

Local Agency Programs Section Federal Eligibility Guidelines

These guidelines indicate under what circumstances the following items are eligible for participation for projects funded with federal and/or state funds.

Sidewalks

- a. Existing sidewalk that is impacted by road is eligible.
- b. Filling in short gaps of existing sidewalk is eligible.
- c. New sidewalk is eligible if the Rural Task force/MPO has determined sidewalk to be eligible in general and there is a demonstrated need.
- d. New sidewalk is eligible if approved in the Category A grant.
- e. Existing sidewalk impacted by local bridge projects is eligible.
- f. New sidewalk and/or filling gaps on local bridge projects is ineligible.

Bike Paths/Non Motorized Paths

- a. Bike path project is eligible if identified in STIP or is an approved enhancement project.
 - i. One-way path 5 foot minimum width, two way 10 foot minimum width (each needs 2 foot side clearance).
 - ii. Minimum width on non-motorized bridges is path is 14 feet (10 foot path plus 2 feet on each side for clearance).
- b. Paving 4ft minimum shoulder for bike path is eligible.
- c. Path is eligible if tied into overall master plan.

Parking - federal funding is available (on a case by case basis) provided all of the following conditions are satisfied:

- a. Adequate off-street is not available and businesses will be negatively impacted by the removal of parking from the street (e.g. no parking available behind the business).
- b. The traffic lanes can adequately accommodate the current and future (20 years from construction) traffic demand.
- c. If diagonal parking exists, the local agency has performed a diagonal parking study, determined that it is operating safely, and submitted it to MDOT for approval.
- d. The local agency submits a letter summarizing a. and b (and c. if applicable).
- e. MDOT has reviewed the site and approves the parking analysis.

Storm Sewer

- a. Eligible to provide drainage of road right of way.
- b. Partial participation because of oversizing may be based on (a) cfs (b) pipe size (c) the difference in cost between in-kind replacement and proposed size.

Utility Relocation

- a. Adjustment or relocation of existing public utilities (watermain, sanitary sewer, lighting, etc) due to project work is eligible.
- b. Adjustment or relocation of private utilities that are in the utility company's own easement is eligible.
- c. Adjustment or relocation of private utilities within road ROW is ineligible.
- d. Sanitary sewer not eligible due to sewer separation.
- e. New watermain or replacement sanitary sewer is ineligible.
- f. Watermain services or sanitary sewer laterals is ineligible.

Landscaping and Beautification

- a. All landscaping should not interfere with sight distances.
- b. Normal sod, seed fertilizer is eligible
- c. Trees, shrubs, etc eligible on basis of replacement. Other than replacement needs task force/MPO approval.
- d. Wetland mitigation landscaping is eligible
- e. Existing irrigation systems impacted by the project are ineligible for federal funding if they are located inside the existing ROW. Existing irrigation systems located outside the existing ROW, or the portions located outside the existing ROW, that are impacted by the project may be eligible for federal funds.
- f. Streetscape items are not eligible unless as part of an enhancement project or approved by task force or MPO.
- g. Streetscape and landscape items are not eligible on safety projects unless for normal site restoration.

Lighting

- a. Relocation or adjustment of existing street lights if impacted is eligible.
- b. New lighting system is eligible if approved by task force or MPO and there is demonstrated safety need.
- c. Can use standard type lighting fixture, city standard or ornamental fixture if in an historic area.
- d. For bridge projects, replacement of existing lighting is eligible.

Structures

- a. Standard nameplate as described in MDOT Standard Plans is eligible.
- b. Special nameplates are not eligible.
- c. Decorative pedestrian railings are not eligible.