

INTRODUCTION

To the Project Development Information Packet for Local Public Agency Federal-aid Projects

Purpose

The Project Development Information Packet (referred to herein as the Packet) is designed to provide assistance to the local public agency (LPA) in the development of its federally funded projects. The Packet explains the project development procedures which are applicable to the various federal-aid programs administered by the Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT).

While the Packet provides detailed guidance for most parts of the project development process, it is not a substitute for regular contact with Iowa DOT staff. Please work closely with the staff of the Iowa DOT office that administers the federal funds for your project. For the Transportation Enhancement and Federal Recreational Trails programs, the Office of Systems Planning is the administering office. For all other federally funded programs, the appropriate district office is the administering office.

Packet Updates

In 2001, the Packet was published and distributed in hard copy format for the last time. Since then, revisions to the Packet have been issued in electronic format via the Office of Local Systems web site. The Local Systems web site also contains links to many other resources such as the various state and federal agencies that may be involved in the development of a LPA federal-aid project.

Notifications of Packet revisions are issued by e-mail to those on the Office of Local Systems e-mail distribution list. Packet revision notices are also available on the Local Systems web site. Please watch these sources of information carefully so that your organization is kept current with the latest policies and procedures that affect LPA federal-aid projects.