

# Agenda



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600 NE Grand Ave.  
Portland, OR 97232-2736

Meeting: Regional Flexible Funds Allocation Workshop 1  
Date: Wednesday, March 10, 2021  
Time: 9 a.m. to noon  
Place: Zoom link: [Connect via Zoom](#)  
Meeting ID: 819 2906 9328  
Password: 138559  
Phone: 888-475-4499 (Toll Free)

Purpose: Explain the RFFA process, in particular the “two-steps” and the process to submit proposals for a different program direction.

Outcome(s): Strong participant understanding and readiness to return with suggestions and proposals at the next workshop on April 8.

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9 a.m. Welcome and introductions – Ted Leybold, Dan Kaempff, Eryn Kehe

9:15 a.m. Regional Flexible Funds Allocation 101 – purpose, schedule, current policy direction, decision-making process, funding forecast, step 1 investments – Dan Kaempff

9:30 a.m. Break out groups – Eryn Kehe

1. Question and answer about RFFA focused on first-timers
2. Discussion groups on the step 1 investment buckets

10 a.m. Deeper dive into “step 2” – how it has worked in the past, concerns, ideas for changes – Dan Kaempff

- Question and answer
- Group discussion about reasons for adjusting the existing policy direction

10:45 Break

11 a.m. Proposal process– schedule and process for adjustments to the current policy direction – Dan Kaempff

- Question and answer

11:20 a.m. Break out groups – Eryn Kehe

Discussion Questions: What adjustments could be made to the step 2 project categories to better reflect RTP priorities? How would we use the RTP priorities to identify qualified projects?

1. Community member discussion groups
2. Jurisdictional/agency staff discussion groups

Noon Wrap-up

Next RFFA workshops:

- April 8, 9 a.m. – noon
- April 28, 1 – 4 p.m.

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# 2025-2027 Regional Flexible Funds Allocation Workshop #1

March 10, 2021



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# Welcome and introductions

# Workshop purpose

Workshop #1: Gain understanding of Regional Flexible Funds, process for gathering ideas

Workshop #2: Review, discuss ways to refine ideas

Workshop #3: Discuss refined ideas, discuss how to evaluate investments

# 2025-27 RFFA process timeline

## 2021: Program Direction

Council work session: Mar. 9

Public workshops:  
Mar. 10, Apr. 8, Apr. 26

TPAC:  
Feb. 5, Apr. 2, May 7  
**June 4: recommendation**

JPACT:  
Mar. 18, May 20  
**July 15: action**

Council:  
**July/Aug.: action**

## 2021-22: Step 2 Project Solicitation & Evaluation

Project call:  
November 2021

Proposals due:  
February 2022

Technical Analysis,  
Risk Assessment:  
March, April

## 2022: Deliberation & Adoption

Public comment,  
CCC priorities:  
May, June

TPAC/JPACT discussion:  
June-Sept.

JPACT  
recommendation,  
Council action: Oct.



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# Background: Regional Flexible Funds



# Regional Six Desired Outcomes

1. Vibrant Communities
2. Economic Competitiveness and Prosperity
3. Safe and Reliable Transportation Choices
4. Leading on Climate Change
5. Clean Air and Water, Healthy Ecosystems
6. Equity

# Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) priorities



Equity



Climate



Safety



Congestion

# What are Regional Flexible Funds?

- Regional - Federal transportation dollars allocated to every Metropolitan Planning Organization (That's Metro!)
- Flexible - Federal guidance permits a wide spectrum of uses
- Funds - Allocated every three years



# What are Regional Flexible Funds?

- Not a lot of funding - only 5% of the current transportation funding in the region
- Approximately \$144 million was provided for the last allocation, 2022-2024
- Very competitive



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# How have we previously spent the Flexible Funds?



