



## Regional Transportation Plan Update Call for Projects (PBOT)

### Things to remember from my talking points

- The RTP is a federal requirement that enables Metro to allocate Federal transportation funds.
- The Transportation System Plan (TSP) is the primary transportation planning document for Portland.
- The project list (for Portland) in the RTP will be less than we had in the TSP. Projects that are not included in the RTP will still be in our TSP.
- The most important thing is to identify the projects that we want to see constructed within the next 10 years. And remember, it will be updated in 5 years.
- Key dates: (also see Metro Timeline)
  - May: Information sessions with modal committees and BBAC
  - Mid-June: PBOT Draft list to share
  - *Proposed* Mid/late-June: Special meeting of Modal Committee/BBAC reps
  - June 1 through July 21: Metro Project submittal period

### To begin

1. Check in on familiarity/purpose of RTP (or the City's Transportation System Plan)
2. Overview of RTP – policy framework adapted from previous years, with updates over recent months.
  - a. Vision Statement
  - b. Goals and Outcomes
  - c. Evaluation measures and process
3. This policy framework helps shape the Shared Investment Strategy and helps us determine if we're heading in the right direction as a region.

### Why are we here today?

Agenda: "This will be a continued discussion from last month on the 2018 RTP call for projects program."

- The Call for Projects is part of a shared investment strategy for the transportation system.
  - A 2040 revenue forecast is developed by Metro in consultation with local/other agencies.
1. Based on direction from local leaders (Metro Council, JPACT, MPAC, and others) the Funding Forecast is significantly more conservative than in previous studies:
    - (Preliminary) 2018 RTP Update Forecast is: \$1.04 Billion
    - 2016 TSP Portland Forecast was \$1.4B
    - 2014 RTP Portland Forecast was \$2.8B

2. Therefore, we need to think of this as a funding strategy, not a comprehensive wish list. And remember:
  - It will be updated in 5 years; so in some cases it's okay to just "open the door" to get things ready for the next update.
  - If an unexpected opportunity comes up, we could amend it sooner if needed.

### Overall Approach (PBOT)

1. Create a list of projects that help move the Region toward adopted goals.
2. Metro/Federal requirements for eligible projects
  - Public and Council support (adopted plans)
  - Over \$1M and on the Regional System
3. Choose projects that best fit the Regional Investment Strategy
  - Projects that will require federal funds (e.g., RFFA, FTA, TIGER)
  - Projects that will require funding partners (can gain support among regional partners)
4. Given the tight funding forecast, prioritize projects with greater support and certainty.
  - Projects that we want to construct within 10 years

### Examples & Expected approach

1. Regional priorities that have already been supported at JPACT are included:
  - Freeway bottlenecks: Rose Quarter; I-205 Abernethy Bridge; Hwy 217
    - No local match will be required from Portland but we may need to identify local access/circulation projects around Rose Quarter
  - Southwest Corridor; Division Transit
    - We will need to identify and include local match for these
2. Outer Powell improvements: A priority but depends on identifying a new funding source
3. Streetcar. The TSP includes 5 streetcar projects ranging from \$35M to \$80M. We want to build one or two in the next ten years, but would need a new funding source to do it.
  - We could include funds for Preliminary Engineering (possibly \$10M) in the RTP, but we would not include the rest until we have the new funding source identified.
4. Several major freight projects need more project development. For example, Airport Way/82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Columbia Corridor widening, and several overcrossings.
  - If we include \$1M to \$3M in the RTP, we could apply for a Regional Flex Funds grant for project development which would be more competitive for future funding.

### Questions for the Committee

1. Are there questions that I couldn't answer that you would like me to respond to later?
2. Are there certain performance factors, locations, or other considerations that you consider most important for this purpose?
3. What projects are most important to advance for potential future funding within the next 10 years?