

LAKE AND RECREATIONAL ACCESS ROAD PROGRAM

PURPOSE:

To provide direct access to public user facilities located within the immediate vicinity of lakes and other recreation areas operated by a public agency of the State of Oklahoma, one of its political subdivisions, or by the federal government.

FUNCTION:

Beyond the normal limits of state and local responsibility, the Lake and Recreation Access Program comes into consideration. This assignment of functional responsibility forms the basis for the expenditure of state transportation funds off the designated state highway system. It is a special purpose program to provide for direct user access and circulation within public facility areas built and maintained by a public agency.

CRITERIA REVIEWED IN THE SELECTION OF A LAKE AND RECREATIONAL ROAD:

1. Immediate access to the lake or recreational facility.
2. Size of recreational facility served.
3. Existing access serving the recreational area.
4. Project must be exclusively on public right-of-way.
5. Right-of-way and utility relocations to be furnished at no cost to the Department.
6. Maintenance of project will be responsibility of the local government entity.
7. Projects are reviewed on a statewide basis.
8. Funding is limited.

APPLICATION:

1. An official request (Resolution) from the local unit of government having jurisdiction over the road. The local unit of government must have the authority to sign an agreement with the Department assuming maintenance of the road upon completion of the project.
2. Some indication of local participation in the project. Normally the local government entity will provide the grading and drainage and Industrial Access Funds will be used to provide for the surface.
3. A description of the limits of the project, beginning and ending points, length, and name of lake or recreational area served.
4. A map showing the location of the proposed project.

Applications for proposed projects should be sent to:

Mr. Mitch Surrent; Asst. General Council; (405) 522-0290
Oklahoma Department of Transportation
200 N.E. 21st Street
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

If a project is considered viable and has been approved by the Transportation Commission, it will be managed by: Jessica Kratchmer; (405) 215-1372
Oklahoma Department of Transportation
Local Government Division
200 N.E. 21st Street
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

730:10-1-13. Selection of lake and recreation access projects

- (a) The purpose of the lake and recreation access program is to provide direct access to public user facilities located within the immediate vicinity of lakes and other recreation areas operated by a public agency of the State of Oklahoma, one of its political subdivisions, or by the federal government.
- (b) The definition of direct access is based on generally accepted functional criteria defining the limits of responsibility assigned to the various governmental jurisdictions. The state highway system can logically be expected to provide for the intrastate movement of traffic between the various areas of the state, delivering the users of the State's recreational facilities to the general area of the lake or other recreational feature. The local road system may be expected to provide intra county service, delivering the user to the local area of recreation interest.
- (c) Beyond the normal limits of state and local responsibility, the Lake and Recreation Access Program comes into consideration. This assignment of functional responsibility forms the basis for the expenditure of state transportation funds off the designated state highway system. It is a special purpose program to provide for direct user access and circulation within public facility areas built and maintained by a public agency.

Criteria to be considered are as follows:

- (1) The project provides primary immediate access between the local or state road systems and existing public facilities operated as part of a lake, recreation area or historical site, and/or
- (2) Provides for circulation within and between the immediate public use areas associated with the facility.
- (3) Absence of other funding sources (federal programs, other state agency funds, etc.).
- (4) Size of the recreational facility to be served.
- (5) Existing access roads serving the same area.
- (6) Availability of local assistance in offsetting a portion of the cost of improvements (clearing, grading and roadbed preparation by local government or agency).
- (7) Right-of-way and utility relocations must be provided at no cost to the Department.
- (8) The program is not to be used to enhance private development opportunities.
- (9) Binding agreement to be entered into by appropriate local government unit or public agency for maintenance of road after completing by state. (If road is not adequately maintained, no other lake projects will be approved for county or area).
- (10) The road shall not be a part of designated state highway system.
- (11) Minimum cost single project to maximize geographic distribution.
- (12) Projects are to be programmed on a statewide basis.
- (13) Formal design standards shall be developed and approved by Commission setting forth minimum right-of-way or other relevant geometric features.
- (14) No project will be approved for any county or city that is in arrears in their payments to the Department for right-of-way or other underwriter responsibility unless satisfactory arrangements have been made for the discharge of the delinquency.
- (15) Previously approved lake access road projects can be removed from the

construction program by the Transportation Commission for reasons including, but not limited to, the county or city having failed to execute an agreement to provide right-of-way and utility relocation, failure to maintain previous projects, or failure to provide agreed local assistance.