

2028-30 Regional Flexible Funds Allocation (RFFA) – Draft Program Direction

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What are Regional Flexible Funds?

- Federal transportation dollars allocated to each Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
- Comprises of Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG), Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ)
- ~5% of all transportation funding in region

Overview

2028-2030 RFFA Program Direction

Region's intent on how to target regional funds to achieve RTP priorities

Implements
direction



Meet federal
requirements
& maintain
eligibility



Defines funding categories

Step 1

- Project bonds repayment
- Regionwide program investments
- MPO, Corridor & System planning

Step 2
(capital
projects)

- Advance 2023 RTP Goals
- Topical & geographic investments
- Regional scale impact, leverage³ funds

Overview

2028-2030 RFFA

Regional Flexible Fund Category	Committed or Estimated Funding Amount (\$)
Step 1A: Bond Commitment Repayments	\$52 million
Step 1A.1: New Bond	\$ TBD
Step 1B: Region-wide Programs and Planning Activities	\$41 million
Step 2: Local Transportation Projects	Estimate: \$47-\$60 million (dependent on new bond outcome)

RFFA East County Projects & Programs



East Metro Connections Plan

June 2012

This East Metro Connections Plan analyzed present and future transportation challenges and presents solutions that reflect community values. The recommendation identifies transportation and other investments that advance economic and community development.

Investments in the plan area support economic and community development by providing better access and mobility, increasing safety, activating employment areas and helping people find their way through and to key destinations in the East Metro area. These proposed investments emerged through prioritization of over 200 transportation projects evaluated and target enhancements with a focus on:

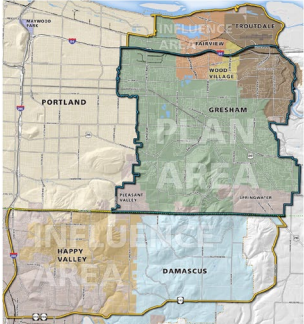
- 1. North/south connections** - Proposed projects improve the arterial road network connecting I-84 and US 26, and access to important community destinations.
- 2. Downtowns and employment areas** - Proposed projects improve access to downtowns and jobs.
- 3. Regional mobility** - Proposed projects capitalize on previous investments by making the existing system smarter and more efficient through changes to signal timing and enhanced transit service.

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The four cities of east Multnomah County will work closely with state, county, regional and federal partners to implement solutions in the plan area.

Development will be closely coordinated with the Columbia Cascade River District, a critical regional employment area along the Columbia River, as well as ongoing projects in east Portland and Clackamas County.



Next Steps: 2028-30 RFFA Process

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are
here

Program Direction:
February - June 2024

Input & Development

TPAC recommendation

JPACT, Council
adoption

Step 1A.1 & 2: Summer
2024 - Spring 2025

Proposals & Candidate
Identification

Evaluation

Readiness and risk
assessment

Adopt Final RFFA:
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2028-2030 RFFA – Updated Areas

- Step 1A.1 –Develop New Bond Proposal
 - Purpose, Principles, Project Categories
- Step 2 Evaluation Criteria, Cycle Objectives and Process

Exhibit A to Resolution 24-5415



Resolution 24-5415

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Flexible Fund Allocation
program direction

June 2024

Program Direction Update Areas

Develop a New Bond Proposal

Purpose

- Support corridor/regional scale projects
- Advance timeline of project benefits

Principles

- Manage risks to the RFFA program
- Maximize priority RTP investment objectives
- Leverage significant discretionary revenue



Develop a New Bond Proposal

Project Category Themes

- Transit Capital Improvement Grant
- First/Last mile and safe access to transit
- Transit vehicle priority



Step 2 Evaluation Criteria, Cycle Objectives, and Process

- Refine existing and new evaluation criteria
 - Alignment to 2023 RTP goals
- Modify eligibility requirements and cost thresholds for application
- Add application assistance and pre-application to process



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Requested Action at JPACT:

Approve TPAC recommendation to approve 2028-2030 RFFA Program Direction. Approval means:

- Affirm repayment of existing RFFA bond commitments (Step 1A)
- Develop new bond proposal for consideration (Step 1A.1)
- Continue investment in regionwide programs & planning (Step 1B)
- Begin Step 2 allocation process

Questions? Comments

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Arts and events

Garbage and recycling

Land and transportation

Oregon Zoo

Parks and nature

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Extra: Next Steps: 28-30 RFFA Process