# Challenges

- Safety: death/severe injuries increasing, mainly on arterials, primarily people walking and cycling
- Climate: largest single source of greenhouse gases (GHG) in Oregon
- Congestion: can't build our way out – lack of room, \$\$\$\$
- Inequities: negative impacts fall disproportionately on Communities of Color, other historically marginalized groups

# Opportunities

- Helps achieve both our region's land use and transportation goals – Six Desired Outcomes
- Follows through on our responsibilities – Congestion Management Process, Climate Smart Strategies, Air Quality maintenance

# Focusing the Flexible Funds

- Regionwide investments
- Local capital projects



# RFFA Program Direction development

- Region's intent of how to target regional funds to achieve RTP priorities
- Sets objectives for allocation process
- Defines funding categories, amounts (Steps 1 & 2)



2022 – 2024 Regional  
Flexible Funds Allocation  
(RFFA) policy report

(Resolution 19-4959, adopted by Metro Council April 4, 2019)

April 2019

[oregonmetro.gov/rffa](https://oregonmetro.gov/rffa)

# 2022-2024 RFFA framework

## Step 1 (ongoing investments)

\$98.9M

- Transit capital construction bonds
- Active Transportation project development bonds
- Regionwide transportation investments
- MPO, Corridor & System planning

## Step 2 (capital projects)

\$45.1M

- Active Transportation (75%)
  - ⑩ Complete streets
  - ⑩ Trails
- Freight (25%)



# 2022-2024 RFFA framework

## Step 1 (ongoing investments)

- Transit capital construction bonds
- Project development bonds
- Regionwide investment categories
- Corridor & system planning



MAX Green Line

# Step 1 Bond commitments



Eastside Streetcar



MAX Orange Line

# Step 1 Regionwide Investments

Transportation System Management & Operations (TSMO)



Transit Oriented Development (TOD)



Regional Travel Options (RTO)/  
Safe Routes to School (SRTS)



Jonathan Maus/BikePortland

# Purposes

|                                                          | Fulfills:                                                                                                                                                              |
|----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Regional Travel Options/Safe Routes to School</b>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Climate Smart Strategies</li><li>• Congestion Management Process</li><li>• State Implementation Plan for Air Quality</li></ul> |
| <b>Transit Oriented Development</b>                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2040 Growth Concept</li><li>• Congestion Management Process</li><li>• State Implementation Plan for Air Quality</li></ul>      |
| <b>Transportation System Management &amp; Operations</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Climate Smart Strategies</li><li>• Congestion Management Process</li></ul>                                                     |

