

RESOLUTION 11 - 2013

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A PROCEDURE
FOR RED FLAG INVESTIGATIONS ON ALL PROJECTS
IDENTIFIED AS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A FUTURE FUNDING AWARD**

WHEREAS, the Madison County Council of Governments (MCCOG) is the agency designated by the Governor of Indiana as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Anderson/Madison County Metropolitan Planning Area to develop a Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) through a performance-driven, outcome-based approach to planning, and

WHEREAS, FHWA has required that all MPO's address annual Planning Emphasis Areas (PEA's) to implement each MPO's planning program and financial management system as required by the most recent Federal Transportation Bill, and

WHEREAS, FHWA has identified Red Flag Investigation (RFI) as a PEA that is included as a part of the *Planning and Environmental Linkages Initiative* to help MPO's and the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) consider environmental issues early in the transportation planning process and use information and analysis conducted in planning to assist in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Process; and

WHEREAS, FHWA has identified RFI's as a tool used to screen the project area for potential environmental, constructability, and engineering issues of concern prior to projects entering into the TIP; and

WHEREAS, MCCOG is now required to systematically review all proposed projects to ensure: (1) overall project eligibility, (2) that National and State Performance Measures can be met, and (3) that MPO Performance Measures can be met; and

WHEREAS, INDOT requires that an RFI must be prepared on every federally-funded project which may involve excavation;

WHEREAS, INDOT requires that an RFI must be submitted with the completed Environmental Review Document on every federally-funded project which may involve excavation;

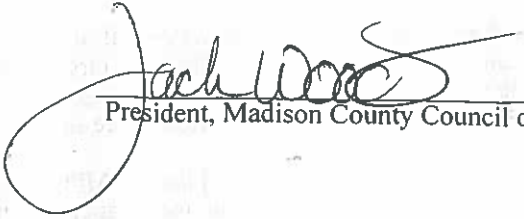
WHEREAS, MCCOG will conduct an RFI on all projects submitted by the Employee in Responsible Charge (ERC) of Local Public Agencies (LPA's) for Eligibility Review to receive a future transportation-related funding award from the MPO, INDOT, FTA, FHWA, or other federal or state agency;

WHEREAS, MCCOG has developed the following process for the completion and review of RFI's:

- (1) At such time when a Project Review Request Form is submitted, MCCOG Staff will review the request to determine if the form is detailed and complete, and
- (2) If determined complete, MCCOG Staff will conduct an RFI on the proposed project, and
- (3) Once complete, MCCOG Staff will provide a digital copy via email to the LPA ERC as part of the Project Review Response Packet, and
- (4) If the proposed project has been deemed eligible, the LPA ERC should retain a hard copy of the RFI on file for use, if and when a future funding award is issued, and
- (5) If a future funding award is issued, the LPA ERC should provide a copy of the RFI to the contracted design consultant to submit with their NEPA Documentation.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Madison County Council of Governments hereby certifies the aforementioned Red Flag Investigation Procedure as a Policy and Standard to be adhered by all LPA's and other potential Funding Recipients within the Anderson/Madison County Metropolitan Planning Area and is hereby endorsed and approved.

ADOPTED by the Madison County Council of Governments Policy Committee, this 1st day of August, 2013.



President, Madison County Council of Governments