



June 5, 2025

Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) c/o JPACT Chair Juan Carlos González 600 NE Grand Ave.
Portland, OR 97232

Re: Coordinating Committee Priorities for the Regional Flexible Funds Allocation (RFFA)

Dear Chair González and members of JPACT:

On behalf of the Clackamas County Coordinating Committee (C4), we are writing to submit local priorities and comments regarding the Regional Flexible Fund Allocation (RFFA). We recognize that the decision-making process is dynamic, taking place across multiple tables, and we value the opportunity to offer our recommendations on the projects that best reflect the values of the communities in Clackamas County.

This cycle, six jurisdictions in Clackamas County submitted projects for RFFA funding. This robust turnout highlights not only our commitment to collaborating with Metro but also underscores the significant role you played by providing technical assistance to project applicants. While we believe that each project submitted within Clackamas County is worthy of funding, we acknowledge the depth of need across the region and respect Metro's process for evaluating and scoring these projects. In that spirit, we recommend the following local projects, in order of priority:

- 1. <u>Gladstone Historic Trolley Trail Bridge (Construction)</u>: This project received the highest technical score among all submissions from our county. As an extension of a past RFFA grant award for project development, this regional trail network project will soon be ready to begin construction.
- 2. <u>Milwaukie Railroad Avenue Multiuse Path (Project Development)</u>: This project received the highest public comment score among our submissions. Situated near seven schools, the Railroad Ave project improves pedestrian safety and lays the groundwork for future transit services, an essential advancement for our community.
- 3. Oregon City OR99E (McLoughlin Boulevard) 10th Street to tumwata village (Project Development): This economic generator closes a critical pedestrian gap between downtown Oregon City and tumwata village, building on the momentum of other, corridor-wide investments aimed at revitalizing the Willamette Falls area in collaboration with the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde.

In closing, we would like to highlight a few key points:

First, please accept our heartfelt gratitude for your work to overcome the participation barriers experienced by small agencies. The progress that Metro made this funding cycle is commendable, and we are excited about further collaborations to help all communities find success.

Second, we encourage Metro to adopt a more integrated approach to the RFFA funding allocation process. Currently, the discussions surrounding Step 1 and Step 2 funding occur along parallel but separate tracks. By merging these discussions, we can facilitate more informed decisions about trade-offs and enhance geographic representation, ultimately benefiting our entire region.

Finally, we urge Metro to keep seeking funding opportunities for projects that are not selected in this cycle. Each project submitted is important and crucial to the communities they serve. Acknowledging this potential is essential to amplifying our collective impact.

Thank you for considering our recommendations and insights. Together, we believe we can make significant strides towards enhancing community well-being and development.

Sincerely,

Paul Savas, Commissioner Clackamas County

C4 Co-Chair

Brian Hodson, Mayor

City of Canby C4 Co-Chair

C4 Membership: Clackamas County; the Clackamas Cities of Canby, Estacada, Gladstone, Happy Valley, Lake Oswego, Milwaukie, Molalla, Oregon City, Rivergrove, Sandy, Tualatin, West Linn, Wilsonville; Clackamas CPOs, Hamlets, and Special Districts; Ex Officio Members including Metro, MPAC Citizen Port of Portland, Urban and Rural Transit

East Multnomah County Transportation Committee

City of Fairview City of Gresham City of Troutdale City of Wood Village Multnomah County Port of Portland

May, 27th, 2025

Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) 600 N Grand Ave Portland, OR 97232

Re: 2028-30 RFFA Step 2 Coordinating Committee Project Prioritization

Chair Gonzalez and JPACT Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to allow our East Multnomah County Transportation Committee (EMCTC) to weigh in directly on the projects in East Multnomah County. We are grateful to have a voice in the RFFA Step 2 process, and understand that this is just one component that decision makers will consider when allocating funding. EMCTC values all of the projects listed below, and believes them each to be deserving of the requested funding. However, we recognize the financial constraints and the immense need across the region. EMCTC has aligned our prioritized rankings with the technical outcome evaluation scores. This vote took place during the May 12th, 2025 EMCTC meeting and represents East County jurisdictions consensus on these project priorities. The relevant projects are ranked in order of EMCTC's priority below.

