

Gary Stockhoff

From: NW Oregon Area Commission on Transportation [mbmcarthur@nworegon.org]
Sent: Wednesday, November 20, 2013 10:42 AM
To: Gary Stockhoff
Subject: ODOT 2017-18 special funding package: request for project suggestions
 NWACT Members and Stakeholders,

ODOT is requesting assistance from local governments in identifying transportation improvement projects that (1) help demonstrate and quantify currently unmet transportation system improvement needs and (2) may be included in a future funding request.

Projects on either the state or local system are eligible for consideration. There is no minimum or maximum project cost. The intent of this exercise is to identify a full range of currently unmet transportation project and program needs from modest improvements similar to those submitted for consideration under the recent STIP Enhance funding process to larger projects that would be more appropriate for a special funding package like the Jobs and Transportation Act (JTA) that was passed in 2009.

ODOT requests that project suggestions be submitted by December 15. A simple description of the project, using the format provided below, is sufficient for now.

There are no specific eligibility or selection criteria. However, projects should generally meet the requirements established for the recent 2015-18 STIP. (Refer to the attached summary of the STIP benefit criteria.) The scope of the project must also be defined in such a way that funds can be obligated, either for design or construction, no-later-than September 2018.

This process does NOT constitute an application for funding and is not intended to establish any expectation for future funding for any specific project. It is merely an effort to provide a framework for upcoming funding discussions that we expect will take place over the next several years.

Suggestions may be submitted by email to Bill Johnston, Area 1 Planner, at bill.johnston@odot.state.or.us. If you have any questions, please contact Bill at 503.325.5281.

Required project information

Project name - Provide a concise, descriptive name for the project. For example, US101: center turn lane.

Location - Indicate the city or county where the project is located.

Description - A paragraph or two is sufficient.

Jurisdiction - Indicate whether the project is on a state or local facility, or both.

Project readiness - If possible, indicate (1) DSTIP for projects that need some level of environmental work; i.e., EA/EIS; (2) CAT 2 for project that can be cleared quickly; (3) PE/ROW for projects that need final design and engineering before construction; or (4) READY for projects that are truly ready to construct. Projects that need system planning to affirm a strong level local support (versus EA or EIS project planning) should not be included on this list.

Estimated cost - Projects should be included in a locally-adopted Transportation System Plan. Refer to the cost estimates included in the TSP, if available, or provide other more accurate estimates if available.

[STIP Benefit Criteria\(2017-2018\).pdf](#) 

Thanks,

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Summary of “Project Benefit” criteria

Benefits to State-Owned Facilities – Outcome sought: preserve public investment by maintaining efficient operation of state-owned highways and other facilities through operational improvements, local connectivity, congestion-reducing projects and activities, etc.

Mobility – Outcome sought: provide mobility for all transportation system users and a balanced, efficient, cost-effective and integrated multimodal transportation system.

Accessibility – Outcome sought: ensure appropriate access to all areas with connectivity among modes and places and enable travelers and shippers to reach and use various modes with ease.

Economic Vitality – Outcome sought: expand and diversify Oregon's economy by efficiently transporting people, goods, services and information.

Environmental Stewardship – Outcome sought: provide an environmentally responsible transportation system that does not compromise the ability of future generations to meet their needs and encourage conservation of natural resources.

Land Use and Growth Management – Outcome sought: support existing land use plans and encourage development of compact communities and neighborhoods that integrate land uses to help make short trips, transit walking and biking feasible.

Livability – Outcome sought: promote solutions that fit the community and physical setting, enable healthy communities and serve and respond to the scenic, aesthetic, historic, cultural and environmental resources.

Safety and Security – Outcome sought: Investment improves the safety and security of the transportation system and takes into account the needs of potential users.

Equity – Outcome sought: promote a transportation system with multiple travel choices for potential users and fairly share benefits and burdens among Oregonians.

Funding and Finance – Outcome sought: investment uses funding structures that will support a viable transportation system and are fair and fiscally responsible.