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Hi Sarah: Some General Comments:

Section 511.2 Definitions

- Include Planning Partners: are Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) or Rural Planning Organizations (RPO) under contract to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation – if nothing else then for consistency with required Long Range Transportation Plans and TIP
- Should include “Multi-modal Fund”
- Should include “Intermodal or Inland Port”

Section 511.3 Eligibility

- (b): Can the 30% match be “Cash, In-kind or a combination of”
- How will you handle consistency with Statewide Freight Plan and or MPO/RPO Long Range Transportation Plans
- Will Linking Planning and NEPA forms be conducted on the proposed location to determine external impacts near the project site as part of the overall application process

Section 5.11.6 Application submission procedure

- Should a copy of the application be submitted to the appropriate MPO/RPO. We are typically asked to provide comment by the Department but in most cases never see anything. Would be nice to have them early, at submission

Section 511.8 Grant Selection Process Criteria

- (2) The Statewide Rail Long-Range Plan – how about the Statewide Freight Plan or is it the same?
- (3) This isn't clear???? What are the expectations of the “applicant's representative MPO/RPO

Section 511.9 Offer and Acceptance

- (a) – at what point are the MPO/RPO notified of offer and acceptance?

Section 511.10 Standards. Methods.....

- (b) Will Linking Planning and NEPA forms be conducted on the proposed location to determine external impacts near the project site

Section 511.14 Payment Procedures

- (a) What role will the District Rail and/or safety staff play in inspections, etc., prior to distribution of funds?

Thanks
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Subject: Bureau of Rail Freight draft regulations

Good afternoon,

As some of you may recall, in 2010 the Bureau formed a small working group to assist us in creating regulations for our grant programs. After many years, I am pleased to inform you that these draft regulations are moving to the next step toward finalization.

Today (8/29), the draft regulations were published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin for a 30 day public comment period. I encourage you to take the time to review the regulations and provide us with any comments you may have. This will help us to create a solid set of regulations.

The draft regulations are available to view online at <http://www.pabulletin.com/index.asp> and will be listed under "Transportation".

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