

Agenda

Mid-Willamette Valley Area Commission on Transportation (MWACT)

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Date: Thursday, October 3rd, 2024
Time: 3:30 p.m.
Place: MWVCOG Offices, 2nd floor
100 High Street SE, Salem
Online: See information above for Zoom meeting
Phone: (503) 588 6177

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3:30 p.m. Item 1. Call MWACT Meeting To Order Chair Ken Woods, Jr.

- Welcome and Introductions
- Approval of August 1st, 2024, Meeting Summary
- Public Comment
- Comments from the Legislative Delegation
- OTC Comments
- Commission Discussion/Area Updates
 - Leadership changes
 - Polk County field trip
 - Project updates
 - Budget updates
 - OR22/51 Interchange and the JCT

4:00 p.m. Item 2. Heat Map PresentationAlex Bettinardi, ODOT TPAU Staff

Building on the recent Oregon Transportation Plan (OTP) update, ODOT has been evaluating a new tool to help identify transportation needs; a hot-spot (Heat Map) analysis for overlapping transportation needs. Over the past year, ODOT has been testing and evaluating the “Heat Map” results. The Great Streets 2.0 grant applications reviewed and considered Heat Map locations part of the selection of potential Great Street Locations; one example of how the Maps can be used. Alex Bettinardi, with ODOT’s Transportation Planning and Analysis Unit (TPAU) joins MWACT today to share further background on the tool and approach, and what the initial “Heat Map” looks like for the MWACT.

Action: for informational and discussion

4:30 p.m. Item 3. STIF Discretionary ExerciseArla Miller, ODOT PTD Staff

ODOT Public Transit Division (PTD) staff are visiting ODOT ACTs to present and get feedback on this round of STIF Discretionary grant funding applications¹. This input will be used to help ODOT’s Public Transportation Division (PTD) decide which applications should be funded in ODOT Area 3. The ACT can prioritize if they want to, they do not have to do so.

Action: for information, with opportunity for input

5:15 p.m. Item 4. Information for MWACT members ODOT Staff

- Agenda build brainstorm (full ACT input requested)
- ACT Chair meeting on October 22nd, 2024

5:30 p.m. Item 5. Adjournment Chair Ken Woods, Jr

¹ <https://www.oregon.gov/odot/rptd/pages/stif-discretionary-grant-applications.aspx>

Meeting Summary

Mid-Willamette Valley Area Commission on Transportation (MWACT)
MWVCOG Virtual Meeting
100 High St. SE, Suite 200, Salem, OR 97301
Thursday, August 1, 2024

This meeting was a hybrid meeting with people attending via Zoom. Attendance is listed as follows:

MWACT Members Present

Anna Henson, ODOT Region 2 Area 3 Manager
April Newton, 99E/213 Corridor, Silverton City Council – Zoom
Chris Patoine, Polk County Private Sector
Della Seney, Hwy. 22E Corridor, Aumsville City Council
Ken Woods Jr., 2024 Chair, Dallas Mayor
Kevin Cameron, Marion County Board of Commissioners – Zoom
Lyle Mordhorst, Polk County Board of Commissioners
Tom Hammer, Yamhill County Private Sector

MWACT Members Absent

Angelica Ceja, Hwy. 22E Corridor, Aumsville City Council, Alternate for Della Seney
Cathy Clark, 2024 Vice Chair, Keizer Mayor - Zoom
Cynthia Thompson, YCTA - Zoom
Frank Lonergan, I-5 Corridor, Woodburn Mayor – Zoom
Kit Johnston, Yamhill County Board of Commissioners - Zoom
Michael Schilling, Dallas City Council – Alternate for Ken Woods
Sara Duncan, SAMTD Board of Directors – Zoom
Stacia Martin, Tribal Government, Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde
Trevor Phillips, Salem City Council
Yvette Potter, 99W/18/47 Corridor, Yamhill Mayor - Zoom

Others Present

Brandon Williams, ODOT
Clay Downing, City of Newberg – Zoom
Deza'Rae Collins, MWVCOG-SKATS Staff
Jillian Trinkaus, ODOT/PTD – Zoom
Julia Hajduk, City of Stayton – Zoom
Kristine Evertz – Zoom
Lisa Brown, ODOT – Zoom
Mike Jaffe, MWVCOG-SKATS Staff
Shofi Ull Azum, SAMTD - Zoom

Agenda Item 1. Call to Order – 3:30pm - Introductions

Chair Ken Woods, Jr., called the hybrid meeting to order at 3:34 p.m. A quorum was established, and introductions were made.

Summary of June 6, 2024, Meeting:

The summary of the June 6, 2024, meeting was approved by consensus of the members present and online.

Public Comment:

There were no comments from the public.

Comments from the Legislative Delegation:

There were no comments from the legislative delegation.

OTC Comments:

Anna Henson from ODOT provided an update to the group regarding the Joint Committee on Transportation meeting taking place on September 25th, 2024 in Salem for Legislative Days. No public meeting in Salem yet however they are taking public comment. There could still possibly be a public meeting in Salem due to the number of requests for a Salem meeting. Currently, the JTC is in Florence working on approving ODOT's budget which will have ~\$354 million deficit including office closures, staff cuts and reduction in projects. ODOT's 2024-27 STIP was also re-evaluated due to being over programmed and funding shortfalls.

Commission Discussion/Area Updates:

Brandon Williams from ODOT informed the group that the State Aviation Board is recruiting a Mid-Willamette Valley ACT representative. Commissioner Kevin Cameron volunteered to fill the role and the MWACT affirmed his participation.

Chair Ken Woods Jr. requested a visit from the ODOT Director to receive agency updates. Anna Henson will follow up with the group about possibility of this request.

Agenda Item 2. Area 3 Construction Projects Review, Anna Henson, ODOT

I-5: Aurora-Donald Interchange Project

Discussion about the ongoing Aurora-Donald Interchange Project focused on converting the area into a diverging diamond configuration, traffic flow improvements, and securing funds already available. The goal of this project is to reduce congestion.

I-5 Widening Project: Kuebler Boulevard to Delaney Road

Progress updated include expanding the I-5 South to include a truck passing lane, accommodating more lanes, bridges replacement, and sound walls. This project includes improvements at Battle Creek Road with the aim to ease future traffic.

Newburg-Dundee Bypass

Significant project advancements include prior work agreements being finalized and securing funding from legislative grants. This project will go up for bidding this Fall 2024.

