

Excerpt from Procedural Directive 1504.1, regarding FASTER Safety Mitigation Program Project Selection. Full Procedural Directive was provided to Commission in January, and was also approved by the Executive Director in January.

FSM Project Eligibility and Selection Process

1. The FSM Program will use a two-step evaluation method to determine if a project is eligible for FSM program funding.
 - a) The FSM Project must meet the eligibility criteria established by the Transportation Commission and set forth in Policy Directive 704.0; and
 - b) The FSM Project must be evaluated by the FSM Program staff using the following metrics:
 - (1) Reduce existing crashes. Mitigate a documented crash problem and/or addresses predominate crash pattern(s).
 - (2) Reduce existing crash severity. Mitigate a documented severe crash problem and/or addresses predominate severe crash pattern(s).
 - (3) Address system weaknesses. Reduce the risk of crashes, especially life-changing crashes, and/or reduce exposure to segment and/or intersection crash risks.
 - (4) Enhance other highway features and/or functions. Enhance traffic operations, communication, implement new technologies, and extend design life.
 - (5) Provide proven safety measures for a systematic/preventative location. Mitigate predicted crash types for a facility and/or improve engineering standard conformance for the project location.
 - (6) Improve pedestrian/bicycle safety. Mitigate documented pedestrian/bicycle crashes, remove pedestrian/bicycle traffic from shared way, link existing pedestrian/bicycle facilities, and/or implement Public Right-Of-Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG).
 - (7) Leverage funding opportunities with an existing project. Address safety recommendations and/or incorporate safety improvements with limited independent utility into other CDOT projects.
 - (8) Encourage cooperative efforts with local agencies to improve safety. Encourage local agency participation, coordinate with local transportation planning documents, and/or encourage local agency maintenance.