
SITE ACCESS SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

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Commission master planning guidelines include the option to provide a designated co-fundable allowance for site access safety improvements (i.e. deceleration lane, center left turn lane, metering, signage, etc.), which may be assigned by the planner or Regional Program Consultant ("RPC").

It is recommended that the planner and RPC work with the district to obtain information on the sites for new facilities and evaluate the potential need for such an allowance.

If there are facilities on new sites we will generally propose the inclusion of a \$300K allowance unless the information provided by the district indicates there is likely no need for the allowance. The planner/RPC should consult with the district on this decision.

If there are multiple new facilities in the plan then the planner/RPC may include multiples of the \$300K, however, it is not expected that this will be allocated for all buildings in the plan since the history of project delivery indicates the need is far from universal. The planner/RPC should consult with the district on this decision. If traffic studies are conducted in the planning phase their findings will provide definitive guidance on provision of the allowance.

The use of the allowance will be protected like the demolition allowance and will not be available for use other than site access safety improvements. A traffic safety study must find the need for site access safety improvements to justify the use of the allowance. This funding is not intended to supplant funding for similar scope, which is appropriately secured from other sources (i.e. ODOT, counties, municipalities, etc.).

If site(s) have been selected during the planning stage it is recommended that a traffic study be conducted. The cost of a traffic study will be considered "work in advance of a project agreement" and may be reimbursed from the project fund similar to the handling of soils boring. If a traffic study is not conducted during the planning phase of a project one must be conducted during the project phase if site access safety improvements are being considered for funding by the allowance.