# Step 1 Regional planning

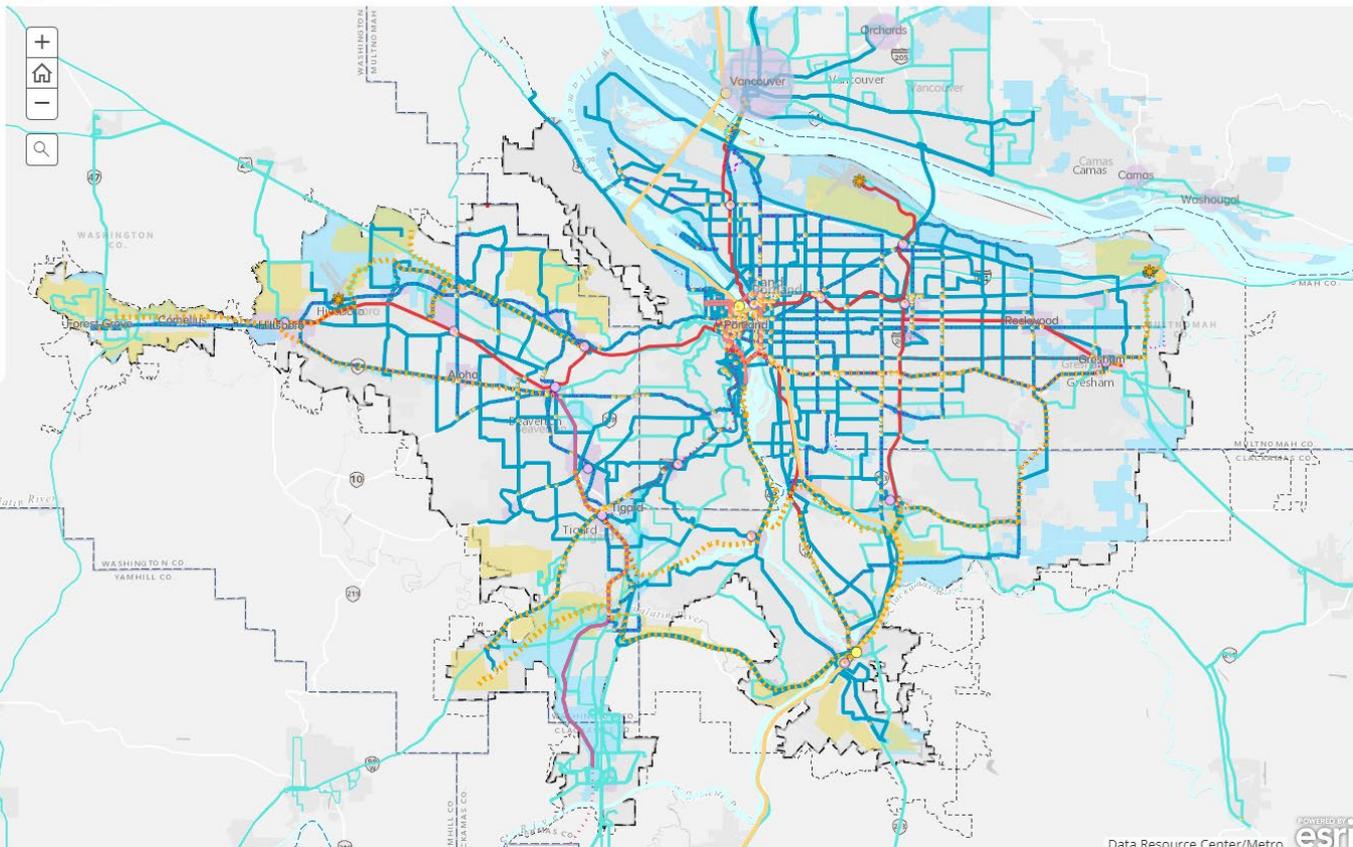
2018 RTP Network maps

Designed in Oregon by Metro     Metro

Introduction Motor Vehicle **Transit** Freight Bike Pedestrian Regional Design

- Light rail transit
- Commuter Rail
- Streetcar
- HCT in progress
- Future HCT\*
- Intercity high speed rail
- Enhanced transit connector
- Frequent Bus
- Regional Bus
- Bus service outside MPA
- Major bus stop
- Transit center
- Intercity rail terminal
- Air terminal
- Bus station
- Community/ Jobs Connector
- Urban center
- Employment/Industrial area
- Urban growth boundary
- Metropolitan Planning Area
- County boundary

\*Includes Bus Rapid Transit, Rapid Streetcar, Light Rail and Commuter Rail. Dotted lines represent future plans and not specific alignments. Bus route geometry is based on modeled networks and may not be geometrically accurate.





# Breakout 1 discussion questions

- Questions on the four investment priorities?
- Questions on the ongoing investments?
- Are there ideas for how Step 1 investments could better focus on these priorities and meet regional obligations?

# 2022-2024 RFFA framework

Step 2 (capital projects)

- Active Transportation (75%)
  - ⑩ Complete streets
  - ⑩ Trails
- Freight (25%)

