



# Memo

Date: February 21, 2025

To: Metro Council and Interested Parties

From: Ken Lobeck, Funding Programs Lead

Subject: FFY 2025 Redistribution Supplemental Funding Call Funding Recommendations – Resolution 25-5464

## PURPOSE STATEMENT

**FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING NINE EXISTING METRO REGIONAL FLEXIBLE FUNDING ALLOCATION (RFFA) PROJECTS WITH AWARDED FFY 2025 REDISTRIBUTION SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING INTO THE 2024-27 MTIP**

**Requested Council action:**

**JPACT approved Resolution 25-5464 and now requests Metro Council provide the final Metro approval enabling the available \$10 million dollars of FFY 2025 Redistribution funds to be awarded to the nine identified projects at a 80.6% level of their original funding requests.**

## BACKGROUND

The FFY 20205 Redistribution Funding Call commits \$10 million dollars (of the \$13.6 million Redistribution allocation to Metro) of federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds to support prior funded Regional Flexible Funding Allocation (RFFA) awarded projects that have experienced external inflationary or added delivery requirements outside of the agency’s control resulting in delayed delivery and/or significant cost increases. Metro received nine applications requesting \$12,413,835 of Redistribution funds.

FFY 2025 Redistribution Finding Call Funding Submissions			
Lead Agency	Key	Project Name	Requested Funding
Clackamas County	22131	Courtney Ave Complete Street: River Road - OR99E	\$2,421,841
Gresham	20808	NE Cleveland Ave.: SE Stark St - NE Burnside	\$2,166,504
Milwaukie	22141	Washington/Monroe Street: SE 37th - SE Linwood Ave	\$1,805,526
Portland	18837	NE Columbia Blvd: Cully Blvd and Alderwood Rd	\$ 471,027
Portland	20814	Jade and Montavilla Multi-modal Improvements	\$2,494,095
Portland	22134	NE 122nd Ave Safety: Access:	\$ 821,084
Portland	22135	NE MLK Blvd Safety & Access to Transit: Cook-Highland	\$412,758
Tigard	23253	Fanno Creek: SW Durham Rd to SW Bonita Rd Project Development	\$500,000
THPRD	19357	Beaverton Creek Trail: Westside Trail - SW Hocken Ave	\$1,321,000
Total:			\$12,413,835
Available Redistribution Funding:			\$10,000,000
Over Subscription Amount:			(\$2,413,835)

During the January 10, 2025 TPAC meeting, TPAC members directed Metro staff to pursue the 80.6% funding option to resolve the funding over subscription issue and bring the total awards back down to the \$10 million dollar threshold. Based on this direction, the proposed Redistribution Funding awards distribution are as follows:

Recommended FFY 2025 Redistribution Funding Project Awards at the 80.6% Level				
Lead Agency	Key	Project Name	Original Request	Redistribution Award at 80.6%
Clackamas County	22131	Courtney Ave	\$2,421,841	\$1,952,003
Gresham	20808	Cleveland Ave	\$2,166,504	\$1,746,202
Milwaukie	22141	Washington/Monroe	\$1,805,526	\$1,455,253
Portland	18837	Columbia Blvd	\$ 471,027	\$379,647
Portland	20814	Jade and Montavilla	\$2,494,095	\$2,010,240
Portland	22134	NE 122 <sup>nd</sup> Ave	\$ 821,084	\$661,793
Portland	22135	NE MLK Blvd	\$412,758	\$332,682
Tigard	23253	Fanno Creek Trail	\$500,000	\$403,000
THPRD	19357	Beaverton Creek Trail	\$1,321,000	\$1,064,726
Total:				\$10,005,546

TPAC February 7, 2025 Meeting Summary:

Ken Lobeck, Metro Funding Programs Lead, provided a short overview the funding award status and next for the proposed nine awarded projects. There are no changes to the proposed funding awards. Upon Metro Council approval, the nine projects will be funded at 80.6% of their original funding request. Ken covered the next steps once Metro Council approves the funding awards.

This includes completing MTIP/STIP programming actions and amending the project Intergovernmental Agreements (IGA). Programming and IGA actions will occur concurrently with the goal to have all IGAs ready for agency final approval as May 1, 2025. Ken asked TPAC members with awarded funds to please expedite the approval process through their councils especially for projects with funds in FFY 2025. Metro and ODOT’s goal is to be ready to obligate the FFY 2025 programmed Redistribution funds no later than August 2025. TPAC had no questions or discussion of the of the approval recommendation or next stapes and provided their approval recommendation to JPACT.

JPACT February 20, 2025, Meeting Summary:

JPACT convened on February 20, 2025. The Redistribution Funding MTIP Formal Amendment was included as part of the Consent Calendar. JPACT approved the Consent Calendar without discussion. Additionally, the public comment period closed as of February 13, 2025. There were no comments submitted concerning the Redistribution Funding amendment.

