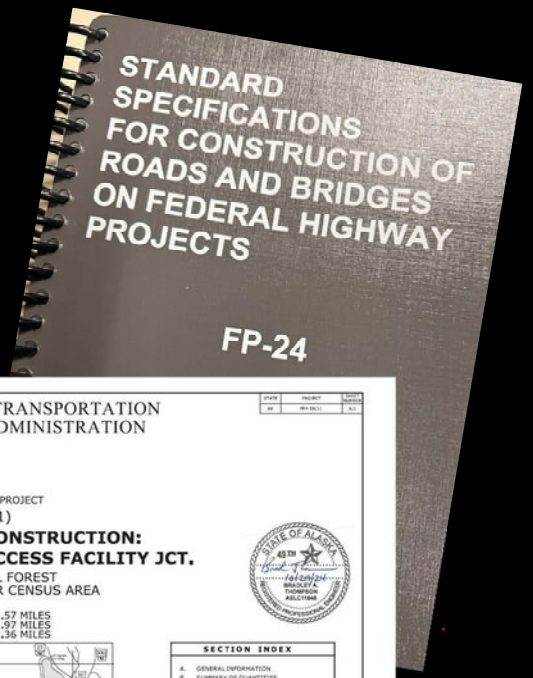
McCarthy Road PEL
Source: FHWA

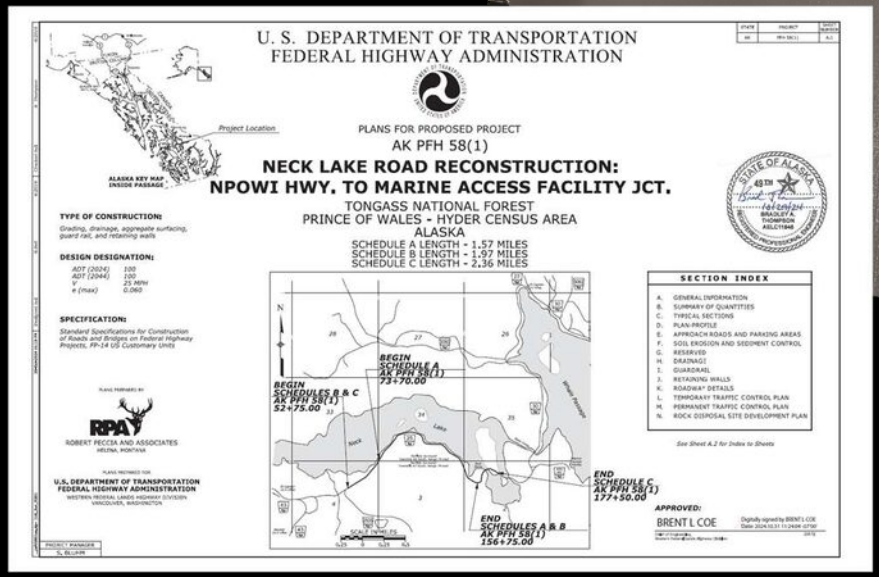
Federal Lands Planning Program (FLPP)

- Implements transportation planning for Federal Lands and Tribal Transportation Facilities that are consistent with the Statewide and Metropolitan transportation planning.
- Projects identified in Long Range Transportation Plans or Regional Transportation Plans may be programmed for construction

Project Delivery Process

- Programming to Project Initiation
  - Timeline varies
    - Typically ranges between 6 months to 3 years (depending urgency and program funding)
- Project Development
  - A/E vs. In-House
  - Steps from Programming to Advertisement
    - Scoping
    - Typical Milestone reviews (30/70/95/100)
    - Pre-solicitation
    - Legal review
    - Advertisement
  - Partner Role
    - Goals for the project
    - Funding Levels
    - Limitations







Kings River Bridge
Source: FHWA

Acquisitions

- Timeline from Programming to Advertisement
- Pre-Advertisement Process
- Solicitations
  - Pre-solicitation notice posted
  - Solicitation Package
- Legal Review
- Questions During Advertisement
- SAM.gov
- How to find WFL Contracts
  - 690567 WESTERN FEDERAL LANDS DIV
  - NAICS code 237310 (Highway, Street, and Bridge Construction)
- Tips and Tricks
- Email contact: wfl.contracts@dot.gov

Post Award – Active Construction

Contracting Overview

- Contract is with WFLHD

Roles and Responsibilities

- Relationship between WFL and Contractor – Delegation of Authority
- WFL Contracting Authority
- WFL Regional Project Office

WFL and Partner/Owning Agency



Ghiglione Bridge
Source: FHWA

Useful Websites

- FP-24: https://highways.dot.gov/federal-lands/specs/fp-24
- TIP: https://highways.dot.gov/federal-lands/planning/tip
- SAM.gov: https://sam.gov/



Neck Lake
Source: FHWA