

Meeting: Metro Council Retreat

Date: Tuesday, January 19, 2016

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Place: Metro Regional Center, Room 401

#### CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

1:30 PM	1.	INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND	Martha Bennett, Metro
1:40 PM	2.	FOLLOW UP TO COUNCIL REQUEST TO EXAMINE OPTIONS FOR PARKS AND NATURE LOCAL OPTION LEVY RENEWAL	Kathleen Brennan-Hunter, Metro
2:10 PM	3.	METRO COUNCIL DISCUSSION	
2:50 PM	4.	WRAP UP AND NEXT STEPS	Martha Bennett, Metro
2:55 PM	5.	BREAK	
3:10 PM	6.	RFFA NEXT STEPS	Elissa Gertler, Metro Ted Leybold, Metro
3:30 PM	7.	METRO COUNCIL DISCUSSION	
4:45 PM	8.	NEXT STEPS AND DEBRIEF	Martha Bennett, Metro
5:00 PM	9.	ADJOURN	

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## Voter Support for Metro Natural Areas Levy Renewal

Key Findings Survey Conducted November 23-24, 2015

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#### **Survey Methodology**

- 600 telephone interviews with voters likely to cast ballots in November 2016 in the Metro service area
  - Interviews conducted November 23-24, 2015
  - Interviews on landlines and cell phones
- Margin of sampling error of +/- 4.0% at the 95% confidence level
- Some percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding



# Support for a Natural Areas Levy Measure

#### **Approach to Concept Testing**

- Survey participants were randomly divided into two sub-samples, each a representative sample of the service territory
- Each respondent was offered draft conceptual language for one of two ballot measure concepts – a renewal or increase to the Natural Areas Levy
- The order in which the concepts were presented was rotated by subsample; half heard the renewal first, and half heard the increase first

