

Soliciting Suggestions for Lines of Research, FY2010

Your friendly *FHWA Natural Environment Team* needs your input on our new approach to funding research! STEP is the only source of funds to conduct all FHWA research on planning and environmental issues. Stakeholder input will take priority. This is your opportunity.

What is STEP?

Surface Transportation Environment and Planning Cooperative Research Program.

STEP is the new cooperative research funding process for FHWA Headquarters-funded research in 2006-2010. The issues receiving the most input on the STEP website are those likely to get priority consideration. We need your help to make Natural Environment issues, such as wildlife habitat, water quality, wetlands, vegetation management, and wildlife-vehicle interactions, priorities for FY2010 research funding!

What will STEP fund?

STEP will fund applied research, field demonstrations, technical transfer, conferences and workshops. In fact, our two biennial conferences - The International Conference on Ecology and Transportation, as well as Weeds Across Borders, are funded this way and need your support. Grants and cooperative agreements are possible with a match. Research contracts will not require a dollar match.

Take these four easy steps:

Only one page and about ten minutes of your time should help us all!

STEP #1: Visit <http://knowledge.fhwa.dot.gov/cops/step.nsf>

STEP #2: Under Feedback Topics, chose "Environment"

STEP #3 Under Environment, chose :

Water Topics/Wetlands/Vegetation/IRVM/Wildlife Habitat/

STEP#4: Fill out the one page form with your ideas and submit.

Final deadline: December 3, 2009, but please do not wait. **Submit today.**

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