

For January 2014 Newsletter Release:

FMSIB to issue a 2014 Call for Projects

The Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board is issuing a call for projects to maintain a six-year list of active projects. Due to a favorable construction environment, FMSIB has been able to advance more projects than anticipated during the current biennium. To be able to maintain an active six-year list of projects, the Board will need to add additional freight projects to our list. The Board is seeking eligible projects that would be ready to go to construction during the 2015 to 2021 time frame. State policy makers have been considering a new revenue package this past year, with additional funding for transportation programs, including FMSIB. If the revenue package is approved, there may be an opportunity to provide new funds for earlier construction starts.

The call will begin on February 3, 2014, with fully completed applications due by close of business on March 14, 2014. Applications are available on-line at www.fmsib.wa.gov

Eligible projects must be on a strategic freight corridor and be listed as part of a state or local transportation plan. Projects should improve the movement of freight and/or mitigate the movement of freight through local communities. Studies will not be considered at this time due to the large backlog of unmet freight construction needs. FMSIB participation will be limited to the construction phase only but project costs and percentage participation will be determined based upon the total project cost. Projects on the current list of FMSIB projects do not need to apply again. These projects will retain their position on the list. The projects that are prioritized from this call will be added to this list.

Freight projects may be submitted by WSDOT, cities, counties and ports. Projects must be on a strategic freight corridor (annual tonnage minimums: 4 M tons for roadways, 5 M tons for railways and 2.5 M tons for waterways). Additional statutory requirements may be found on our website or in RCW 47.06A.

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