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Re: CA FLAP MON T10(1) FORT ORD NM TRAIL
California Federal Lands Access Program Project Application

Ms. Jacobsen:

Congratulations. The California Program Decisions Committee (PDC) has short-listed your application for the above referenced project as a part of the Call for Projects. Your application is no longer competing against other applications. The project's scope of work, costs, and schedule will be further evaluated for the PDC's final decision, likely to be in the fall 2022. The scope, funding, and preliminary schedule are proposed as follows:

Purpose: The purpose of this project is to improve multimodal (primarily pedestrian and bicycle) access to the Fort Ord National Monument.

Scope: The scope of this project includes:

- 2.26 miles of new ADA compliant multi-use trail from the intersection of Imjin Pkwy and Imjin Rd to Jerry Smith Access Corridor
- Tentatively 12 ft paved width with 2 ft wide unpaved shoulders
- Tentatively to include a raised boardwalk over protected species habitat.
- The alignment is to be determined. See Additional PDC Considerations below.

Preliminary Schedule: This project is preliminarily programmed for construction funding in late fiscal year 2027 based on availability of funding. Construction would likely occur in 2027. The actual year funds are obligated for construction may change due to changes to the program and/or program funding.

This is contingent on if Program funding is available. The Federal Lands Access Program is currently authorized under the new Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, which is set to expire on September 30, 2026. The FLAP Program, or a similar program where this project can be grandfathered into, would need to be extended, renewed, or created through additional federal legislation.

Funding: The estimated total project cost, including engineering and escalation of construction costs to the program year, is \$9,660,000. The Transportation Agency for Monterey County will provide \$4,000,000 in cash funds, to meet the 11.47% match requirement, plus an additional cash match through electronic funds transfer to FHWA. The Federal Lands Access Program will provide \$5,660,000 in cash funds.

Right of Way (ROW) and Utilities: The application does not anticipate ROW or utility impacts for this project. This will be verified through scoping and project development.

Additional PDC Considerations: The PDC requests the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Central Federal Lands Highway Division (CFLHD) to work collaboratively with the Bureau of Land Management, Transportation Agency for Monterey County, and other partners to recommend a trail alignment that provides the best connectivity improvement to Fort Ord NM. This alignment may deviate from what was shown in the application.

Project Delivery: The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Central Federal Lands Highway Division (CFLHD) will lead the project delivery, construction contracting, and contract administration of this project.

Prior to final selection by the PDC, CFLHD will conduct a scoping effort. This effort will yield Project Delivery Plan (PDP) documents detailing the proposed scope, schedule, and budget anticipated for the project to allow the PDC to finalize the program of projects. The CFLHD Project Manager will be Matt Ambroziak, who can be reached at matthew.ambroziak@dot.gov or (720) 963-3619. Mr. Ambroziak will be contacting you and other project stakeholders shortly to schedule the scoping trip.

As specified under the conditions of the FLAP Project Application, a scoping Funds Transfer Agreement (FTA) will be required between your agency and CFLHD in the amount of \$38,000, along with a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) establishing the project scope, roles, and responsibilities. The drafts of these agreements are attached to this letter. Please fill in the appropriate information for your agency and email a scanned PDF of the executed versions to Mr. Ambroziak and me by **January 21, 2022**.

The total project cost and associated match may be updated during scoping. The PDC will make the final determination of the total program amount and required match. If the PDC and your agency agree with the project scope and cost estimate once scoping is complete, the PDC will place the project in the final program of projects, the FTA will be modified to include all projected project costs, and a new MOA will be developed and signed by all of the project partners. The PDC determines the final program year for funding based on total available funding and other needs in the program.

We appreciate your interest in the Federal Lands Access Program and look forward to working with you on this project.

Sincerely,

James Herlyck, P.E.
Federal Lands Access Program Manager &
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Attachments: Draft Scoping Funds Transfer Agreement and Memorandum of Agreement

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