

MEMO

Date: March 19, 2025
To: Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation and Interested Parties
From: Juan Carlos Gonzalez, JPACT Chair
Subject: Regional Flexible Funds Allocation Step 1A.1: Bond package allocation referral for public comment

To JPACT Members, alternates and interested parties,

In advance of tomorrow's JPACT meeting, I am sharing an updated RFFA Step 1A.1 bond proposal for us to consider. I have spoken with many of you over the past few weeks to find a path that moves forward a regionally significant package of investments for the Regional Flexible Funds Step 1A Bond development process. I want to extend my deepest gratitude to everyone who has worked with me to help this proposal come together.

Proposed Regional Flexible Fund Bond Proposal

Below is the package of investments I would like to offer for tomorrow's discussion:

Project	Bond Proceeds Amount	Additional Funds
Tualatin Valley Highway Transit Project	\$28M	ODOT will contribute \$2M to fund project components
82 nd Avenue Transit Project	\$28M	The City of Portland has \$2M in additional Jurisdictional Transfer funds
Burnside Bridge Transit Access and Vehicle Priority Project	\$10M	
Montgomery Park Streetcar Extension	\$10M	
Sunrise Gateway Corridor Project	\$10M + \$2.5M	The region will contribute an additional \$2.5M by shifting funds identified for the RFFA Step 2 to increase the bonded amount <i>or</i> will identify a source of \$2.5M in up-front project funding
Total Bond Package	\$88.5M	

Additional information

This package reflects a revised allocation amount of \$88.5M in Regional Flexible Fund bond proceeds. This amount, while \$4.5M higher than originally proposed, remains consistent with the financial principles of the Program Direction.

The additional amount will come from one of two mechanisms (or a combination thereof):

1. Financing through the bond for the additional funds. This will result in a reduction of funds available for RFFA Step 2 allocation beginning in 2028 and extending through 2039.
2. Up-front project funding contributed through the region's annual allocation of Step 2 Regional Flexible Funds ("pay-as-you-go" scenario). Again, this would result in a reduction

of funding available in the Step 2 allocation. This approach, however, may have a shorter duration in its effect on future Step 2 allocations.

After our JPACT meeting, Metro staff will prepare revised Step 2 allocation information that identifies the specific approach.

Thank you again for your willingness to consider our regional priorities together. I look forward to hearing your discussion tomorrow.

Sincerely,

Juan Carlos Gonzalez
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JPACT Chair