Agenda Item 3. Connect Oregon Region 2 Super ACT Update, ODOT Staff & Vice-Chair Clark

Brandon Williams from ODOT updated the group on the Super ACT meeting that was attended by Vice-Chair Cathy Clark who advocated for the Portland & Western Railroad improvement project. The Portland & Western RR project ranked 12 out of 35 priority projects. Also noted was that Super ACT members were considerate and collaborative in supporting projects throughout the state, not just their regions projects.

The top ranked Region 2 projects are below and an updated finalized list will be provided in October:

[insert list from Brandon?]

Agenda Item 4. Information for MWACT members, ODOT Staff

The September 5th, 2024 MWACT meeting is cancelled due to Labor Day holiday week.

An upcoming agenda item in October includes a presentation from ODOT on a heat map of projects throughout the region.

Jillian Trinkaus from ODOT informed the group that several transit grants are open and due by September 5th. There will be a review process in October for the Oregon ACTs to provide feedback using a specific feedback form developed by ODOT.

Agenda Item 5. DEI Training, ODOT Staff

This item was reserved for a required DEI update on HB 2985 from the 2021 legislative session that added a requirement of diverse advisory committees. This section was closed to the public and not recorded.

Agenda Item 6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

Agenda Item 2

Heat Map Presentation

**Mid-Willamette Valley Area
Commission on Transportation
(MWACT)**

October 3rd, 2024

Mid-Willamette ACT “Hot Spot” Analysis

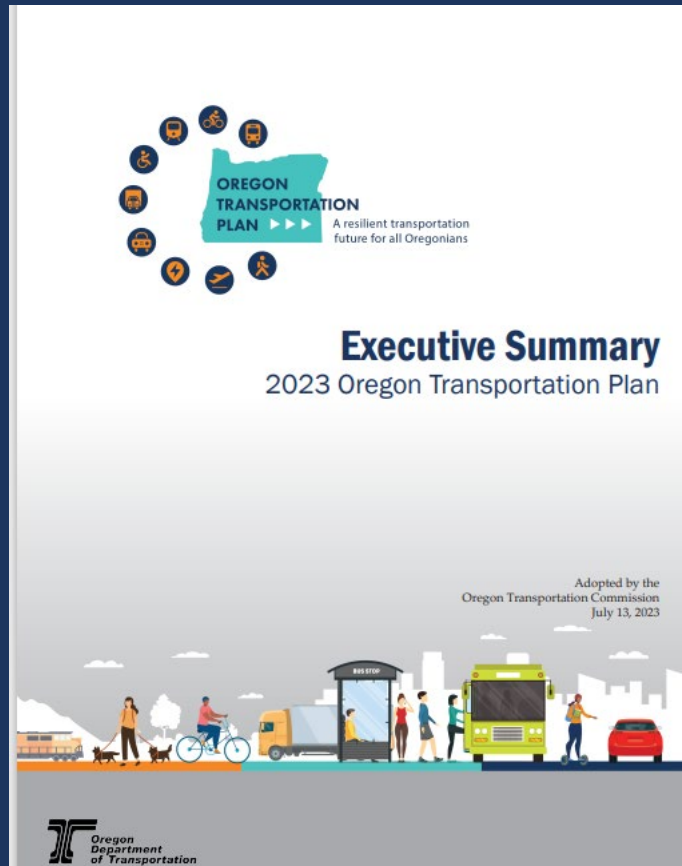
(Statewide Strategic/Potential Investment Locations)

Summarized by - Alex Bettinardi
October 3rd, 2024




Presentation Outline

- Big Picture Context on the work leading into Hot Spots
- Overview of the Data and Processing for Hot Spots
- Examples of the Hot Spots in your Area
- Open discussion, “What’s Missing”

Putting Policy into Action



- Focus on Outcomes

Safety	Equity	Climate
 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eliminate fatalities and serious injuries.	 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Establish targets by 2025.• In the meantime, lower transportation household costs for disproportionately burdened and reduce economic, safety, and sustainability disparities.	 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reduce passenger VMT per capita by 20%.• Transition to cleaner vehicles and fuels, reducing CO2e per mile by 77%.

- Integrate into investment decisions
- Be accountable to targets

Investment Priority Areas (IPA)





Primary Focus Areas:

- Safety
- Equity
- Climate Mitigation Opportunities
 - Active (Bike/Walk needs)
 - Transit Stop access opportunities
 - Electrification (Charging installation)

Secondary Considerations:

- High Use/Volume
- Congestion
- Freight Issues/Designation
- Climate Adaptation (Hazard Risks)
- Bridge
- Pavement
- ITS (and Broadband)
- Seismic

Every IPA gets converted to a common ranking system (numeric system)

-  4 = Critical (top priority locations for the IPA)
-  3 = High
-  2 = Moderate
-  1 = Minor
- 0 = Minimal/None

Review of Primary Data Elements

Safety

- Two Criteria
 - Historic metric, SPIS (Safety Priority Index System)
 - Forward looking Vulnerable Road Users (VRU)
- Also layering recent fatals for context

SPIS:

4 (Critical) = SPIS >95%

3 (High) = SPIS 90-95%

2 (Moderate) = SPIS 85-90%

1 (Minor) = Any crash history

0 (Minimal) = No crash history

VRU:

