

Portland Transportation System Development Charges Update Process

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New Development: Helping to build our transportation system

Transportation System Development Charges (TSDCs) are one-time fees paid by developers when they build a new residential or commercial development. The fee covers part of the cost of building transportation facilities to serve new development—things like roads, sidewalks and other facilities that get people to where they need to go.

The City of Portland Bureau of Transportation is updating Portland's TSDCs. The update includes three key components:

- **Update the rates that developers pay.** Each development type has a TSDC rate that is based on how many trips a new development will generate. For example, a single family home will bring much less impact than a large grocery store, so the fee is much lower for a home. The greater the impact a new development will have on our transportation system, the higher its rate.

This update process may change the rate that each type of development pays. Currently, the rates that developers pay are low as compared to rates in other cities.

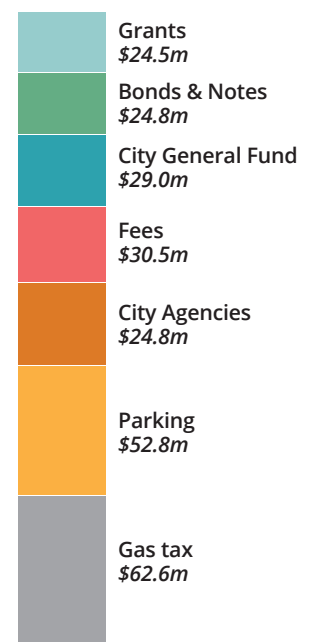
- **Update the methodology used to calculate TSDCs.** The update will better support Portland's urban characteristics and support travel by all modes—auto, transit, biking and walking.
- **Update the list of projects eligible for TSDC-funded investments.** Funds collected through the TSDC program can only be used to pay for projects that are on the TSDC project list.

How are transportation projects funded in Portland?

TSDCs are just one of the funding sources that build Portland's transportation system—along with federal and state grants, gas tax revenues, local taxes you pay, and other sources.

Every project that is on the TSDC project list is only partially funded by TSDC revenue. Currently, TSDC revenue pays for the eligible portion of the project that accommodates new growth. This can range from 20% to nearly 100% of the total project cost.

PBOT Funding Sources 2015-16



Spotlight: TSDC Project List

Every few years, the City of Portland engages in an extensive public input process to identify a list of projects to guide spending of TSDC revenues. Projects on the list are oriented toward accommodating development growth and improving travel for all modes—walking, biking, driving and taking transit.

The current TSDC project list includes 43 projects at a cost of about \$400 million. XX of these projects have been completed since the list was last updated in 2007.

It is time to update the project list. The City is looking for public input to help build a project list that will include:

- **A broad range of projects** that benefit all geographic areas of the city and meet the needs of our diverse communities.
- **A mix of project types** that help people get around by all modes.
- **Projects that have grant or other financial support**, which are more likely to get built.

The City is also looking to build more flexibility into the process so that the project list can be updated with new projects from time to time.



Update Process and Public Involvement

The current TSDC update process began in early 2016, and is expected to end with implementation of the new TSDC program in July 2017. The project team is reaching out to a broad range of community and development stakeholders and technical experts to get input on the update process.

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TDSC Update Process Timeline

2016

JUN JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC 2017 JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN JUL

UPDATE METHODOLOGY
June - November 2016

UPDATE PROJECT LIST
August 2016 - February 2017

DEVELOP TDSC RATES
December 2016 - July 2017

