Carbon Reduction
Program –
Overview

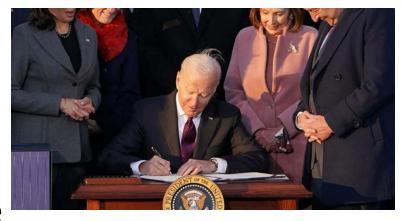
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January 19, 2023

## Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)

- Over \$567B investment across all modes over 5 years
  - Increased formula funding
  - Created new programs
- Majority of funding allocated to states and MPOs by formula
  - Remaining funding available through discretionary grant programs



## **BIL – New Formula Programs**

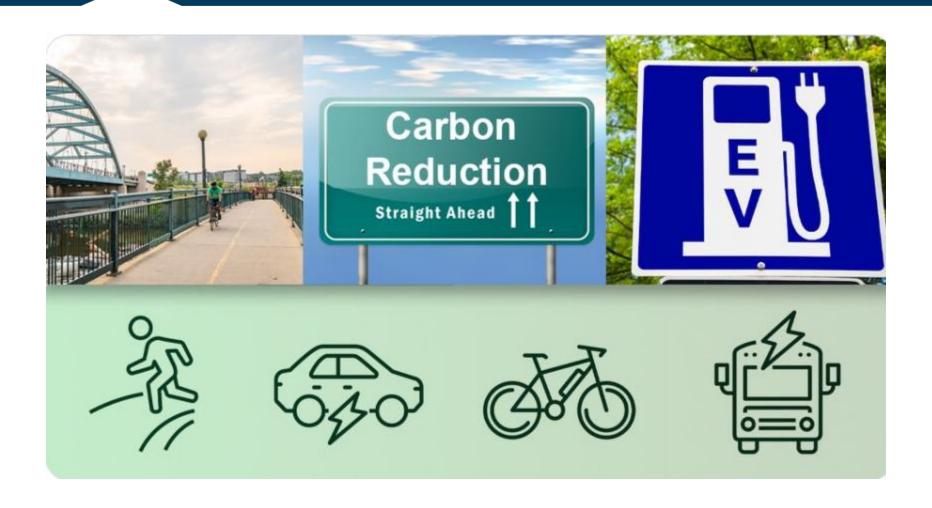
New formula programs allocated by ODOT at the state level, examples:

- Bridge Investment Program (BIP)
- Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging and Fueling Infrastructure
- Carbon Reduction Program

New formula program allocated at the MPO level:

Carbon Reduction Program

## Carbon Reduction Program (CRP)



## **BIL – Carbon Reduction Program**

Federal Objective: "to reduce transportation emissions through the development of State carbon reduction strategies and fund projects designed to reduce transportation emissions."

#### Federal Requirements

- Develop statewide carbon reduction plan/strategy
  - Strategy should be appropriate to the population density and context
- Fund projects and programs that implement the strategy and reduces greenhouse gas emissions



### **IIJA CARBON REDUCTION PROGRAM**

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# OREGON CARBON REDUCTION PROGRAM - FUNDING

CRP Funding FY22-FY26		
TMAs (Portland, Salem, and Eugene)	\$29.5 million	
Small Urban and Rural Areas	\$26.8 million	
Statewide	\$29.8 million	
Total:	\$86.1 million	

<sup>\*</sup>Local match is required. Federal-aid requirements for project delivery apply.