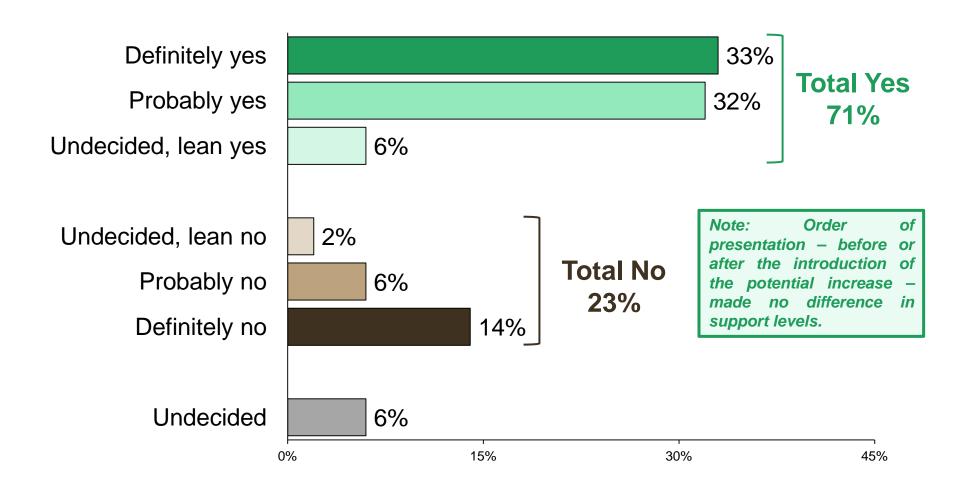




#### **Conceptual Description for Renewal**

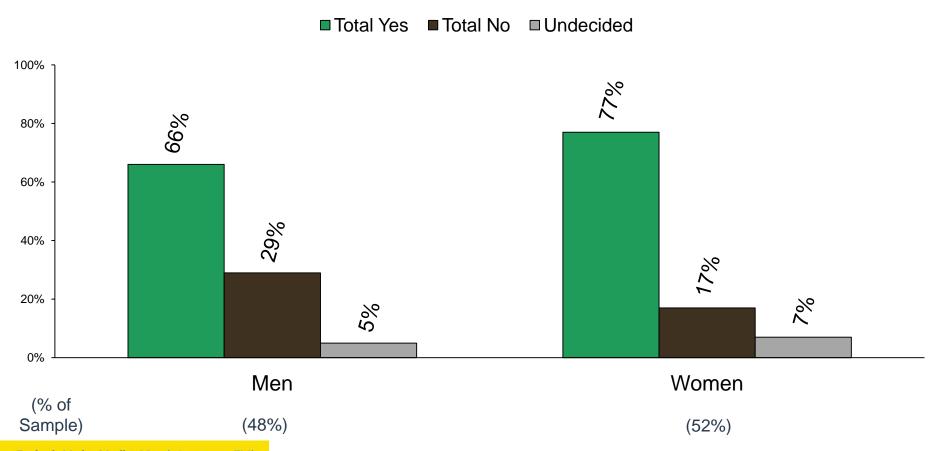
The Metro Council may consider placing a measure on the ballot that will improve natural areas and water quality by renewing the existing 5 year operating levy, beginning in 2018. This measure would not increase your taxes. It is estimated to cost the typical household about \$20 per year for an additional five years.

## More than seven in ten voters support a renewal.



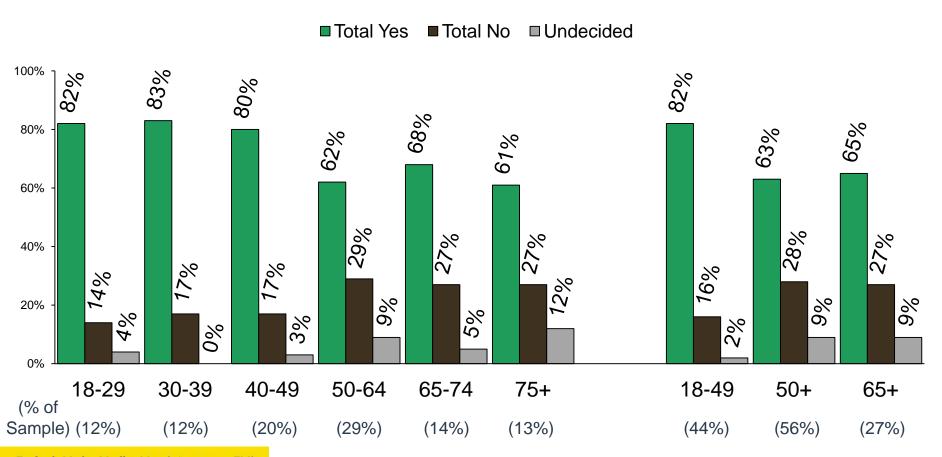
#### Women offer more support than do men.





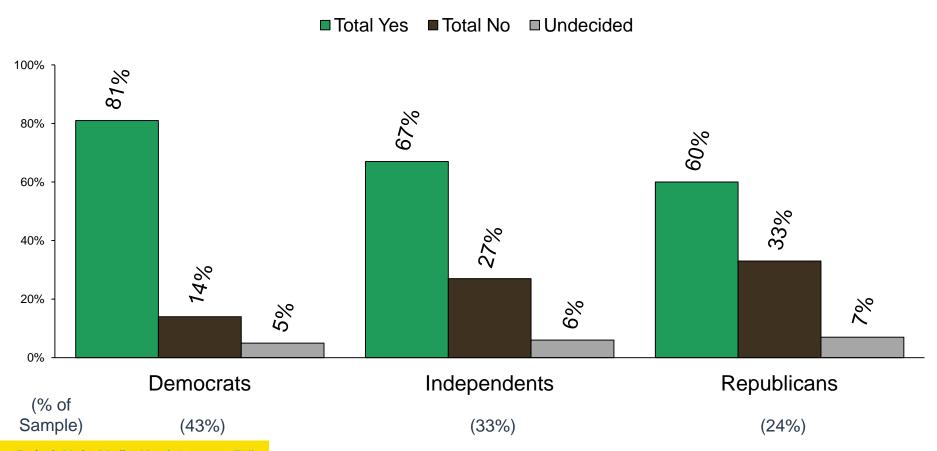
#### Support is highest among voters under age 50.

