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In Reply Refer To:
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Weber County
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Re: UT FLAP WEB 10(1) Causey Reservoir Access
Utah Federal Lands Access Program Project Application

Dear Mr. Wilkinson:

Congratulations. The Utah Program Decisions Committee (PDC) has accepted your application for the above referenced project into the short list of potential projects for the Utah Federal Lands Access Program. The scope, funding, and preliminary schedule are proposed as follows:

Purpose: The purpose of this project is to improve access to the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest and the Causey Reservoir.

Scope: The scope of this project includes:

- Rehabilitating, and paving 3 miles of Causey Road, Wheatgrass Road, and Skull Crack Canyon Road.
- Widening the roads from 26 to 28 feet.
- Improving roadside drainage.
- Establishing safe sight distance.
- Formalizing existing parking areas and pullouts.
- Replacing one large box culvert.

Preliminary Schedule: This project is preliminarily programmed for construction funding in late fiscal year 2025 based on availability of funding. Construction would likely start in 2026 and last two seasons. 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 FAST Act, which is set to expire on September 30, 2020. 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. We are optimistic this will occur.

Funding: The estimated total project cost, including engineering and escalation of construction costs to the program year, is \$9,250,000. The Federal Lands Transportation Program – Forest Service will provide \$750,000 to meet the 6.77% match requirement, plus provide an over-match.

Right of Way 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: None.

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 Braden Peters, who can be reached at braden.peters@dot.gov or (720) 963-3397. Mr. Peters will be contacting you and other project stakeholders shortly to schedule the scoping trip.

A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) establishing the project scope, roles, and responsibilities is to be executed prior to scoping. A draft of this agreement is attached to this letter. Please fill in the appropriate information for your agency and email a scanned PDF of the executed version to Mr. Peters and me no later than 45 days of this notification letter. Note that since the Federal Lands Transportation Program is providing match for the project, a financial agreement between FHWA-CFLHD and Weber County will not be required.

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 MOA will be modified 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 Utah Federal Lands Access Program and look forward to working with you on this project.

Sincerely,

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Federal Lands Access Program Manager &
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Attachments: Draft Scoping Funds Transfer Agreement and Memorandum of Agreement

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