

## Frequently Asked Questions – As of December 1, 2016

### **General**

#### **Q- What is an ADA transition plan?**

A- All city governments were required to complete a self-evaluation of their facilities, programs, policies, and practices by January 26, 1993. The self-evaluation identifies and corrects those policies and practices that are inconsistent with Title II's requirements. Self-evaluations should consider all of a city's programs, activities, and services, as well as the policies and practices that a city has put in place to implement its various programs and services. Remedial measures necessary to bring the programs, policies, and services into compliance with Title II should be specified -- including, but not limited to: (1) relocation of programs to accessible facilities; (2) offering programs in an alternative accessible manner; (3) structural changes to provide program access; (4) policy modifications to ensure nondiscrimination; and (5) auxiliary aids needed to provide effective communication.

If a city that employs 50 or more persons decides to make structural changes to achieve program access, it must develop a transition plan that identifies those changes and sets a schedule for implementing them. Both the self-evaluation and transition plans must be available to the public. 28 C.F.R. §§ 35.105, 35.150(d). More information can be found here: [http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/civilrights/programs/ada\\_sect504qa.cfm](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/civilrights/programs/ada_sect504qa.cfm).

#### **Q- I'm resurfacing a road, do I have to install curb ramps?**

A- Yes. Resurfacing is an alteration that triggers the requirement to add curb ramps if it involves work on a street or roadway spanning from one intersection to another, and includes overlays of additional material to the road surface, with or without milling. Examples include, but are not limited to the following treatments or their equivalents: addition of a new layer of asphalt, reconstruction, concrete pavement rehabilitation and reconstruction, open-graded surface course, micro-surfacing and thin lift overlays, cape seals, and in-place asphalt recycling. Any road alteration project must include curb ramps. Alterations of streets, roads, or highways include activities such as reconstruction, rehabilitation, *resurfacing*, widening, and projects of similar scale and effect. Maintenance activities on streets, roads, or highways, such as filling potholes, are not alterations. More information can be found here: <https://www.ada.gov/doj-fhwa-ta.htm>.

#### **Q- If I resurface a road, do I have to fix all non-ADA compliant sidewalk?**

A- If the scope of work in the project application includes sidewalk repair besides curb ramps then yes. Make sure your application scope is specific to include the work that must be completed. ADA mandates curb ramps along with any road alteration. If the scope is expanded to make repairs to other sidewalk then all of the remaining sidewalks/driveways/alleys along the project limits must be made ADA compliant. Contact EWG staff if you have questions prior to submitting the application.

## **STP-S**

### **Q- The application is longer this year, do I have to answer all of the questions?**

A-Yes, You must answer the questions that pertain to your project type (i.e. road, bridge, transit, etc.) for each evaluation area (preservation, safety, etc.). The answers to these questions provide EWG staff with a more detailed view of the proposed project. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

### **Q- I have a project that I want to submit. It's 3 miles long, can I break it into 3 applications?**

A-No, If an LPA is submitting multiple phases of a project during a single funding cycle, the applications need to be broken out so that one segment is at least 2 miles. If a city is doing a resurfacing of 3 miles they may submit 2 applications. One application must be 2 miles, the other may be 1 mile. If an LPA submits one application, this doesn't apply. This applies to preservation projects.

### **Q- I'm doing a resurfacing project, can I combine multiple roads into one STP application?**

A- Multiple roads can be included in one application only if the roads are: a) the same functional classification, b) same type work being done (i.e. resurfacing only) c) the ADT/mileage for each segment must be broken out somewhere in the application or supporting documentation. Please contact staff prior to submitting an application with multiple roads.

### **Q-Can I combine bridges in one application or with a road project?**

A- Combining bridges is not allowed. You may combine a bridge with a road project if the bridge is within the road project limits. You won't get points for the bridge rehab/replacement unless it's deficient.

### **Q- I'm resurfacing a road and adding a center turn lane. Is this preservation priority?**

A- Adding a center turn lane would make the project as safety or congestion priority since new pavement is being added. This applies even if the sponsor is resurfacing the other pavement as part of the project.

### **Q- How do I get points in preservation?**

A- To get points in preservation you need to provide the CURRENT pavement condition (not future). Pavement condition is the average of condition along the length of the project . At least every half to one mile in rural areas and 1-4 blocks in urban areas. There are many ways to get this. The easiest is if you have a Pavement Management System/pavement condition index software in place. If you don't, then you must use a visual rating system (i.e.PASER ). A map is required that shows where the ratings took place. Each rating must be done at a uniform length. At least 3 ratings are required per project. A pavement rating should be done every ¼ to

½ mile for rural areas and every 2-4 blocks in urban areas. If your agency has Pavement Management System then a printout showing the pavements is required. A number is required to be entered in the pavement section of the application to get points. If your jurisdiction uses a different rating system besides a scale of 100 then the percentage will be calculated to match the EWG scale.

**Q- How do I gain points in safety?**

A- You must download and complete the Crash Summary Form and Crash Calculation Form from the TIP application page. To gain points countermeasures must relate to the crash type. See the Crash Summary Form for more information.

**CMAQ**

**Q- My computer software cannot evaluate the present condition. What do I do?**

A- Sometimes a chair, notepad, pen, and a good old fashioned stop watch are the best way to measure the current condition. This is acceptable in these cases.

**Q- Do I show projected increases in ADT for build year?**

A- For projects such as signal interconnections, flashing yellow arrows or intersection work use the same ADT for before and after.

**Q- Can I provide an estimate for emission reductions for roadway/intersection projects?**

A- No, general estimates are not permitted (i.e. turn lane reduces congestion by x%). A traffic engineering analysis must be performed to generate the data needed for the data matrix.