#### Renewal Support by Age



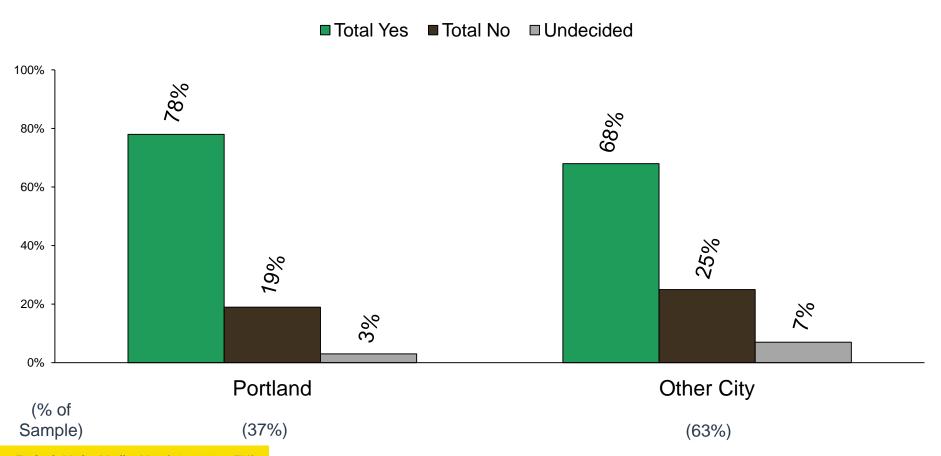
## Democrats lead the way, but voters of all parties are supportive.

Renewal Support by Party



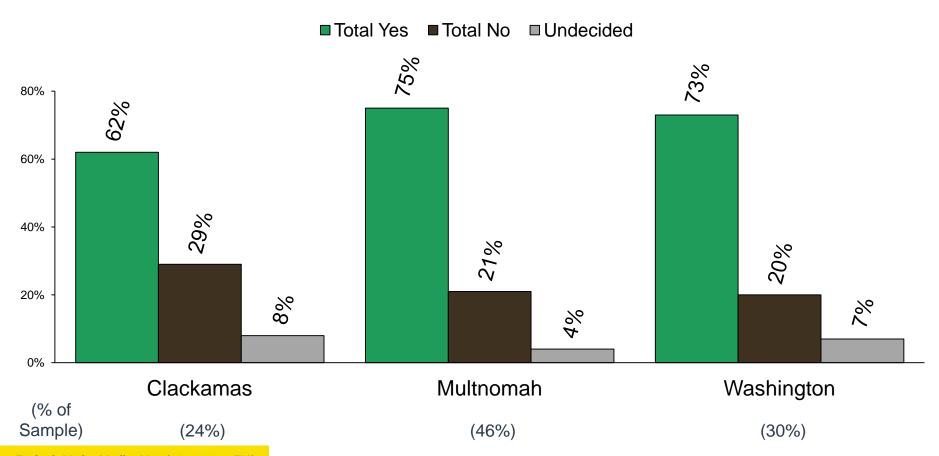
## Support strong in all Metro-area cities – strongest in Portland.

