

Local Public Agency Strategic Vision Team

Recommendations

The Missouri Department of Transportation and representatives from the Federal Highway Administration, local agencies, metropolitan planning organizations, consultants and industry gathered to improve the delivery of local federal aid projects statewide.

The team developed a statewide directive, including implementation strategies and measurement tools, to help everyone involved in delivery of local federal aid programs, from federal and state agencies to cities, consultants, contractors, park districts and many others, make best use of their resources for local transportation projects.

The team's overall focus was to find ways to complete projects *on time, on budget and in compliance with federal law*. Ultimately, the team identified five areas to improve and developed implementation strategies that engage all organizations that participate in federal aid projects:

Develop a FHWA/MoDOT Certification Program

Individuals with documented knowledge of federal laws and regulations may obtain and renew LPA certification in order to receive optimum authority and autonomy, using their own approved procedures, to successfully deliver federal aid projects. All participants will share a base level of knowledge, resulting in fewer incidents of funding loss due to errors.

Certification process developed by: March 2012

Develop a Training Program

Educating MoDOT employees, local project sponsors and consultants on all aspects of the federal aid process, with future certification as the aim, will increase consistency statewide and increase accuracy.

Ongoing education program established by: March 2012

Improve the Missouri LPA manual

By updating the current LPA manual and building continuous improvement and compliance checks into the document, the team aims to increase consistency statewide and help all organizations to be in compliance with federal laws.

Manual improvements by: March 2012

Develop a Program and Project Management Tool

An online local program tracking tool is in the works. As a one-stop shop for local program delivery, this tool is expected to reduce project delivery time, improve communication and document management and aid in delivery of projects that are on time and within budget.

Program and project management tool online by: March 2012

Develop a Continuous Improvement Team

An LPA Advisory Team, with representatives from public agencies, consultants, contractors and others will improve statewide relationships and create a best-in-the-nation program, promoting involvement and improvement through regular communication and establishment of a best practices recognition program.

Ongoing

For more information about the exciting changes in Missouri's LPA program

See the LPA team report at www.modot.mo.gov/business/manuals/localpublicagency.htm

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