This Directive Applies To: All Employees and Local Public Agencies

In accordance with Code of Federal Regulations 23 CFR 1.11 and 23 CFR 635.105, the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) may delegate administration and management of certain federal-aid projects to local public agencies (LPA). An LPA is defined as a county, municipal corporation, state or local authority, board, commission, agency, department, or political subdivision created under the authority of the state. An LPA project is defined as any transportation project funded through SCDOT, either by federal or state funds, in which an LPA enters into a contractual agreement with SCDOT to manage any phase of the project development process or construction activities. Projects will be identified through the project development process, commission action, congressional designation, or local participation. LPA projects can include, but are not limited to, transportation enhancements, congestion mitigation, congressional earmarks, state earmarks, or any form of project in which SCDOT federal transportation or state transportation funds may be used to finance or supplement development of a transportation project.

The delegation of administration and management of LPA projects does not relieve SCDOT of its responsibility for administering those funds. All LPA projects shall be administered and developed in accordance with the Procedures for Local Public Agency Project Administration, dated May 2014, and approved by the Federal Highway Administration May 23, 2014. The procedures will be reviewed annually, by no later than January 31.