Renewal Support by City



## Support strong across all three counties.

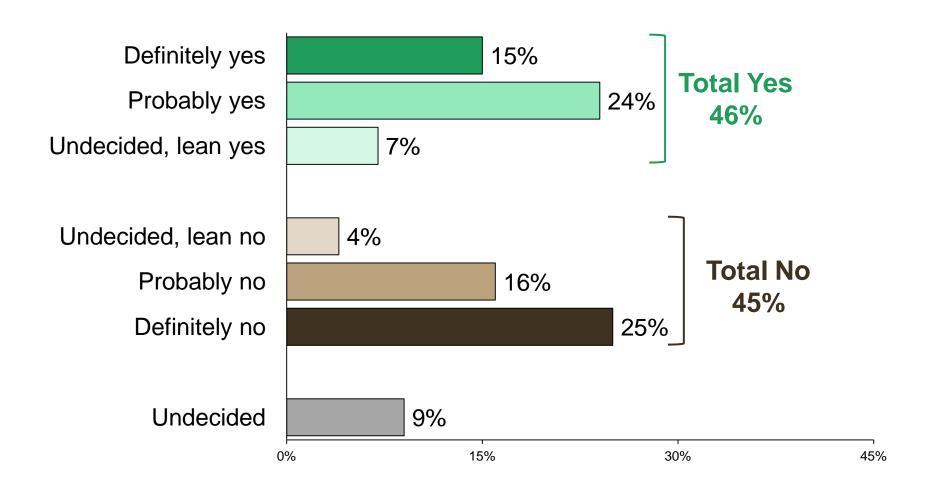
Renewal Support by County



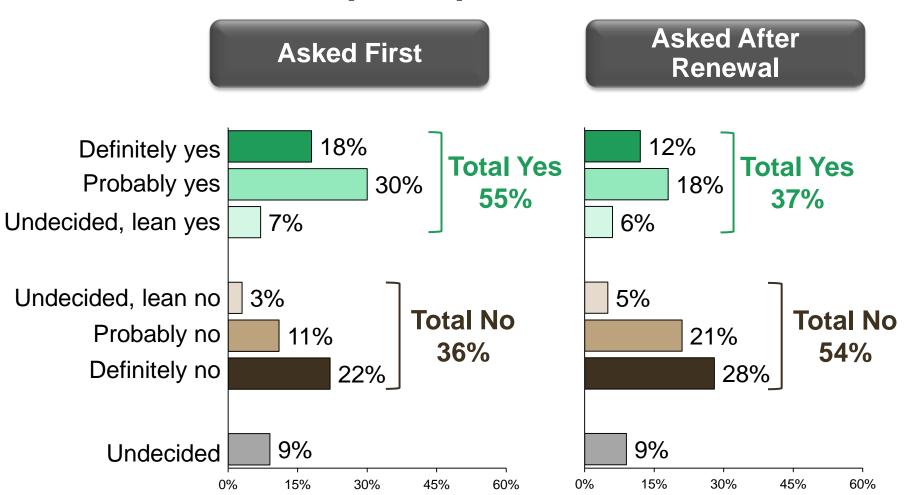
#### **Conceptual Description for Increase**

The Metro Council may consider placing a measure on the ballot that will improve natural areas and water quality renewing and increasing the existing 5 year operating levy, beginning in 2018. is estimated to cost the typical household approximately \$40 per year for additional 5 years.

## Voters are divided in their support for an increase.



## Support was significantly higher when voters heard an increase as the first option presented.



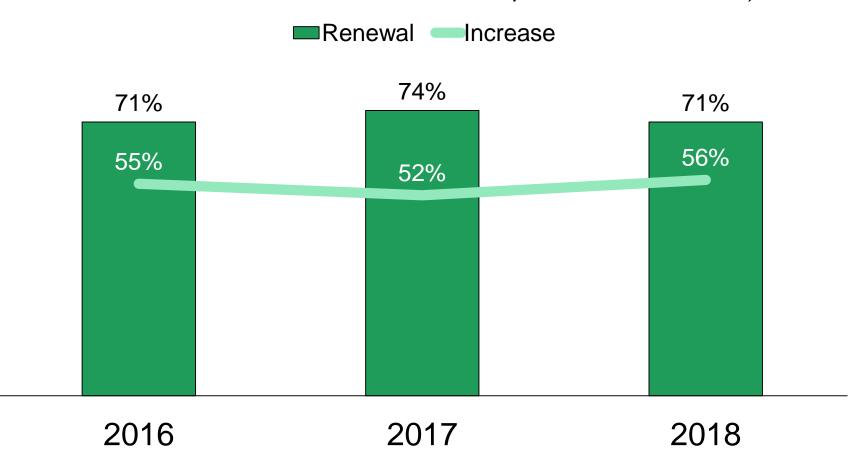
#### Demographics of Support for Increase

(When Presented as First Option)

