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To: Joint Policy Alternatives Committee on Transportation and Interested Parties
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Subject: 2028-2030 Regional Flexible Fund Step 2 Public Comment Summary

Purpose: To provide JPACT a short summary of the 2028-2030 Regional Flexible Fund Allocation Step 2 public comment received ahead of the final report scheduled for release on May 16, 2025.

Background & Current Place in Development:

The 2028-2030 Regional Flexible Fund Step 2 allocation process began in the Fall 2024 with a call for projects. At the end of the call, Metro received 24 Step 2 applications requesting a little over \$140 million in Regional Flexible Funds. Following the submissions, two technical evaluations were conducted assessing how well each project application advances the Regional Transportation Plan goals and what potential project delivery challenges the project may encounter as a federal aid project. Applicants received the final technical evaluation results on April 15th. A five week public comment period closed on April 30th and the forthcoming public comment report scheduled for release on Friday May 16th.

Public Comments Received Summary – Step 2

The 28-30 Regional Flexible Fund public comment included all 24 Step 2 candidate projects for public comment. Comments were collected through an online public comment survey where participants indicated their support for the different individual Step 2 applications they elected to comment on a 1 to 5 scale. An open ended comment box was available for each application for participants to add in any further comment. In order to submit the comment, the participant needed to indicate which county they live in among the options provided. The following is a short summary of the Step 2 public comment online survey results. These do not include comments received outside of the online survey including emailed comment submissions, public testimony, mail, and telephone comments. *These and other synthesized results are in the forthcoming public comment report scheduled for release on Friday May 16th.* Exports of the public comments on individual applications were provided to the applicants shortly following the close of the public comment period and to the coordinating committee organizers.

Total number of Step 2 online surveys/comments received: 1,683

Online surveys/comments received by county:

- Clackamas County: 211 (13%)
- Multnomah County: 732 (43%)
- Washington County: 714 (42%)
- Other: 26 (2%)

The table on the following page outlines for each Step 2 application the number of completed public comment received and the average level of support score among those public comment survey responses for the project. The level of support score should not be considered a tool for ranking the applications, but rather a general understanding of the public sentiment of the application.

Table 1. 28-30 Regional Flexible Fund Step 2 Candidate Projects Public Comment Summary Stats			
Applicant	Step 2 Application	# Public Survey Comments	Level of Support*
Clackamas County	Clackamas Industrial Area Improvements: SE Jennifer Street Multi-use Path	10	3.14
Gladstone	Gladstone Historic Trolley Trail Bridge Construction	35	4.2
Happy Valley	OR 212/224 Sunrise Hwy Phase 2: Bike/Ped Facilities and Interchange Improvements (CON)	23	3.13
Lake Oswego	Lakeview Blvd - Jean Rd to McEwan Rd	7	2.92
Milwaukie	Railroad Avenue Multiuse Path: 37th Avenue to Linwood Avenue	107	4.72
Oregon City	OR99E (McLoughlin Boulevard) 10th Street to tumwata village: Shared-Use Path and Streetscape Enhancements Project Development	29	3.78
Gresham	NE Halsey Street Complete Street: 192nd Avenue - 201st Avenue	9	3.75
Gresham	NW Division Street Complete Street: Gresham-Fairview Trail - Birdsedale Avenue	7	4.11
Multnomah County	NE 223rd Ave: NE Glisan to NE Marine Dr Safety Corridor Planning	12	3.95
Portland	Red Electric Trail East of SW Shattuck Rd	163	4.72
Portland	NE MLK Jr Blvd Safety and Access to Transit	59	4.7
Portland	NE Prescott St: 82nd Ave Multimodal Safety and Access	73	4.69
Portland	W Burnside Green Loop Crossing	68	4.39
Portland	NE Glisan St: 82nd Avenue Multimodal Safety and Access	87	4.34
Portland	Outer Halsey and Outer Foster (ITS Signal Improvements)	32	3.98
Beaverton	Beaverton Downtown Loop: SW Hall Blvd – 3rd St to 5th St	37	4.63
Hillsboro	Smart SW 185th Avenue ITS and Better Bus Project	231	4.48
King City	Westside Trail Segment 1 - King City	20	4.24
Sherwood	Cedar Creek/Ice Age Tonquin Trail: Roy Rogers - OR 99W	13	4.29
Tigard	North Dakota Street (FannoCreek) Bridge Replacement	69	4.83
Tualatin Hills Parks & Recreation District	Westside Trail Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge Over Highway 26	87	4.64
Washington County	Beaverton Creek Trail: Merlo Road Improvements	43	4.62
Washington County	Cedar Mill Better Bus and Access to Transit Enhancements	26	4.11
Washington County	SW 175th Design: SW Condor Lane to SW Kemmer Road	18	3.38

*Indicated on a 1 – 5 scale where a 5 means greater support and a 1 means lesser support.