



# Work Smarter — Be a Partner

Local Public Agency Stakeholder Partnering can improve your state transportation projects.

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## Administering the Federal-aid Highway Program is challenging due to:

- Lack of experience
- Added costs and time to complete projects
- Delays in reimbursements
- Disallowed costs

## What is Stakeholder Partnering?

Stakeholder Partnering is a process where partnering occurs among Federal, State and Local Public Agencies at the programmatic level to address concerns and issues, as well as opportunities, for process improvements and streamlining. It is the Every Day Counts round three initiative designed to enhance cooperation, coordination, and open communication. It also serves as a forum to enable states and LPAs to work together to streamline and expedite their individual state's LPA project implementation processes.

## Why do we need Stakeholder Partnering?

### LPA

- Reduced bureaucracy
- Lower project cost
- Greater control over project schedules
- Consistent interpretation of requirements
- Streamline project delivery
- Reduced risk of non-compliance
- Seat at the table

### STATE

- Reduced risk of non-compliance
- Streamlined project delivery
- Consistent interpretation of requirements
- Better use of staff and resources

### FHWA

- Launch program improvements
- Consistent interpretation of requirements
- Reduced risk of non-compliance
- Improve transparency
- Streamline project delivery
- Efficient use of resources





***Stakeholder Partnering is about building partnerships because the issues in front of us are too great for any one organization to address alone.***

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### **What's in it for you?**

- Gain a better understanding of local issues and how we can all work together.
- Develop and improve trust through improved communication and understanding of the issues.
- Improve local Federal-aid project compliance through the process of Stakeholder Partnering.
- Expedite project delivery which is a high priority to all Stakeholder agencies.
- Efficient and effective use of Federal-aid funds meaning more projects are ultimately funded.

### **There's help...**

The Federal Highway Administration supports the efforts of LPA Stakeholder Partnering and has contracted with Applied Research Associates to bring technical and subject matter experts with extensive knowledge of State practices to provide assistance. The goal is to advance the state of practice of utilizing Stakeholder Partnering.

The FHWA will offer on-site technical assistance (state visits) to facilitate discussion and sharing of processes and other program details. Services during this visit may include review of a proposed organizational meeting to create a stakeholder partnering program, customized presentation at group meetings or conferences, facilitation of a state Stakeholder Partnering meeting, and conducting of a team-based peer review of an existing Stakeholder Partnering program.

FHWA will also host a series of webinars which will highlight successful LPA Stakeholder Partnering practices, as well as peer-to-peer exchanges between participants in existing Stakeholder Partnering groups.

Other tools provided by FHWA will include news articles, case studies, videos, fact sheets and an LPA Stakeholder Partnering Online Resource Library.

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