Demographics Group	Total Yes	Total No	Undecided
Gender		101311110	
Men	46%	46%	8%
Women	63%	28%	9%
Age			
18-49	59%	31%	10%
50-64	51%	41%	8%
65+	52%	40%	8%
City			
Portland	57%	35%	9%
Other City	54%	37%	9%
County			
Clackamas	47%	37%	16%
Multnomah	55%	37%	7%
Washington	61%	34%	5%
Party			
Democrats	57%	31%	12%
Independents	65%	30%	5%
Republicans	37%	55%	8%

## Support levels are fairly consistent across different election dates.

(Support for Measure Concepts Among Likely Voters at Various Election Dates; Increase Data Reflects Half-Sample Where Asked First)

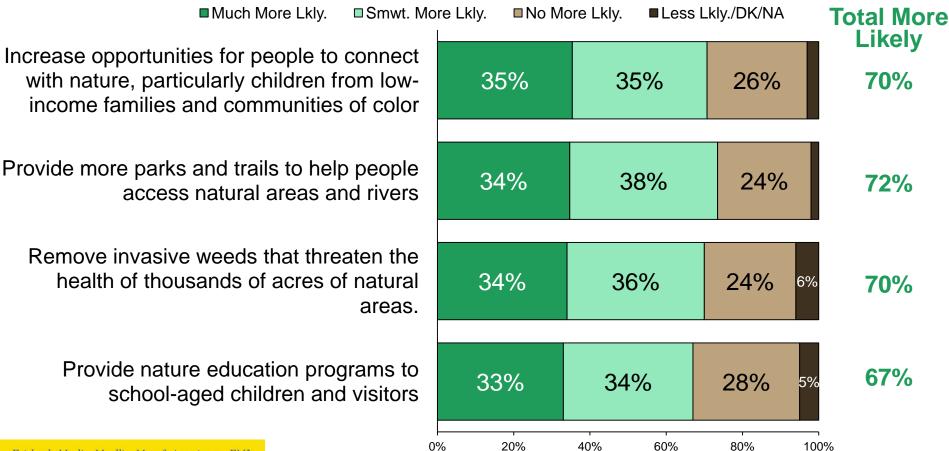




# Elements of a Natural Areas Levy

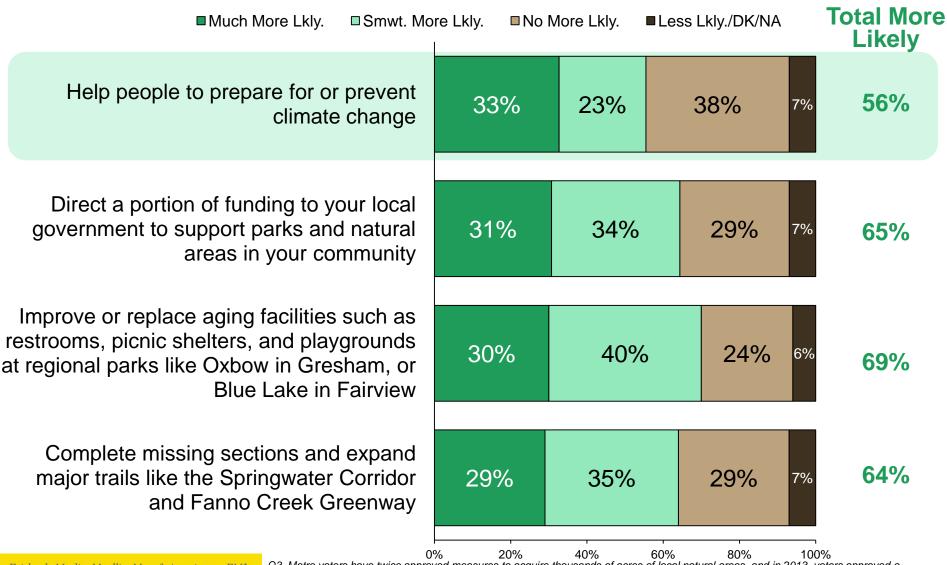
## Increasing access to nature is compelling to voters.