**Next Steps:**

Assuming Metro Council approves the final award recommendations, the final objective is to complete the ODOT intergovernmental agreements (IGA) and programming updates enabling the added funds to be obligated in FHWA’s Financial Management Information System (FMIS). A summary of the next-step tasks includes the following:

1. Continue Amendment Processing: proposed award recommendations for JPACT and Metro Council final approval (February/March 2025)
2. Evaluate the Feasibility of Applying Project Delivery Scalability (February 2025): The initial 80.6% funding tables provided one scenario based on a fixed total phase and project cost estimate that would not change. Awarded agencies have the option to consider other delivery options that still meet the scope of work and IGA requirements (February 2025). If the revised delivery option results in an adjusted phase and total project cost and reduces the delivery phase required local overmatch, then awarded agencies can pursue this option. The awarded project managers should begin discussions with their ODOT Local Agency Liaison (LAL) to explore this option.
3. Complete Draft MTIP Worksheets and send over to ODOT Local Delivery to initiate the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) amendments (February-April 2025).
4. Complete MTIP and STIP programming updates (April 2025).
5. Complete and execute updated IGA amendments (April through June 2025).
6. Obligate added Redistribution funds in FFY 2025 programmed projects (July/August 2025).

Added Programming Note: Awarded fund programming in the MTIP and STIP will use the federal Surface Transportation Block Grant – Urban allocation (STBG-U) fund type code. The awarded STBG-U funds will be added on top of any existing STBG funds already programmed for the project.

### **APPROVAL STEPS AND TIMING**

Metro's approval process for formal amendment includes multiple steps. The required approvals for the February #3 2025 Redistribution Formal MTIP amendment (FB25-07-FEB3) will include the following review actions:

- Are eligible and required to be programmed in the MTIP.
- Properly demonstrate fiscal constraint.
- Pass the RTP consistency review which requires a confirmation that the project(s) are identified in the current approved constrained RTP either as a stand-alone project or in an approved project grouping bucket.
- Are consistent with RTP project costs when compared with programming amounts in the MTIP.
- If a capacity enhancing project, the project is identified in the approved Metro modeling network and included in transportation demand modeling for performance analysis.
- Supports RTP goals and strategies.
- Contains applicable project scope elements that can be applied to Metro's performance requirements.

- Verified to be part of the Metro’s annual Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for planning projects that may not be specifically identified in the RTP.
- Verified that the project location is part of the Metro regional transportation network, and is considered regionally significant, or required to be programmed in the MTIP per USDOT direction.
- Verified that the project and lead agency are eligible to receive, obligate, and expend federal funds.
- Does not violate supplemental directive guidance from FHWA/FTA’s approved Amendment Matrix.
- Reviewed and evaluated to determine if Performance Measurements will or will not apply.
- Successfully complete the required 30-day Public Notification/Opportunity to Comment period.
- Meets other MPO responsibility actions including project monitoring, fund obligations, and expenditure of allocated funds in a timely fashion.

Proposed Processing and Approval Actions:

<u>Action</u>	<u>Target Date</u>
• Initiate the public notification/comment process.....	January 15, 2025
• February 2025 TPAC agenda mail-out.....	January 31, 2025
• TPAC amendment approval recommendation.....	February 7, 2025
• End Public notification/comment process.....	February 13, 2025
• JPACT amendment approval request.....	February 20, 2025
• <b>Metro Council approval request.....</b>	<b>March 13, 2025</b>

Notes:

- \* The above dates are estimates. JPACT and Council meeting dates could change.
- \*\* If any notable comments are received during the public comment period requiring follow-on discussions, they will be addressed by JPACT and/or Metro Council Office.

USDOT Approval Steps. The below timeline is an estimation only and assume no changes to the proposed JPACT or Council meeting dates occur:

<u>Action</u>	<u>Target Date</u>
• Final amendment package submission to ODOT & USDOT.....	March 18, 2025
• USDOT clarification and final amendment approval.....	April-May 2025

Note: Final Metro amendment submission approval by FHWA now requires approval by the Oregon FHWA Office and Headquarters FHWA in Washington, DC.

**ANALYSIS/INFORMATION**

1. **Known Opposition:** None known at this time.
2. **Legal Antecedents:**
  - a. Amends the 2024-27 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program adopted by Metro Council Resolution 23-5335 on July 20, 2023 (FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADOPTING THE 2024-2027 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE PORTLAND METROPOLITAN AREA)

- b. Oregon Governor approval of the 2024-27 MTIP on September 13, 2023.
  - c. 2024-2027 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Approval and 2024 Federal Planning Finding on September 25, 2023.
3. **Anticipated Effects:** Enables the committed \$10 million of FFY 2025 Redistribution Funding to be awarded, programmed, and obligated to their respective projects.
  4. **Metro Budget Impacts:** The FFY 2025 Redistribution Funding awarded funding represents a bonus allocation to Metro's annual STBG allocation. The final awards should not have any impact upon Metro's regular MPO annual budget.

**Recommended Action:**

**JPACT approved Resolution 25-5464 and now requests Metro Council provide the final Metro approval enabling the available \$10 million dollars of FFY 2025 Redistribution funds to be awarded to the nine identified projects at a 80.6% level of their original funding requests.**

Two Attachments:

1. Approved Resolution No. 24-5414
2. Current Project STIP Programming Tables (Non-Redistribution funding status)