4 (Critical) = Crash Risk / Mi > 52

3 (High) = Crash Risk / Mi 38-52

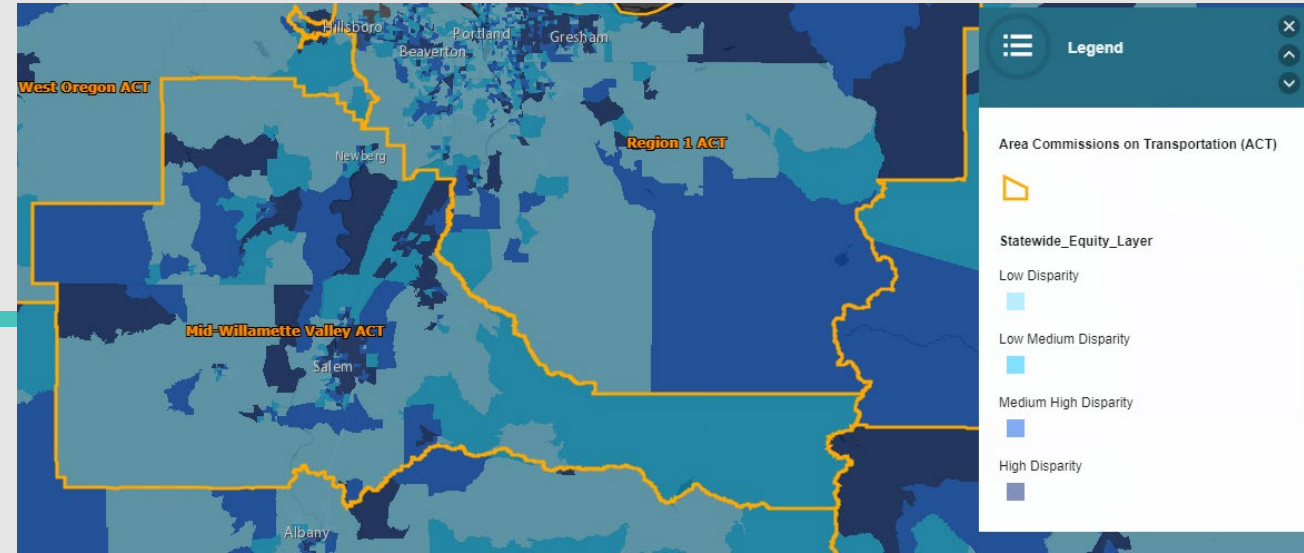
2 (Moderate) = Crash Risk / Mi 24-38

1 (Minor) = Crash Risk / Mi < 24



Equity

- A metric directly from ODOT's Social Equity Index (SEI) work



<https://ordot.sharepoint.com/sites/GIS/SitePages/WebApplications.aspx>

4 (Critical) = SEI “High”

3 (High) = SEI “Medium/High”

2 (Moderate) = SEI “Low/Medium”

1 (Minor) = SEI “Low”

