

2021-2024 STIP Presentation to Stakeholders

Background

- In July 2017 the Oregon Transportation Commission will adopt the 2018-2021 STIP. That means it's time for the Commission and ODOT to start the process of developing the 2021-2024 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program.
- Because we're spending hundreds of millions of dollars of taxpayer money, we want to get input from Oregonians about how we spend these funds. We intend to engage the STIP decision-making process with an unprecedented level of transparency, openness, and accessibility.
 - **Transparency:** ODOT will share information and present it to the public in a way that helps them understand the decision-making process.
 - **Accessibility:** ODOT will make information easily available to the public through a variety of means, including the web, e-mail updates and streaming video.
 - **Openness:** ODOT will invite the public and stakeholders to provide feedback on how to spend their money.
- We will seek guidance from stakeholder groups like Area Commissions on Transportation, Metropolitan Planning Organizations, Regional Solutions Advisory Committees, and statewide advisory committees on ways we can maximize this transparency, openness, and accessibility, while keeping them fully updated on this process as it moves forward and seeking their input at appropriate times.

Process and Timeline

- The STIP development takes place in three phases.
 - **Program allocation** will distribute funding among programs.
 - During **Project selection** we will review the STIP considerations and use our advisory committees and management systems to create preliminary project lists in different programs, scope projects, then narrow projects to a final recommended list.
 - **Public review and approval** entails the Commission putting the STIP out for a formal public comment period, then adopting a revised STIP and getting it approved by FHWA and FTA.

Program Allocation Timeframe

- Through the Program Allocation process, the Commission will determine how to allocate funds among different categories of programs. In determining this, we will work through two key questions:
 - What is the appropriate level of funding for non-highway and local programs?
 - Among highway programs, what is the appropriate split between Fix-It and Enhance?
- **July:** The process will begin in July with an educational discussion of the timeline and funding framework.
- **August:** In August ODOT will provide the Commission an in-depth discussion of non-highway and local programs. Some of these programs must be funded under federal or state law; some are

distributed by agreement; and others are discretionary programs the Commission has created. We will provide the Commission an opportunity to better understand these programs so they can make decisions about how to allocate funding among the programs.

- **September:** In September, we will present the Commission with funding scenarios that present options for allocating funding among categories and programs.
- **October:** At the Commission's workshop in October, we plan to discuss these funding scenarios with the chairs of our ACTs and advisory committees.
- **November:** In November, we plan to propose a funding scenario for the Commission's review and approval.

How ODOT Will Engage Stakeholders

- We will engage and seek input from ACT, RSAC, and MPO policy boards at each of their regular meetings from here forward.
- We plan to provide monthly e-mail updates to interested parties, including ACTs and MPOs.
- Video of the OTC meetings and the meeting materials will be readily available online so people can see the discussion.
- At key points we will be actively soliciting input, such as:
 - Releasing a survey asking the public about their priorities for funding.
 - Asking the public to weigh in on STIP funding scenarios.
 - Seeking input from ACTs, including the Commission engaging ACT and advisory committee chairs on STIP funding at their October workshop.
- Throughout this process we hope that stakeholders and the public will better understand the decision making process and provide their input on key priorities. For example, we will be encouraging and opening up opportunities the public and ACTs to submit comments to the Commission on funding allocation.
- Area Managers and other ODOT staff will be key conduits to the Commission. Please provide us your input on how we can make this decision-making process open, transparent, and accessible, as well as your priorities for allocation of funding.