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HIGH PRIORITY PROJECTS PROGRAM GUIDLINES

I. BACKGROUND

This Office Bulletin replaces the High Priority Project (HPP) Program Guidelines included as Chapter 12, Section 12.1 of the Local Assistance Program Guidelines (LAPG) in its entirety. With the inclusion of new projects and federal provisions under the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), the HPP Program guidelines are updated and issued in this Office Bulletin with the intent of issuing a formal Local Program Procedure (LPP) at a later date. Once the LPP process in completed, this Office Bulletin will expire.

II. POLICY

In addition to some formatting changes, the major policy changes are the result of SAFETEA-LU. Clarification of policies and procedures and roles and responsibilities has been included as well as links to related FHWA websites.

III. PROCEDURE

Congress includes a list of earmarks and funding authorizations in the annual appropriations acts and multi-year federal transportation acts. The program coordinator receives the earmark list and immediately forwards the list to the District Local Assistance Engineers (DLAEs). The DLAEs send the list of earmarks to the effected local agencies with a copy of the current guidelines.

The DLAEs and the program coordinator assist the local agencies in preparing to receive HPP Program funding. When the local agency is ready to receive the funds, the DLAE reviews the required documentation, making sure all federal requirements have been met, and completes a request for federal funds obligation.

IV. APPLICABILITY/IMPACTS

The attached revised HPP Program Guidelines will be used by district staff and local agencies who receive HPP funding. No significant impacts to the program or applicants are anticipated. The LAPG will be updated when the LPP process is completed at a later date.

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Attachment: High Priority Projects Program Guidelines