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Federal-Aid Essentials
for Local Public Agencies

*Federal-Aid Simplified
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www.fhwa.dot.gov/federal-aidessentials

“Local public agencies (LPA), which include city, county, and municipal departments of transportation, will soon have a new resource to help improve understanding and compliance with the requirements of the Federal-Aid Highway Program. **On August 27, FHWA will launch a new Web site, "Federal-Aid Essentials for Local Public Agencies,"** which will house an online library of informational videos and related materials.

The videos are less than 10 minutes long and provide basic information on a variety of Federal-aid program and project responsibilities, including finance and civil rights programs, environmental and right-of-way issues, project development, and project construction and contract administration. The Web site will offer companion resources for each video topic including transcripts and links to related manuals, forms, contacts, and regulations. FHWA will update the site regularly, adding new features to accommodate LPA needs and requests.”



Federal-aid Essentials for Local Public Agencies

The Federal Highway Administration introduces an online library of dynamic videos and related materials specifically designed for local public agencies. This new resource highlights key components of the Federal-aid Highway Program, offering valuable and helpful information to manage federally funded transportation projects. The materials are featured on a new Web site called [Federal-aid Essentials for Local Public Agencies](#).

Federal-aid *Simplified*.

UNDERSTANDING THE ESSENTIALS

[Federal-aid Essentials for Local Public Agencies](#) is a gateway to up-to-date materials, and an extensive directory of State resources and Federal contacts. It is an online library of informational video modules, designed to help local public agencies answer the important questions about federally funded projects.

Available 24 hours a day, on most devices with Internet access, [Federal-aid Essentials for Local Public Agencies](#) is readily accessible and available when you want an answer. Each module addresses a single topic presented in plain language—condensing the complex regulations and requirements of the Federal-aid Highway Program into easy-to-understand language and illustrated examples. Brief, concise, and to the point—each video is less than 10 minutes long and highlights a critical topic essential to the successful delivery of a federally funded project. Videos can be viewed online in any order and at any time. Companion resources accompany each presentation, along with links to further resources.

[Federal-aid Essentials for Local Public Agencies](#) is organized around seven main topic areas:

- Federal-aid Program Overview
- Civil Rights
- Environment
- Finance
- Right-of-Way
- Project Development
- Project Construction & Contract Administration

The Web site will allow you to indicate areas of interest and receive alerts when new material becomes available. You also can give feedback that will help FHWA continue to provide useful assistance through this Web site.

[Federal-aid Essentials for Local Public Agencies](#) presents what you need to know about the Federal-aid Highway Program. It is designed to help local agency staff navigate the Federal-aid Highway Program and to further understand the benefits of the policies, procedures, and practices. Your State department of transportation – your DOT – is very knowledgeable about Federal-aid projects and continues to be your primary resource for complying with Federal requirements. The Federal-aid Essentials Web site also includes a comprehensive listing of State Resources, consisting of links to local program Web sites, manuals, references, local technical assistance programs, and local program coordinators.

Start here: for help managing your next Federal-aid transportation project, go to www.fhwa.dot.gov/federal-aidessentials.

Want more information on the Federal-aid Essentials for Local Public Agencies Web site? Contact Project Managers Rob Elliott: rob.elliott@dot.gov OR Carin Michel: carin.michel@dot.gov