0 = Zero Population

Climate Mitigation Opportunities

- Addressing Active Mode Issues
- Improving access to transit

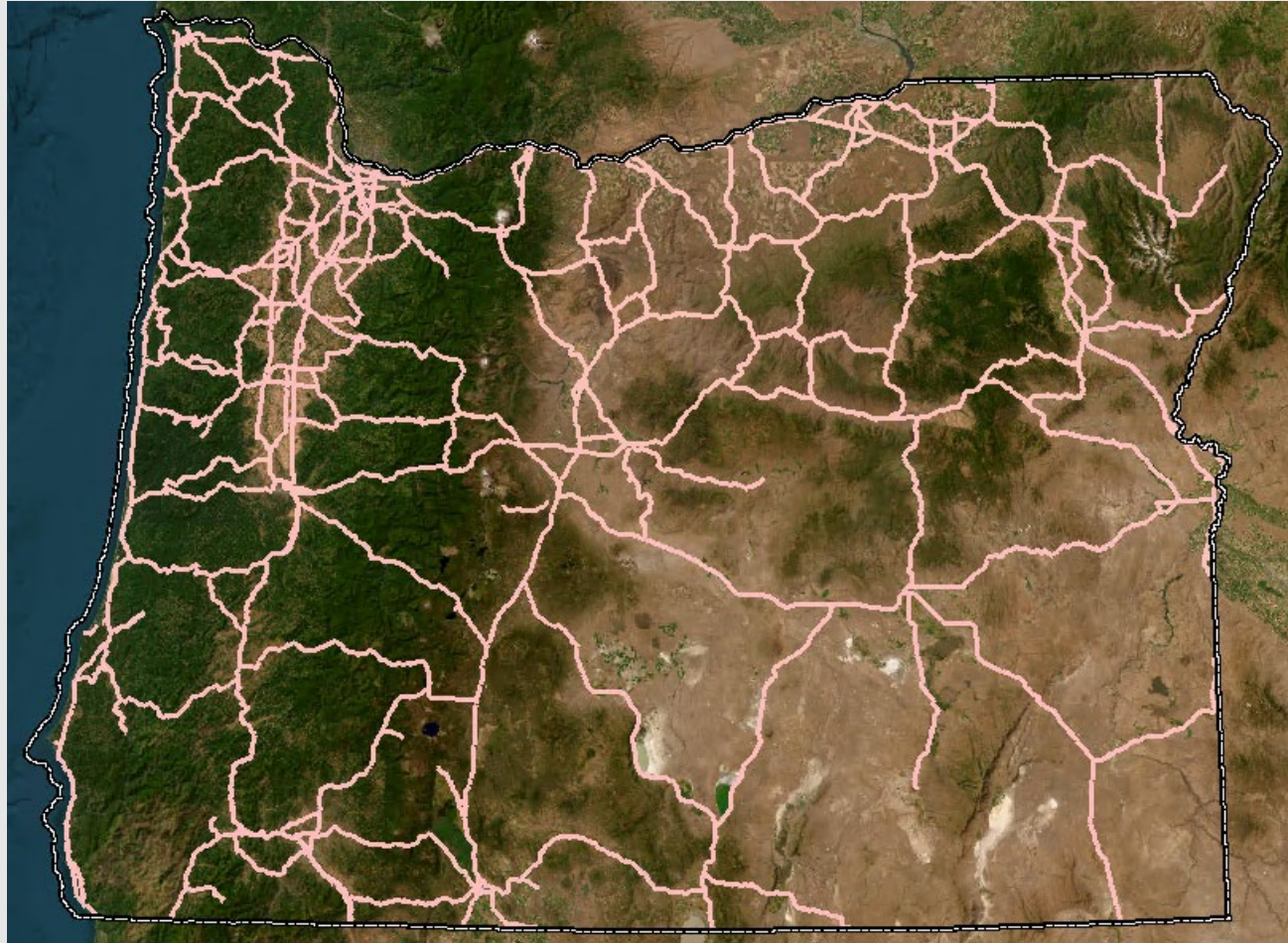


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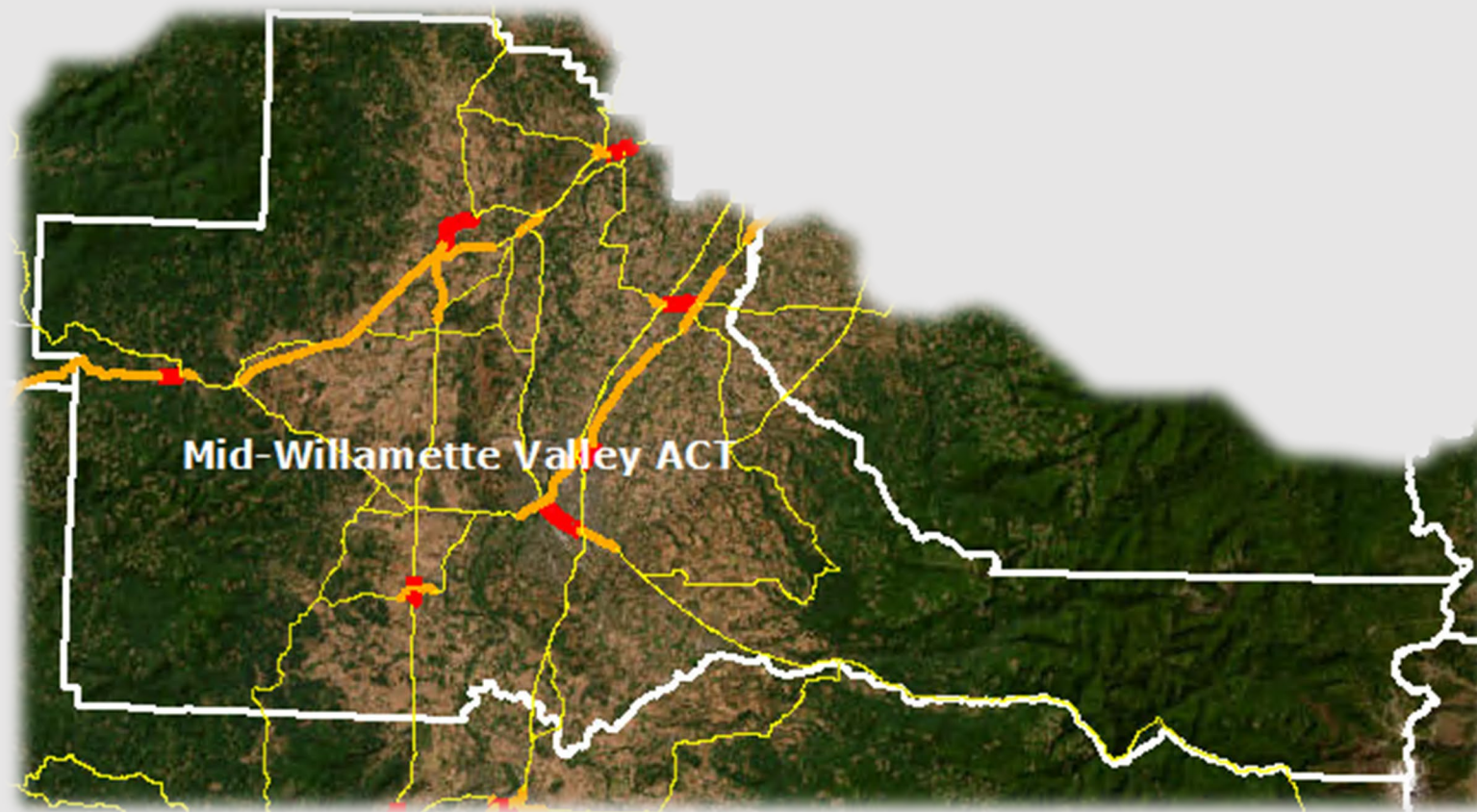
- Improving EV charging infrastructure