Metro voters have twice approved measures to acquire thousands of acres of local natural areas, and in 2013, voters approved a levy funding maintenance and restoration of these natural areas. Would you be more likely to vote to renew that levy if you knew that it would \_\_\_\_\_?



Q3.

#### Addressing climate change is more divisive.



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#### Soft supporters rank these elements similarly.

(Among "Soft Yes" Voters for Each Concept; % More Likely)

	All Voters	Renewal	Increase
Provide more parks and trails to help people access natural areas and rivers	72%	79%	83%
Increase opportunities for people to connect with nature, particularly children from low-income families and communities of color	70%	80%	85%
Remove invasive weeds that threaten the health of thousands of acres of natural areas.	70%	80%	85%
Improve or replace aging facilities such as restrooms, picnic shelters, and playgrounds at regional parks like Oxbow in Gresham, or Blue Lake in Fairview	69%	79%	82%
Provide nature education programs to school-aged children and visitors	67%	74%	81%
Direct a portion of funding to your local government to support parks and natural areas in your community	65%	73%	68%
Complete missing sections and expand major trails like the Springwater Corridor and Fanno Creek Greenway	64%	71%	74%
Help people to prepare for or prevent climate change	56%	58%	69%



## Conclusions

#### **Conclusions**

- There is strong conceptual support for a renewal of the Natural Areas Levy.
- While a majority backs the idea of an increase in the levy, it is a narrow majority.
- Overall, there appears to be little difference in the prospects for success in 2016, 2017 or 2018 — though higher turnout is likely to be more critical for an increase.
- For this research we tested support for uses focused on park operations - increasing access to rivers and natural areas, weed control and connecting underserved communities to nature topped the list we tested.
- Further testing of actual ballot language and more detailed policy elements will be necessary for a full test of feasibility.

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# A CONNECTED SYSTEM Our region's roadmap for success

#### QUESTION FOR TODAY

- What is the Metro Council position on RFFA bonding?
  - Support current TriMet proposal
  - Support modified TriMet proposal to include ODOT contribution
  - Oppose bonding for anything other than HCT



#### QUESTIONS FOR ANOTHER DAY

- What are the next steps for a 2017 State Transportation Funding Package?
- Which entity would run a ballot measure in 2018, what would be the funding mechanism, and what projects would it fund?
- What are the next steps for a 2018 campaign and who takes them?
- Wouldn't congestion pricing solve all our problems?





