

# Memo



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Date: Thursday, March 14, 2019  
To: Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation and Interested Parties  
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Subject: 2021-2024 MTIP Policy Direction

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## **Purpose**

Request JPACT take action to approve and submit to the Metro Council for adoption the 2021-2024 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) policy update.

## **Introduction and Background**

Led by Metro and administered in cooperation with ODOT, TriMet and SMART, the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP):

- describes the transportation investment priorities for the upcoming four federal fiscal years;
- describes the prioritization processes of investments and their alignment with regional objectives and compliance with federal laws;
- measures the performance of those investments in advancing outcomes and goals; and
- monitors the progress of investments and approves significant changes in scope, schedule or budget.

The MTIP is updated on a three-year cycle, in coordination with the ODOT led funding allocations and the Metro Regional Flexible Funds Allocation (RFFA), both of which define the investment priorities for three years of funding. Transit investment priorities are typically allocated annually through the TriMet and SMART budget processes. With each MTIP cycle, a policy statement is adopted to provide further direction on the outcomes the near-term investments are expected to make progress towards. As the 2021-2024 MTIP is in the development process, the proposed policy has been put forward.

## **2021-2024 MTIP Policy – Policy Overview and Discussion to Date**

The draft 2021-2024 MTIP policy is an update to reflect the recently adopted 2018 RTP and continue with existing policies. The 2021-2024 MTIP policy statement includes four policies:

1. The 2018 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is the foundation and guide for investments proposed for the 2021-2024 MTIP.
2. Funding allocations and implementation of projects will comply with requisite federal regulations.
3. The region will continue to pursue the regional finance approach.
4. The region will coordinate on pursuit of national discretionary funding opportunities and openly coordinate funding leverage opportunities between different transportation funding programs.

The first two 2021-2024 MTIP policies implement federal regulatory and regional policy direction, emphasizing specific 2018 RTP policy priorities most relevant to the MTIP. The third 2021-2024 MTIP policy is a compilation of existing individual funding program policies and an intention of how to apply existing fund sources and pursue additional fund sources to address different needs of the transportation system. This approach was developed by the JPACT Finance Subcommittee in 2009 and most recently adopted as policy in 2016. The individual funding program policies are updated

to reflect the most recent funding policies by the agencies or policy bodies responsible for those existing individual funding programs as well as consolidated federal funding programs. The fourth 2021-2024 MTIP policy area is a statement of intent to coordinate on which priorities to nominate for national competitive discretionary grants and to coordinate between funding programs for leverage opportunities. These have been practices of the region, but not previously stated as MTIP policy.

TPAC provided feedback on the proposed 2021-2024 MTIP policy at the January and February 2019 meetings. The 2021-2024 MTIP policy document was revised to reflect the feedback TPAC provided and TPAC recommended approval of the 2021-2024 MTIP policy with amendments. At the February meeting, JPACT received an overview of the revised 2021-2024 MTIP policy and follow up discussion was minimal.

### **Request**

Metro staff requests JPACT approve and submit to the Metro Council for adoption the 2021-2024 MTIP policy direction.

### **Next Steps**

The following timeline has been provided to illustrate the immediate next steps for the 2021-2024 MTIP development.

#### *Timeline – Upcoming 2021-2024 MTIP Development Activities*

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>
<b><i>Policy Direction</i></b>	
JPACT recommendation to Metro Council/Metro Council action	March-April 2019
<b><i>Funding Allocations</i></b>	
2022-2024 STIP Fix-It Leverage funding recommendations discussions at TPAC	March 2019
Transit agency annual budget process and investment program presentations	April-May 2019
2022-2024 Regional Flexible Fund allocation process	Spring – End 2019
<b><i>Packaging the 2021-2024 MTIP</i></b>	
Compilation of draft 2021-2024 MTIP investment program	August 2019 – January 2020
Develop public review draft of the 2021-2024 MTIP with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• System performance evaluation of MTIP investment program and RTP consistency analysis</li> <li>• MAP-21 performance target evaluation</li> <li>• Federal regulatory compliance demonstration</li> <li>• Allocation process discussion</li> </ul>	January – March 2020
Public comment on the public review draft 2021-2024 MTIP	April – May 2020
Request TPAC recommendation to approve the 2021-2024 MTIP	June 2020
Request approval of the 2021-2024 MTIP by JPACT	June/July 2020
Adoption of the 2021-2024 MTIP by the Metro Council	July 2020
<b><i>Change Management</i></b>	
Administrative modifications and amendments	October 2020 – On-going
Project delivery monitoring, obligations, and constraint checks	October 2020 – On-going