

761—165.9(465B) Evaluation and approval.

165.9(1) The department will review each application, may verify the contents and may visit the trail site.

165.9(2) The department will evaluate each complete application primarily on the basis of whether the predicted use of the trail justifies the construction and maintenance costs, including but not limited to the following criteria:

- a.* Need, in terms of the population to be served and existing trails in the area.
- b.* Compatibility with local, areawide, regional or statewide plans.
- c.* Benefits of multiple uses and recreational opportunities.
- d.* Economic and tourism benefits to the local area.
- e.* Accessibility.
- f.* Project readiness for development.
- g.* Local match to be contributed to the project.

165.9(3) Completed applications are to be reviewed by a committee composed of representatives from state agencies with jurisdiction over transportation, tourism, cultural resources and natural resources. The committee is to recommend applications to the department by ranking them in order of funding priority.

165.9(4) The department is to prepare a list of applications and funding recommendations and present it to the commission for final approval and award of funding.

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