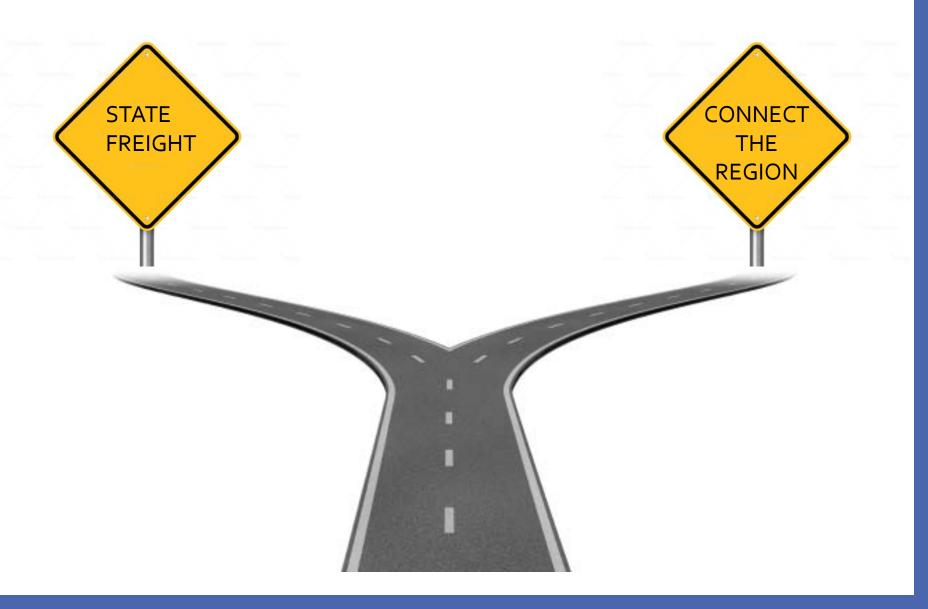
2017 STATE 2018 **FUNDING ELECTION** 2016 RFFA PACKAGE **DECISION** 

#### PRINCIPLES FOR SUCCESS

- We need a big tent– broad coalitions win, divided interests lose
- No one mode of transportation can win alone, voters want integrated packages that improve every part of the system
- Voters will vote for projects they believe will solve their problems
- Voters respond well to legislative action, and vice versa
- State DOT's must be a major partner in project funding and delivery



#### TWO EMERGING ROUTES



## TRIMET'S PROPOSED ROUTE





### STATE FREIGHT

SW Corridor \$80 M Bond + Fed NS + Voters= \$1B +
Powell-Division \$30 M Bond + Fed SS + Voters? = 200 M+
Highway 217/1-5 \$8 M?
Highway 205 Bridge \$8 M?
Rose Quarter Interchange \$8 M?
Safe Routes TBD \$5 M?

SOURCE	AMOUNT	TIMING
RFFA	\$12 M	2016 Decision
TriMet	\$125 M	2016 Bond Issue
ODOT Region 1	\$0	2016 Project Devt.
OR Legislature	\$ TBD	2017 Funding Package
Cities/Counties	\$0	2016 Step 2 Projects
Federal Capital Grants	\$ 100 M P-D, TBD SWC	2018 P-D, TBD SWC
Voters	\$1 B TBD	2018 Election

## TRIMET'S PROPOSED ROUTE



## ANOTHER ROUTE FORWARD



#### CONNECT THE REGION

SW Corridor \$80 M Bond + Fed NS + Voters= \$1B +

Powell-Division \$25 M Bond + Fed SS + Voters? = 200 M+

Priority ODOT Facility Development \$25 M ODOT funds

Regionally Significant Connections \$30 M

SOURCE	AMOUNT	TIMING
RFFA	\$12 M	2016 Decision
TriMet	\$125 M	2016 Bond Issue
ODOT Region 1	\$ 25 M	2016 Project Devt.
OR Legislature	\$ TBD	2017 Funding Package
Cities/Counties	\$ TBD	Additional Local Match
Federal Transit Grants	\$ TBD	2018 P-D, 2022 SWC
Federal Highway Grants	\$ TBD	2016-2020
Voters	\$1 B TBD	2018 Election

## ANOTHER ROUTE FORWARD



2017 STATE FUNDING PACKAGE

STEP2 PROJECT SELECTION

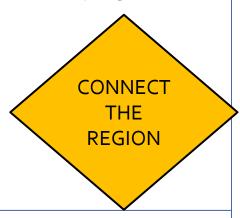
ACT/OTC Action

BOND RFFA FOR HCT & LOCAL ROADS



#### JPACT NEXT STEPS

- Decide to commit \$11.68 in RFFA to bond for HCT and Road projects
  - Determine regional road project selection process
  - Determine Safe Routes to Schools allocation process
- Decide to keep 75/25 split for active transportation/freight.



- Decide to commit \$11.68 in RFFA to bond for HCT and Highway projects
  - Determine ODOT Project Development Process
  - Determine Safe Routes to Schools allocation process
  - Decide to keep 75/25 split for active transportation/freight.



#### ODOT/ACT NEXT STEPS

- Make commitments to Enhance highways in Region 1 equal to the region's \$25 million commitment of RFFA for road improvements
  - Consider Region 1 Jurisdictional Transfer fund
  - Consider new FAST Act allocation
  - Coordinate with current STIP process
- Propose project selection process to determine priority highway projects and applications for federal competitive highway funds
- Confirm ACT/OTC decision process to secure commitments

#### COMMUNITY PARTNERS NEXT STEPS

- Seek commitments from key partner organizations to build nongovernment effort toward 2018 election
- Establish regional coalition to support 2017 legislative package
- Commit to conduct public opinion research to understand voter interest in regional projects