Currently Mapping is Only State Highways







Reviewing Specific Locations for MWACT

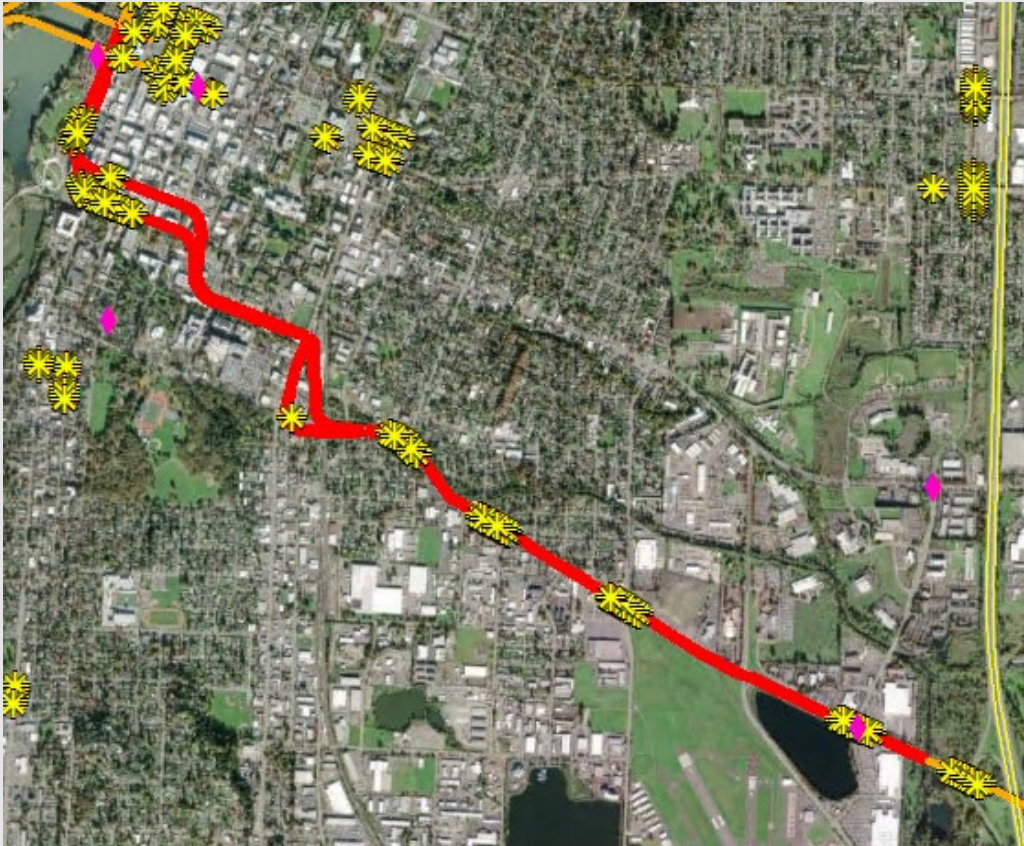
Overall Hottest Locations for MW




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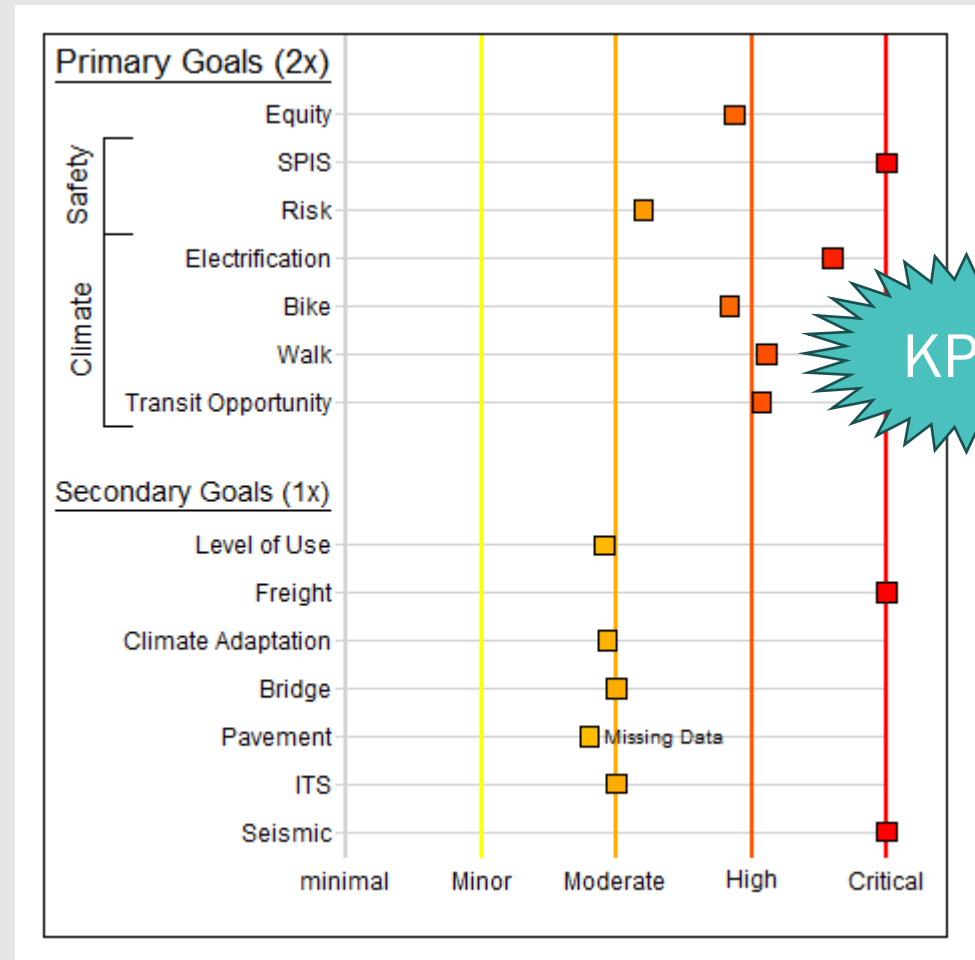
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	High
	Moderate
	Minor