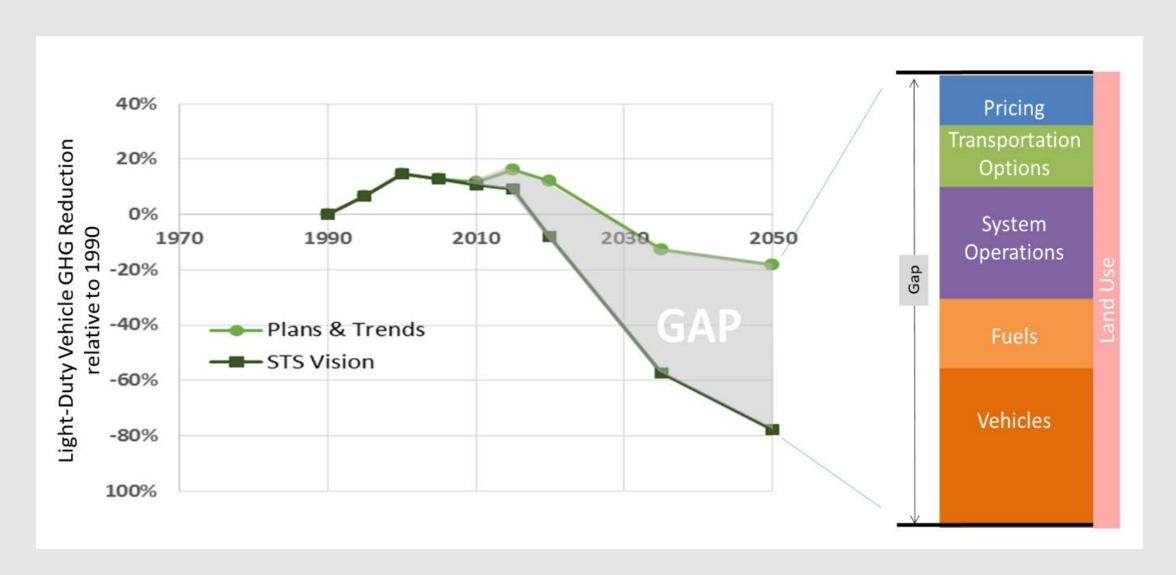
## CARBON REDUCTION PROGRAM STRATEGY

- Federal Requirement to identify strategies and projects to reduce GHG emissions
- ODOT developed a strategies and priorities based on the existing Statewide Transportation Strategy: 2050 GHG Vision (STS)
  - Consultation group of TMAs, MPOs and stakeholders
- Four priority areas
  - Vehicle and Fuel Technology
  - Transportation Options
  - System & Agency Operations
  - Pricing





#### STS 2050 VISION





### **Partnering to Reach Goals**





























# OREGON CARBON REDUCTION PROGRAM - PROJECT SELECTION

- TMAs identify projects using existing outreach and selection methods
- ODOT, in consultation with MPOs and stakeholders, developing an application to select Small Urban and Rural projects
  - Guidelines
  - Selection criteria and weighting
- ODOT will identify projects for the Statewide allocation





# Portland Region – Carbon Reduction Program (CRP)

Opportunity for Metro to implement the Climate Smart Strategy

#### Estimated funding available:

- \$18.8 million (5-year total)
  - \$17 M for carbon reduction projects
  - \$1.8 M for Climate Smart program implementation, including monitoring, data and communication



# **CRP Policy Framework: Climate Smart Strategy**

Secure adequate **funding** for transportation investments Implement adopted land use plans

Make **transit** convenient, frequent, accessible and affordable

Fleet and technology assumptions provided by the state

Support Oregon's transition to cleaner fuels and more fuel-efficient vehicles

> Make efficient use of **parking** and land dedicated to parking

CLIMATE SMART STRATEGY

Key policies and strategies

Provide
information
and
incentives to
expand use of
travel options

Use technology to actively manage the transportation system Make biking and walking safe and convenient

Make streets and highways safe, reliable and connected















Adopted in 2014 and approved by LCDC in 2015

## **CRP: Proposed Investment Areas**

#### Three Climate Smart Strategies:



#### **Transit (Investment)**

- Expanded transit coverage
- Expanded frequency of service
- Improvements in right-of-way to increase speed and reliability of buses and MAX



#### **Active Transportation (Investment)**

 New biking and walking connections to schools, jobs, downtowns and other community places



#### **System Management and Operations (Investment)**

- Variable message signs and speed limits
- Signal timing and ramp metering
- Transit signal priority, bus-only lanes, bus pull-outs
- Incident response detection and clearance

## **Carbon Reduction Program Timeline**

#### **Define Program**

- Introduce program
- Climate Smart refresher
- Outline priority areas/themes
- Propose process

#### **Allocation**

- Public
- Coordinate w/the state
- Program analysis

## Program Coordination

- Program projects and programs in MTIP
- Coordinate w/the state
- Program analysis

#### **Submission**

Carbon
Reduction
Program
allocation
due to
FHWA

Autumn-Winter 2022 Winter-Spring 2023 Summer-Autumn 2023 November 2023



## **Discussion Questions**

JPACT questions, thoughts and/or comments on:

- 1. BIL, Carbon Reduction Program
- 2. Proposed Climate Smart investment areas
- 3. Timeline



## **Next Steps**

- TPAC & JPACT Introduction January 2023
- TPAC Discussion on Proposals Spring 2023
- TPAC & JPACT Carbon Reduction Program Funds Allocation Recommendation – Spring 2023
- Metro Council Adoption Spring 2023

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#### - EXTRA SLIDES FOR Q & A

#### **Comparison of FAST Act and IIJA**

	FAST Act	IIJA
Length	5 years	5 years
Funding	\$305 billion	\$567.5 billion
Average Annual Funding	\$61 billion	\$113.4 billion
Total Highway Funding	\$226.3 billion	\$351.3 billion
Total Transit Funding	\$61.1 billion	\$91.1 billion

This table compares key transportation funding categories between the FAST Act and IIJA. The FAST Act expired in 2020 and was extended through 2021.

## BIL - New Discretionary Programs

Over \$100 billion available in competitive programs, including (examples, not exhaustive):

- National Infrastructure Project Assistance (\$10B)
- Reconnecting Communities (\$1B)
- Safe Streets for All (\$5B)
- PROTECT Discretionary (\$1.4B)
- Safe Streets for All