- 1. NE 223rd Ave: NE Glisan to NE Marine Dr Safety Corridor Planning (Multnomah County)
- 2. NW Division Street Complete Street: Gresham-Fairview Trail Birdsdale Avenue (City of Gresham)
- 3. NE Halsey Street Complete Street: 192nd Avenue 201st Avenue (City of Gresham)

We look forward to continuing to be partners in this work.

Sincerely,

Commissioner Vince Jones-Dixon,

EMCTC Chair

cc: Commissioner Vince Jones-Dixon, Multnomah County Councilor E'an Todd, City of Fairview Councilor John Leamy, City of Troutdale Tom Bouillion, Port of Portland Mayor Jairo Rios-Campos, Wood Village Mayor Stovall, City of Gresham



Office of Mayor Keith Wilson City of Portland

Chair González,

As JPACT and the Metro Council near their final deliberations and vote on the FY2028-2030 Regional Flexible Funds Allocation package, the City of Portland appreciates that Metro has provided an opportunity for additional City of Portland feedback. The City has greatly appreciated the thoughtful project selection and evaluation process. Under the Outcomes Evaluation that Metro conducted reflective of the five Goals identified in the 2023 Regional Transportation Plan, the following two Portland projects received top scores:

- NE Glisan St: 82nd Avenue Multimodal Safety and Access
- NE MLK Jr Blvd Safety and Access to Transit

In addition, both of these projects received positive ratings in the public comment period Metro conducted (4.3 and 4.7 out of 5, respectively).

We agree with these technical evaluation scores and public comments and would like to see these projects funded.

The City of Portland would also like to raise an issue for further discussion with Metro regarding our critical off-street regional trail projects. For decades, RFFA has been an important source of funding for completing the interstate regional trail system. As Outcomes Evaluation scoring criteria have changed over recent funding rounds, regional trail projects have become less competitive relative to complete streets and transit projects. To address this dynamic, I ask that Metro work with regional partners to develop a strategy to ensure that off-street regional trails receive adequate regional transportation funding.

Sincerely,

Keith Wilson,

Mayor



Committee members:

(alphabetical by jurisdiction)

June 4, 2025

Marsha Kirk, Mayor City of Banks

Metro Council

Lacey Beaty, Mayor City of Beaverton Joint Policy Advisory Committee (JPACT)

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Joshua Drake, Mayor City of Durham

2030 RFFA Step 2 Project Proposals

Malynda Wenzl, Mayor City of Forest Grove Dear Metro Council and JPACT Members,

Bill Martin, Mayor City of Gaston On behalf of the Washington County Coordinating Committee (WCCC), I am writing to formally express our support of the full slate of project proposals submitted by jurisdictions within Washington County for funding consideration under the 2028-2030 Regional Flexible Funds Allocation

RE: Washington County Coordinating Committee Endorsement of 2028-

Beach Pace, Mayor City of Hillsboro WCCC Vice-Chair (RFFA) Step 2 process.

Shawna Thompson, Mayor City of King City Following review and discussion, the WCCC has elected to endorse all submitted projects without prioritization, consistent with past practice. We recognize that each project reflects meaningful investment in our region's transportation system and contributes to shared outcomes including safety, equity, climate resilience, and mobility.

Ariel Goodwin, Mayor City of North Plains

We appreciate the collaborative work among jurisdictions in developing these proposals and we thank Metro for their continued support throughout the RFFA process. We look forward to working together as the final RFFA Step 2 funding package is shaped in the coming months.

Tim Rosener, Mayor City of Sherwood WCCC Chair

Heidi Lueb, Mayor

City of Tigard

Frank Bubenik, Mayor City of Tualatin

Nafisa Fai, Commissioner Washington County

Shawn O'Neil, Mayor City of Wilsonville Mayor Tim Rosener, Chair

Sincerely.

Washington County Coordinating Committee