OR 22 in Salem

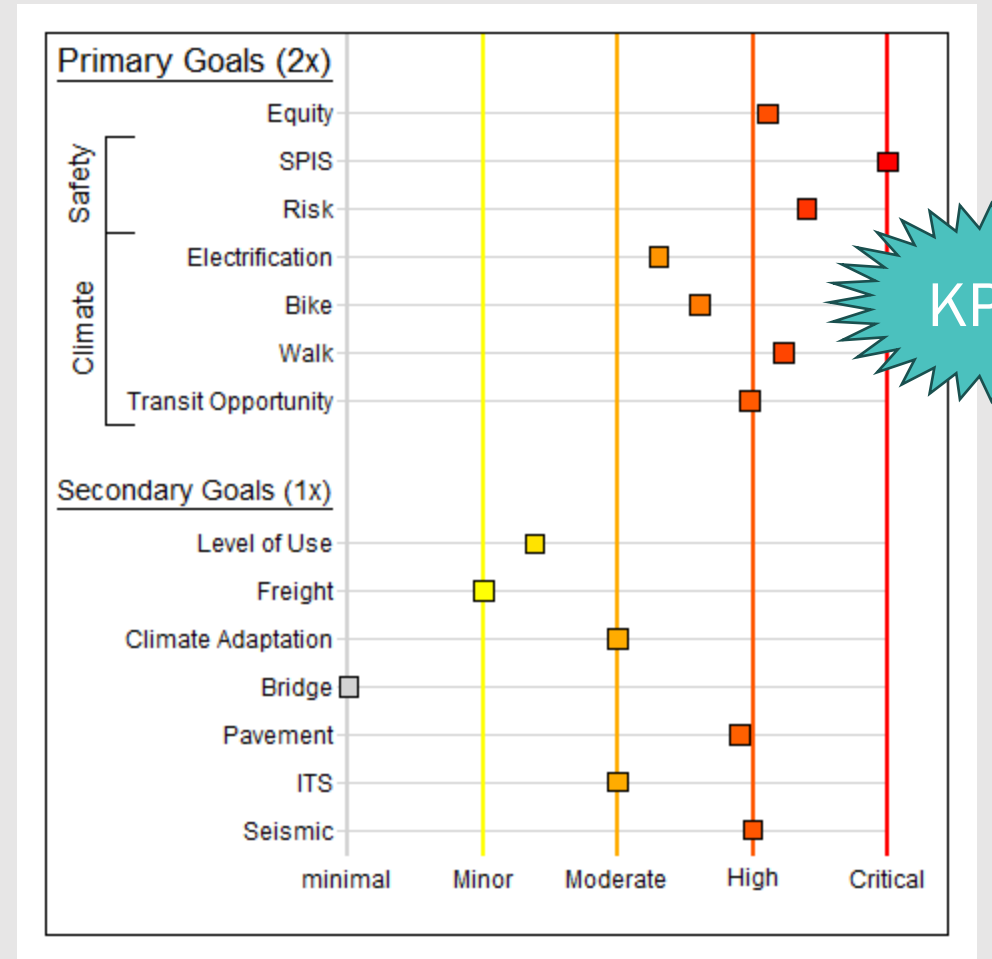


 = >95% SPIS (Safety Priority Index System) location

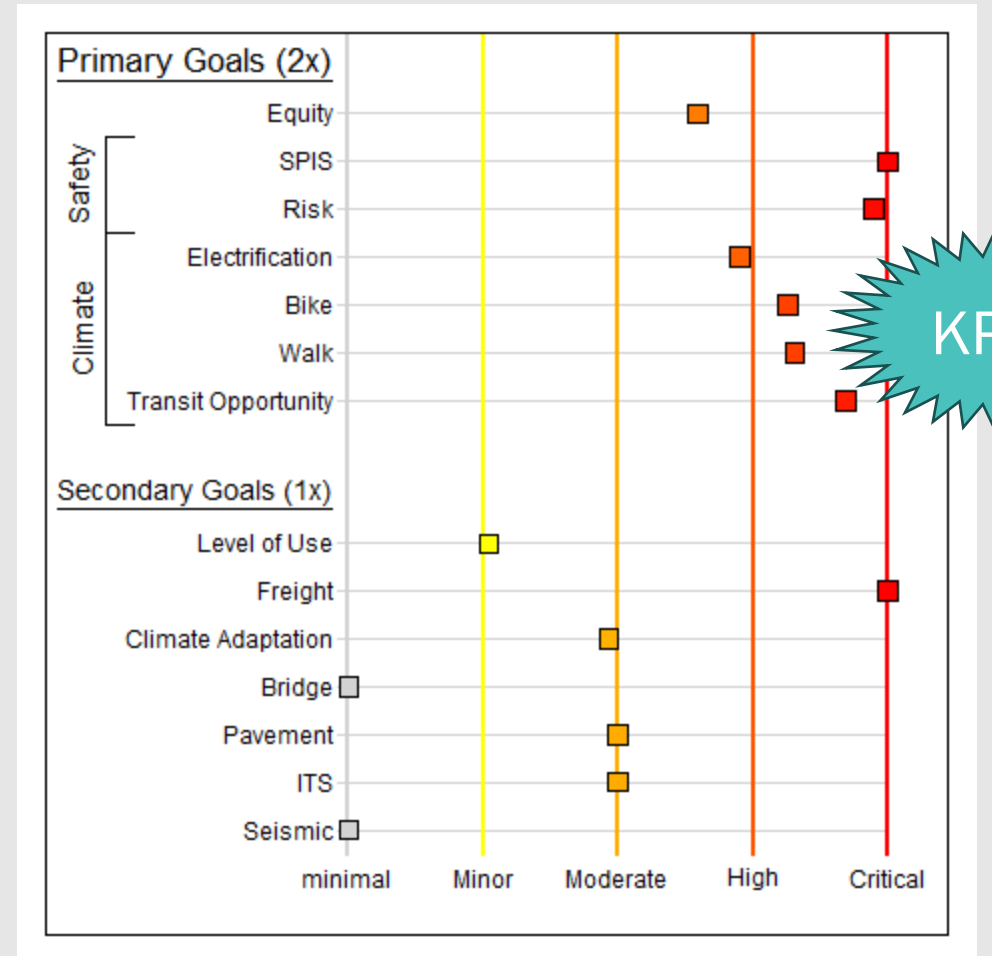
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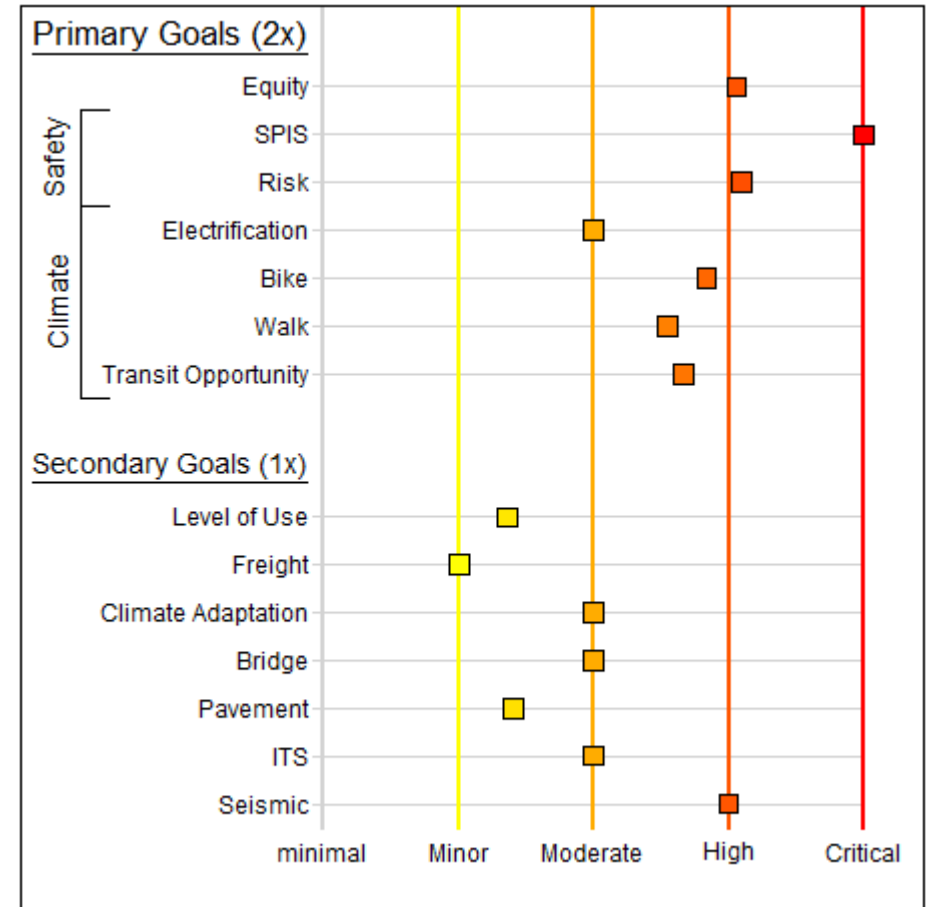
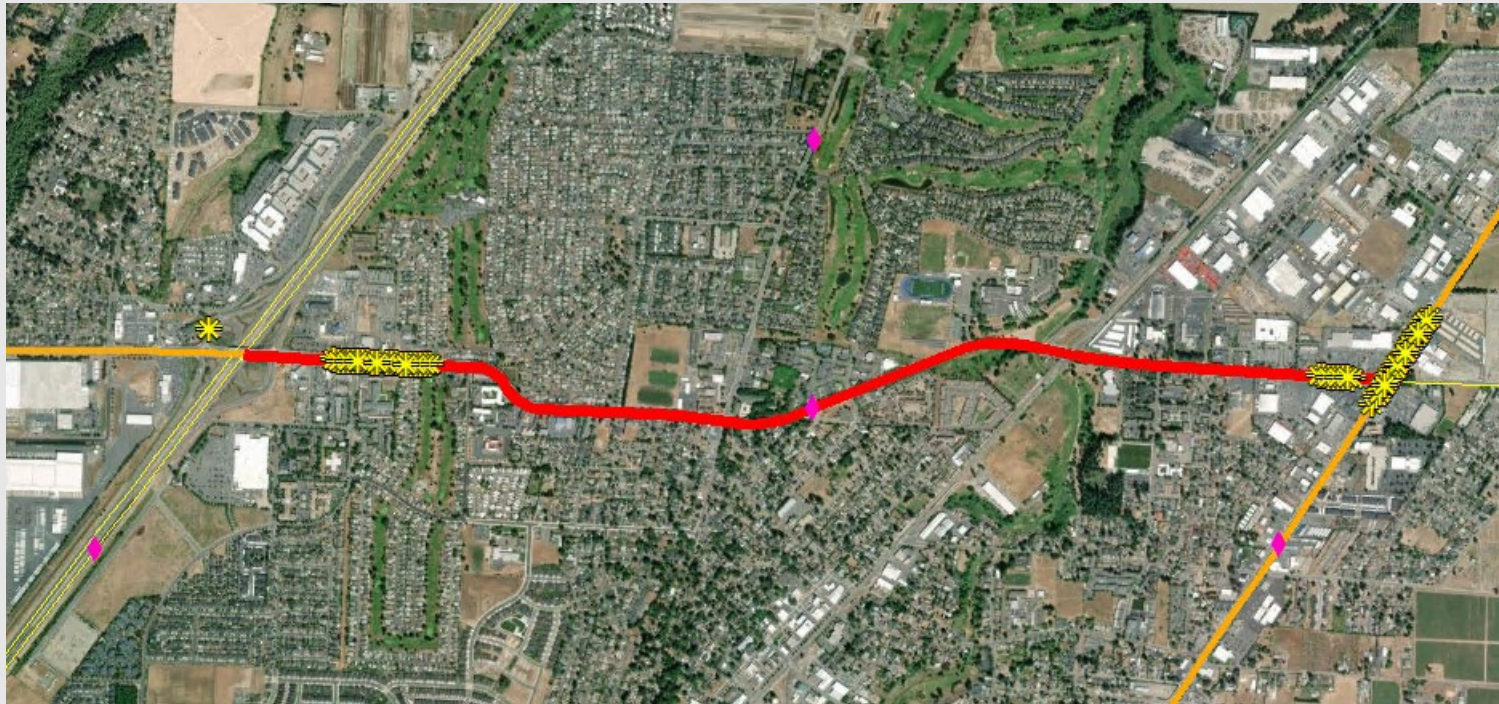
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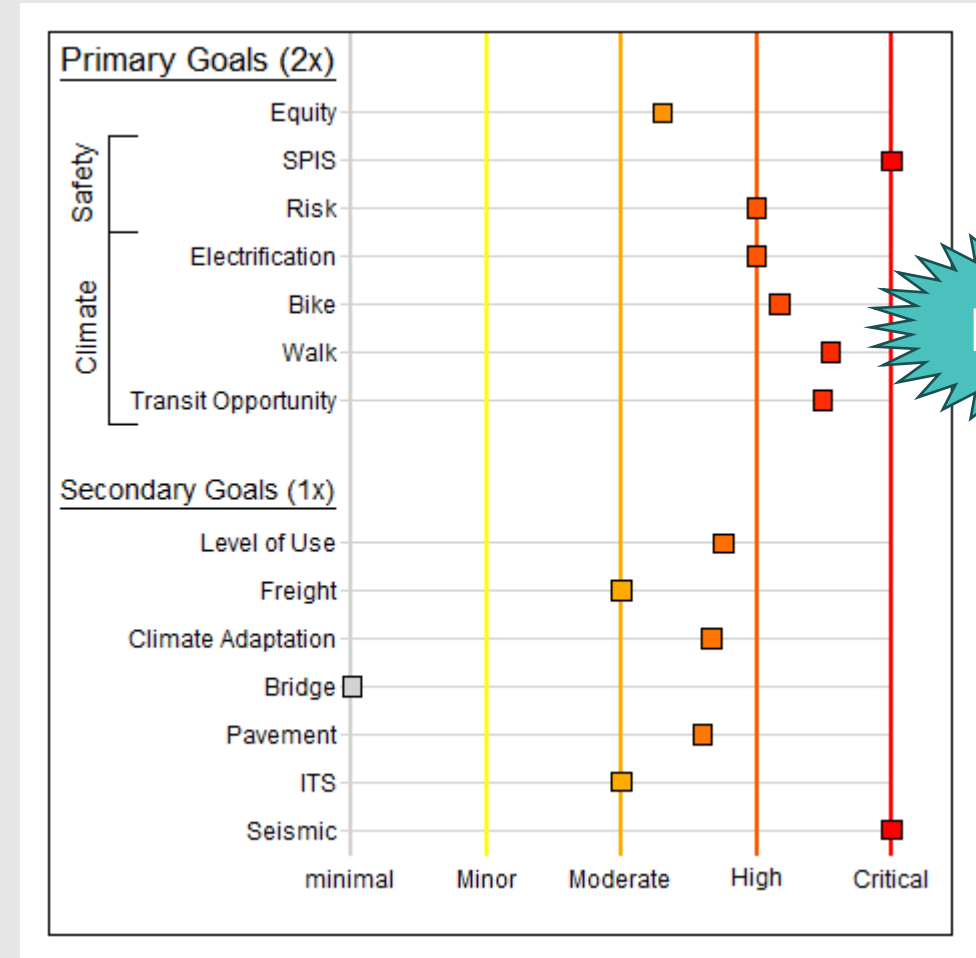
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OR214 Through Woodburn