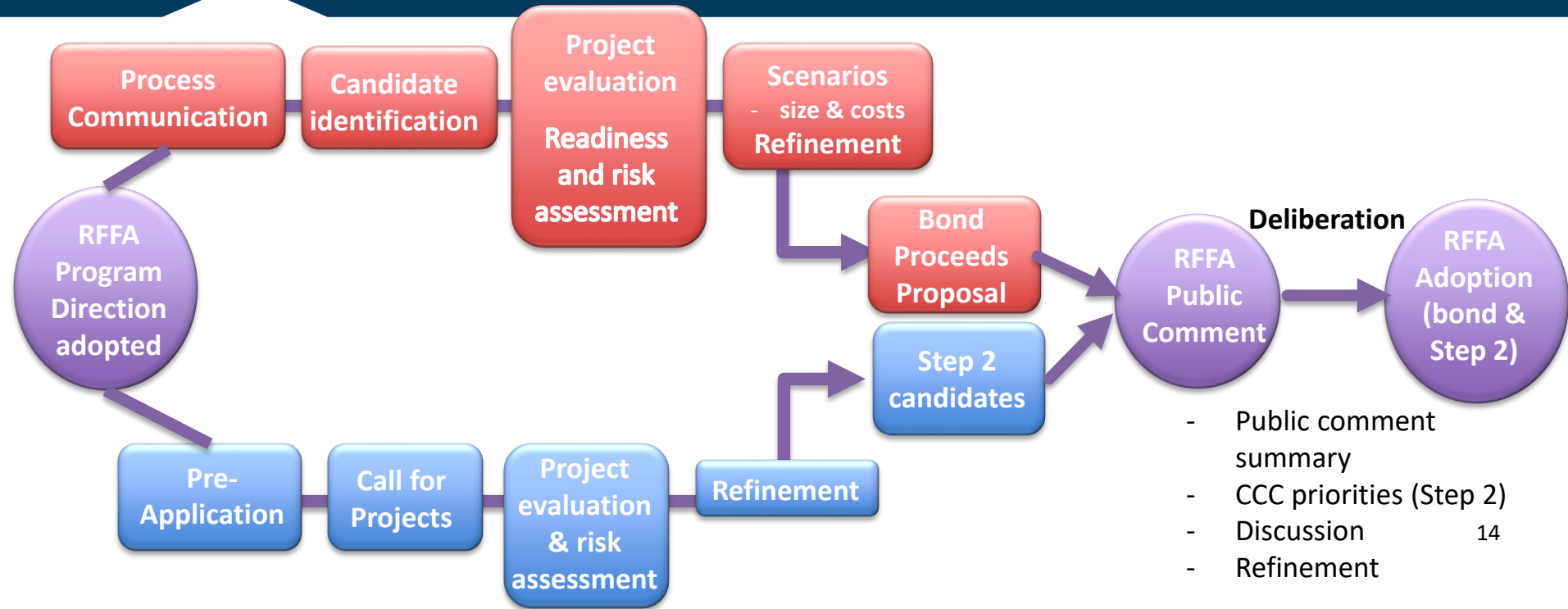
June 2024

July 2024

February 2025

March-April 2025

July 2025



Extra: Next Steps – New Project Bond Development

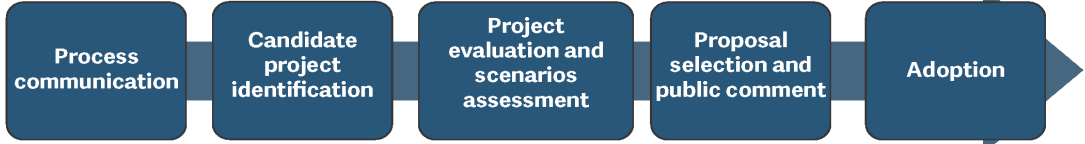


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New project bond development process | Work plan summary

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Communications and engagement

June to July 2024

Adopt program direction for 28-30 RFFA.

Communicate to regional partners the process and next steps for the new project bond development.

- Includes candidate project identification, evaluation and bond scenarios assessment, public comment and refinement, and details on the adoption process.

Aug. to Oct. 2024

Conversations with jurisdictional partners on candidate projects meeting the new bond project category themes and bond principles.

Provide summary of candidate projects identified for consideration.

Apply first screening criteria to determine which candidate projects will move forward for evaluation.

Collect necessary information on candidate projects moving forward for evaluation.

Oct. 2024 to Jan. 2025

Evaluate candidate projects relative to purpose and principles identified in RFFA program direction and ability to implement RTP policy objectives and goals.

Evaluate candidate projects according to delivery readiness, risks, and funding.

Build package options (aka scenarios) considering project category themes and assess bond size, funding availability schedule, debt repayment schedule, and updated revenue estimates.

Refinements to bond scenarios according to bond principles and balancing evaluation factors.

Feb. to April 2025

Identify a preferred bond scenario as draft proposal to release for public comment.

Release and gather feedback on bond proposal and candidate projects through public comment.

Develop the public comment report on feedback received.

Coordinating committees opportunity to comment on bond proposal content

Report out public comment summary.

May to July 2025

Metro staff develop refinements considering comments received and drafts recommendation to TPAC.

TPAC deliberation on comments received and Metro staff recommendation.

TPAC recommendation to JPACT on new project bond proposal.

JPACT deliberation and recommendation on new project bond proposal to Metro Council.

Metro Council action on new bond proposal.

Deliverables

Adopted 2028-30 RFFA program direction

Summary and screened selection of candidate projects to move forward in evaluation

Summary report of evaluation, readiness/risk assessment and bond package options analysis results

Public comment report on the new project bond

Adopted 2028-30 RFFA including Step 1A (in full); Step 1B, and Step 2 project awards