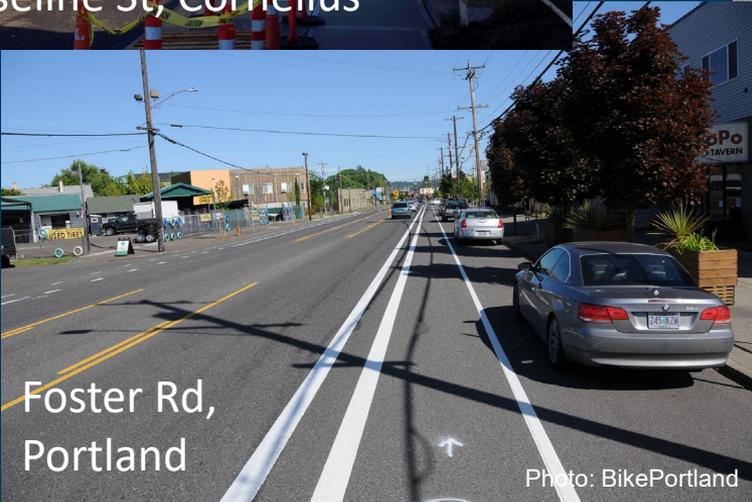
# Step 2 Active Transportation



Baseline St, Cornelius



Arata Rd, Wood Village



Foster Rd,  
Portland

Photo: BikePortland



Main St, Tigard



# Step 2 Active Transportation



Fanno Creek Trail



Gresham-Fairview Trail



Eastbank Esplanade



BIKETOWN



Trolley Trail





# Step 2 Freight



Hunziker St, Tigard



Rivergate Blvd, Portland

# Step 2 discussion questions

- What adjustments could be made to the Step 2 project categories to better reflect RTP priorities?
- How could we use the four RTP priorities to identify and prioritize projects?

# Ideas to discuss in next workshop

- Workshop #2 – April 8, 9:00 a.m.
- Submit ideas for discussion using the provided form
- Please focus on achieving outcomes
- Please return form by March 31

# 2025-2027 Regional Flexible Funds proposal form



Every few years, the region gets to discuss and decide how to spend the Regional Flexible Funds. Metro is gathering input and ideas to help determine how to spend this regional allotment of federal transportation dollars. While this is a relatively small amount of funds, they have enabled the region to invest in critical areas of the transportation system that have been prioritized in the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

Making this decision is a nearly two-year effort scheduled to wrap up in October 2022. The first step in this process is to update the Regional Flexible Funds Allocation (RFFA) program direction. For your reference, [the existing program direction is found in this document](#).

The RTP identifies [four priorities for how to invest transportation dollars](#):

- improving **Safety**
- advancing **Equity**
- implementing the **Climate Smart Strategy**
- managing **Congestion**

Please use this form to provide information on how you think the existing RFFA program direction could be adjusted to better address these four regional transportation priorities.

Ideas could address changes to either Step 1 or Step 2 of the funding framework. Or you may have another idea for a one-time regional investment. If there are other ideas you'd like to put on the table, please share those as well.

Please provide enough information to give attendees a sense of how the proposal advances the four priorities and improves upon the existing RFFA program direction. Proposals should not be about specific locations or projects, but rather about potential outcomes or program direction. However, specific investments or locations may be used as examples of potential outcomes or benefits from proposed investments.

Proposals are due by March 31, 2021 and will be discussed at the second RFFA workshop on April 8, 2021. Please direct questions and send completed proposals to Dan Kaempff ([daniel.kaempff@oregonmetro.gov](mailto:daniel.kaempff@oregonmetro.gov)). Metro staff will follow up on proposals emerging from workshops with recommendations based on analysis of trade-offs, feasibility, ability to comply with federal funding regulations, etc.

# 2025-2027 Regional Flexible Funds proposal form



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| 1. Name/organization/contact info (email, phone):                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| [ENTER TEXT HERE]                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 2. Indicate where your investment proposal fits into existing RFFA two-step framework (check all that apply):                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Step 1 new category</i><br><input type="checkbox"/> <i>Step 2 funding category</i><br><input type="checkbox"/> <i>Other regional investment</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 3. Describe what is being proposed:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| [ENTER TEXT HERE]                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 4. Describe how the proposal advances the four RTP investment priorities:<br><b>Equity</b> (reduce barriers and disparities faced by communities of color and other historically marginalized communities)<br><br><b>Safety</b> (moves the region towards Vision Zero, especially in communities of color and other historically marginalized communities)<br><br><b>Climate</b> (implements the Climate Smart Strategy)<br><br><b>Congestion</b> (investment in multimodal solutions to improve system efficiency and reliability) |
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