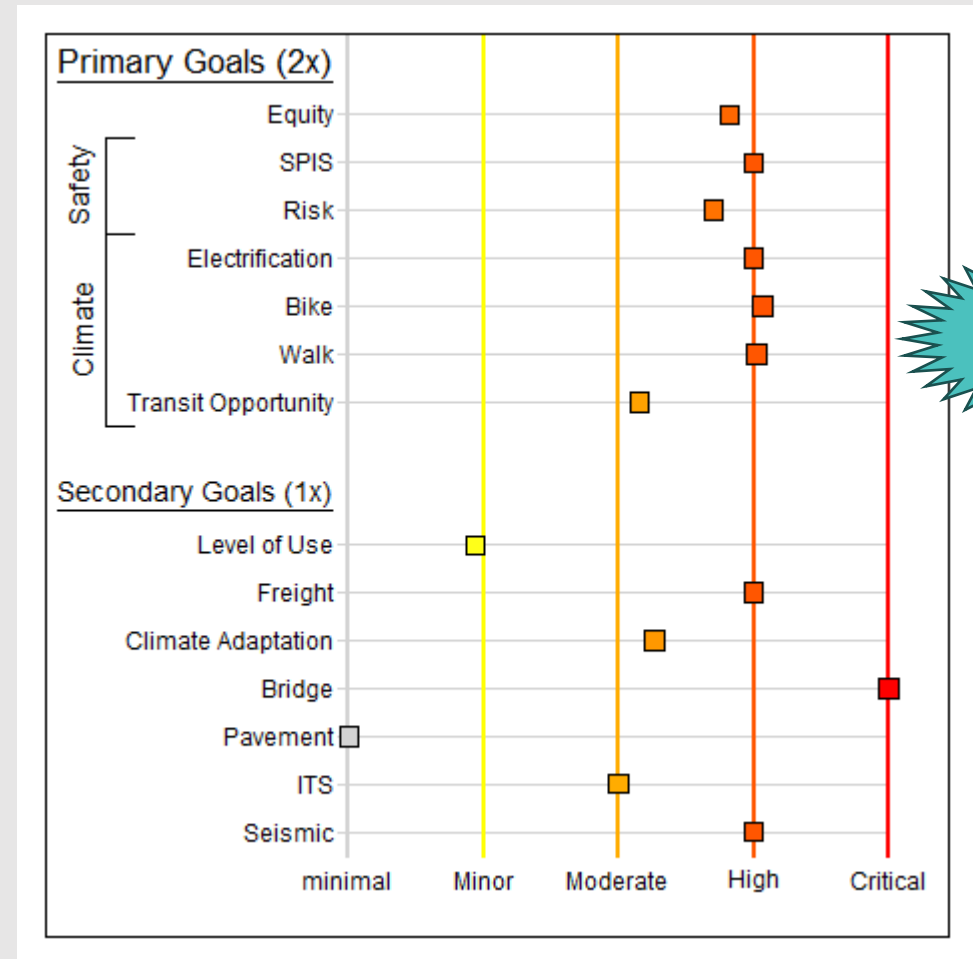
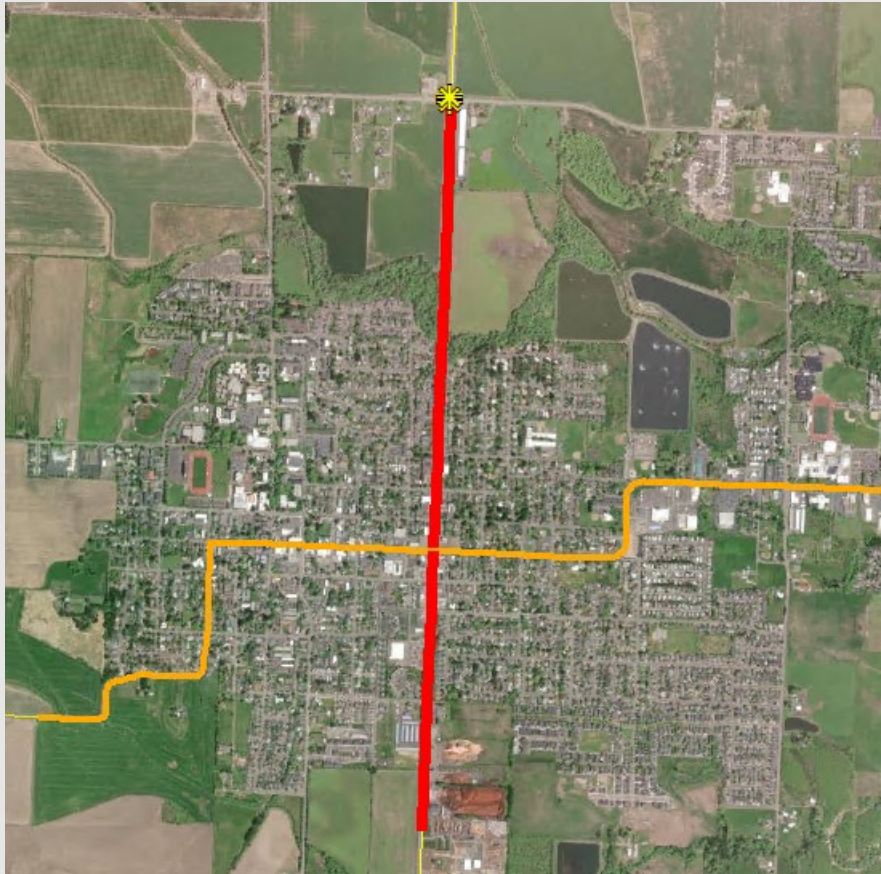


