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Date: February 28, 2013
To: Interested Parties
From: Dan Bower, Active Transportation Division Manager
RE: City of Portland's Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program Grant Applications – Active Transportation

On March 15, the City of Portland intends to nominate eight grant applications for active transportation and freight projects across Portland. The grant applications represent the thinking of a broad base of stakeholders, including Mayor Charlie Hales, the Bicycle Advisory Committee, Pedestrian Advisory Committee, Portland Freight Committee, neighborhood and business associations, and partnering government agencies.

The project nominations are for funding from two important sources that are part of the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) administered by Metro. The two sources of funding are: Regional Flexible Funds Allocation (RFFA), and the new Regional Economic Opportunity Fund (REOF).

The available funding is divided up across the Portland region and local coordinating committees are responsible for advancing priority projects. In Portland, the process for nominating projects is managed by the Bureau of Transportation; however, City Council is the official coordinating body that approves applications to the RFFA grant pool. To learn more about the MTIP process, visit: <http://www.oregonmetro.gov/>

Since September 2012, the City of Portland has been working to coordinate grant applications across four funding sources that all intersect in March 2013 – State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), the combined Transportation Enhancements/Oregon Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee grant (TE/OBPAC), RFFA and REOF. As such, three of the projects in the table below have applications in several grant pools simultaneously. They are the St. Johns Truck Strategy Phase 2, Foster Road Safety Project and Barbur Demonstration Project. Additionally, several projects not listed below have been identified as priority projects in other grant pools.

For the City of Portland, the amount of RFFA and REOF funding available for 2016-18 is:

Active Transportation	\$10.23 million
Freight/Green Economy	\$3.77 million
Regional Economic Opportunity Fund	\$8.26 million
Total Funding Available	\$22.26 million

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On March 15, the City of Portland will submit a list of projects totaling up to roughly 130 percent of available funding. Over the summer the City will work with Metro and stakeholders to narrow the request to 100 percent of available funding.

Based on feedback from our advisory committees and in conversations with our partners, we feel the proposal below for RFFA and REOF represents a strategic, timely and equitable approach to funding our active transportation needs and provides funding for projects to achieve critical safety improvements for people walking and bicycling in Portland. It also addresses critical needs in our freight transportation system.

The table below summarizes the City's RFFA and REOF project nominations, full project summaries will be available March 15.

City of Portland - Regional Flexible Funds Allocation 2016-18			
Category	Grant Request	Match	Total Cost
Green Economy/Freight			
St. Johns Truck Strategy Phase 2	\$500,000	\$51,350	\$551,350
Rivergate/Lombard ITS	\$3,222,000	\$330,899	\$3,552,899
Total Green Economy Freight RFFA	\$3,722,000	\$382,249	\$4,104,249
Active Transportation			
Central City Multimodal Safety Improvements	\$6,000,000	\$616,200	\$6,616,200
Southwest In Motion Active Transportation Strategy	\$272,000	\$27,934	\$299,934
Foster Road Safety Project	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$2,000,000
St. Johns Truck Strategy Phase 2	\$2,500,000	\$256,750	\$2,756,750
Barbur Demonstration Project 19th Ave. to 26th Ave.	\$1,794,600	\$205,400	\$2,000,000
Powell/Division Safety and Access to Transit	\$2,750,000	\$282,425	\$3,032,425
Total Active Transportation RFFA	\$15,482,000	\$1,384,601	\$16,866,601
Total RFFA Request	\$19,204,000	\$1,766,851	\$20,970,851
Regional Economic Opportunity Fund			
East Portland in Motion - Access to Employment and Education	\$8,267,000	\$849,021	\$9,116,021
Total MTIP Request	\$27,471,000	\$2,615,872	\$30,086,872

RFFA and REOF projects will be reviewed by Metro beginning March 15, and will be open for public comment beginning April 2013. Portland City Council will decide on final applications for RFFA and REOF in August 2013.

If you have any questions or comments about the above projects, please contact Dan Bower, City of Portland's Active Transportation Division Manager, at Dan.Bower@PortlandOregon.gov or 503-823-5667.

