DEFENSE ACCESS ROAD (DAR) PROGRAM

- Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command (SDDC)

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State and Local Highway Agencies are responsible for developing and maintaining public highways that meet normal defense needs.
The DAR Program provides DoD the means to pay its share for public highway improvements resulting from sudden or unusual defense-generated impacts.
BACKGROUND and AUTHORITY

• Program is 60+ years old
• SDDC, in cooperation with FHWA, manage program for all DoD

Authority

• 23 USC 210 — SECDOT auth to spend defense funds on public highways certified important to national defense
• 10 USC 114 — DAR included with MILCON under annual auth/approp
• DODD 4510.11 — USTRANSCOM directs the program; Commander, SDDC, DoD’s certifying agent
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

• Defense **doubling** of traffic

• *New connections* to military installations

• *Low-type roads* with heavy/oversize requirements

• *Replacement roads* for those closed due to military necessity
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Defense
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New Connection to Military Installation
Low Type Road

- An earth, gravel or stone base which has limited surface course suitable only for occasional heavy loads.
- Often an issue in rural areas on County Roads needed for heavy equipment movement.
DAR ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Replacement Road
Closed to civilian traffic for Force Protection
New Road to replace capacity
DAR FUNDING

- No Pot of Money
- Services program and budget DAR funds
- Military Construction funds (5-year money)
- Annual Authorizations and Appropriations
- Transferred through Treasury to FHWA
- Design and construct using same accounts
DAR PARTNERS

- Federal Highway Administration
- Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Installations and Environment)
- Air Force Deputy Chief of Staff for Installations and Logistics
- Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC)
- National Guard Bureau (NGB)
- Army Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management (ACSIM)
DAR PROCESS

Identification of Need by Installation

Evaluation Process By FHWA and SDDC

Design and Construction
Typically by State/local highway authorities using military funds

Certification Process

Funding Budget Process

Maintenance by State/local highway authorities using local funds
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