Benefits of the LAP Program

- Increased availability of funds for local agencies to perform transportation projects
- Federal-aid is also available for use on local roads that are not part of the State Highway system.
- Local Agencies retain control of day to day project management
- Projects maintain the priorities and objectives of the Local Agency

Types of projects Eligible for LAP

- Safety projects
- Re-surfacing projects
- Bicycle and pedestrian facilities
- Traffic calming projects
- Bridges and tunnels
- Infrastructure-based Intelligent Transportation System projects

FHWA Federal-Aid Essentials for Local Agencies

In addition, FHWA has developed a website to better explain the Local Agency Program. Check out FHWA’s Federal-Aid Essentials for Local Agencies to learn more about the LAP!

http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/federal-aidessentials/

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FDOT Local Agency Programs Website

For more information regarding the Local Agency Program, please visit FDOT’s LAP Website!

http://www.fdot.gov/programmanagement/LAP/Default.shtm

Veterans Memorial Bridge – District 5

Gateway Harborwalk Phase 1 – District 1
Local Agency Program (LAP)

Nationwide approximately 75% or 2.9 million of the 3.9 million total miles of roadway are owned and operated by local public agencies. The Local Agency Program or “LAP” provides sub-recipient towns, cities and counties funds to develop, design, and construct transportation facilities with federal funds.

FDOT is the steward of the federal funds and is responsible for oversight of funded projects on behalf of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

LAP agencies prioritize and fund local projects (through their respective MPO or governing board) and are then eligible for reimbursement for the services provided to the traveling public through compliance with applicable Federal statutes, rules and regulations.

Certification

In order for a local agency to participate in the Local Agency Program they must become ‘Certified’. Local agencies are required to perform a series of assessments to ensure financial and staffing capability, as well as ability to comply with Federal and state regulations.

Local Agencies may be certified in the following areas:
- Planning
- Design
- Construction/Construction Administration

Local Agencies will be granted one of two levels of certification based on the results of the Certification review.

Project Specific Certification
- For Local Agencies that will perform an inconsistent number of projects
- Certification applies for the life of the project
- Step-by-Step oversight by FDOT Staff
- Mandatory training requirements
- Local Agency must ‘Re-Certify’ to perform another project

Full Certification
- For Local Agencies that will perform a consistent number of projects
- Certification applies for 3 years
- Increased delegation of oversight from FDOT to local agency based on performance
- Mandatory training requirements