

Local Agency Program (LAP) FY 2026 Project Planning Guide

No data	LOCAL AGENCY SUBMITS ITS SECTION 106 and NEPA DOCUMENTATION (MDOT FORM 5323) TO LAP ENVIRONMENTAL, AT LEAST SIX MONTHS BEFORE GI SUBMITTAL. DATES SHOWN ARE APPROXIMATELY 6 MONTHS PRIOR TO GI SUBMITTAL DATES	FOR BRIDGE PROJECTS, LOCAL AGENCY SUBMITS TYPE, SIZE, AND LOCATION (TS&L) DOCUMENTS WHEN REQUIRED, TO LAP	No data	LOCAL AGENCY SUBMITS ITS ACCEPTABLE GRADE INSPECTION (GI) DOCUMENTS TO LAP	APPROXIMATE GRADE INSPECTION (GI) MEETING DATE	No data	LOCAL AGENCY SUBMITS ITS FINAL PROPERTY ACQUISITION CERTIFICATION (ATTACHMENT B)	LOCAL AGENCY SUBMITS ITS COMPLETE BIDDABLE PACKAGE TO LAP	LAP FORWARDS FINAL BID PROPOSAL PACKAGE TO SPECS & ESTIMATES	LETTING DATE	
Local Agency (LA) or its engineering consultant begins Project Design, requests ProjectWise (PWZ) folders, contacts LAP Environmental for Section 106 consultation, prepares NEPA Form 5323 and documents, and places them in PWZ at least six months before GI submittal. LA also begins utility notification and coordination, coordination with railroads if applicable, coordination with MDOT for traffic and pedestrian signal work, permit application, property acquisition, etc.	01/06/25	03/31/25	LA places GI documents in PWZ, including Program Application, Requests for design exceptions or variances, recent 3-year crash history and analysis, Diagonal parking study and analysis, Diagnostic Safety Team Review for rail crossings, and similar documents, and notifies the LAP staff engineer. LA addresses Section 106 and NEPA Form 5323 review comments	05/05/25	06/04/25	LA completes section 106 and NEPA coordination, addresses GI review comments; prepares final plans, special provisions, and cost estimates; obtains property, permits, and approvals; places all documents in PWZ, and emails the LAP staff engineer	07/04/25	07/18/25	08/15/25	10/03/25	+
	02/10/25	05/05/25		06/09/24	07/09/25		08/08/25	08/22/25	09/19/25	11/07/25	+
	01/15/25	06/09/25		07/14/25	08/13/25		09/05/25	09/19/25	10/17/25	12/05/25	+
	02/19/25	07/14/25		08/18/25	09/17/25		10/10/25	10/24/25	11/21/25	01/09/26	**
	03/12/25	08/04/25		09/08/25	10/08/25		11/07/25	11/21/25	12/19/25	02/06/26	N/A
	04/09/25	09/01/25		10/06/25	11/05/25		12/05/25	12/19/25	01/16/26	03/06/26	N/A
	05/07/25	09/29/25		11/03/25	12/03/25		01/02/26	01/16/26	02/13/26	04/03/26	N/A
	06/04/25	10/27/25		12/01/25	12/31/25		01/30/26	02/13/26	03/13/26	05/01/26	N/A
	07/09/25	12/01/25		01/05/26	02/04/26		03/06/26	03/20/26	04/17/26	06/05/26	N/A
	08/13/25	01/05/26		02/09/26	03/11/26		04/10/26	04/24/26	05/22/26	07/10/26	**
	09/10/25	02/02/26		03/09/26	04/08/26		05/08/26	05/22/26	06/19/26	08/07/26	N/A
	10/08/25	03/02/26		04/06/26	05/06/26		06/05/26	06/19/26	07/17/26	09/04/26	N/A
	11/05/25	03/30/26		05/04/26	06/03/26		07/03/26	07/17/26	08/14/26	10/02/26	N/A
	12/10/25	05/04/26		06/08/26	07/08/26		08/07/26	08/21/26	09/18/26	11/06/26	N/A

Please Note:

- (+) For projects proposed to be advertised and bid early in the fiscal year, when federal funds may not yet be available, Local Agencies may consider using the Advance Construct funding option for projects in these lettings.
- (**) Date adjusted for holiday.
- LAP cannot guarantee that projects submitted late in the fiscal year will be obligated before the end of the current fiscal year. This may result in loss of funds for that fiscal year.
- Dates shown for Section 106 and NEPA document submittal are generally 4 months before Grade Inspection (GI) submittal. However LAP recommends NEPA submittal 2-6 months before GI submittal.
- All bridge projects (bridge replacement and major rehabilitation regardless of funding) require a TS&L submittal.
- For projects that may require an Environmental Assessment (EA), submit the EA document to the MDOT LAP-ENVIRONMENTAL UNIT at least one year prior to submitting the GI documents.
- For projects which FHWA has identified for Risk Based Project Involvement, submit GI documents and Complete Biddable Package to LAP at least two weeks prior to the dates shown.
- See the attached guidance document, "Local Agency Program (LAP) Project Planning Guidance."