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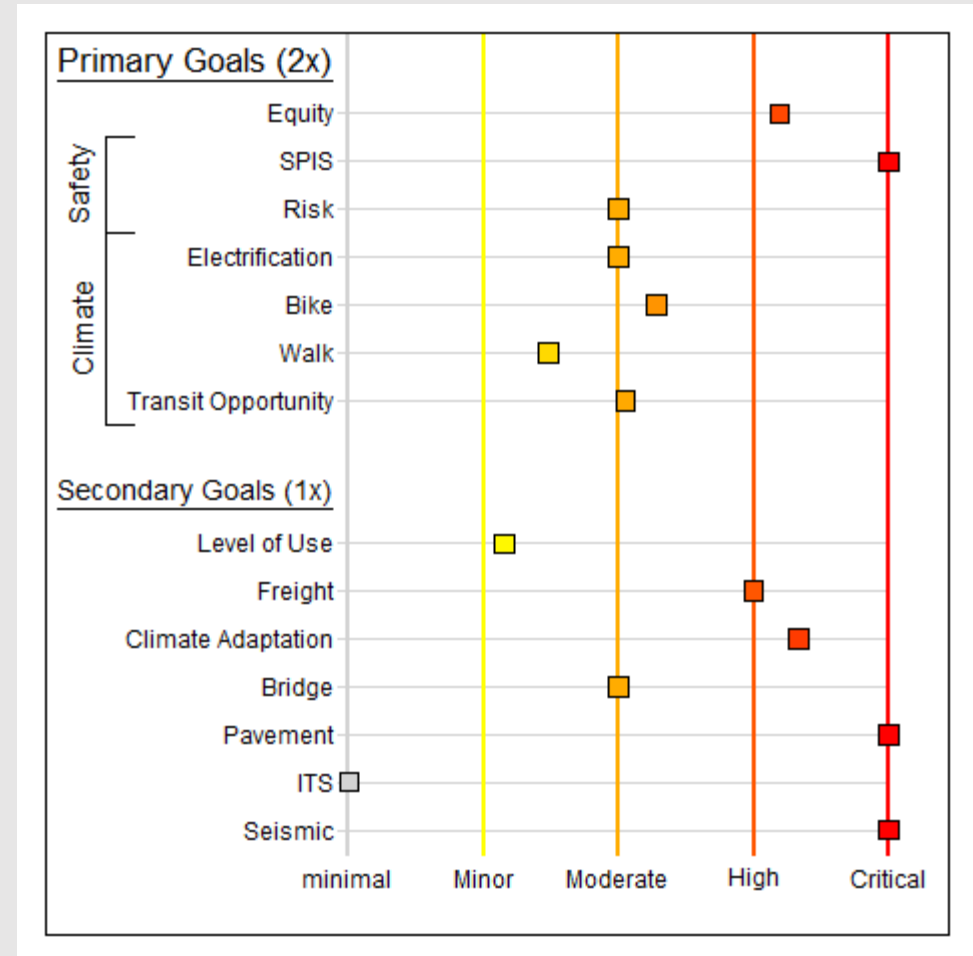
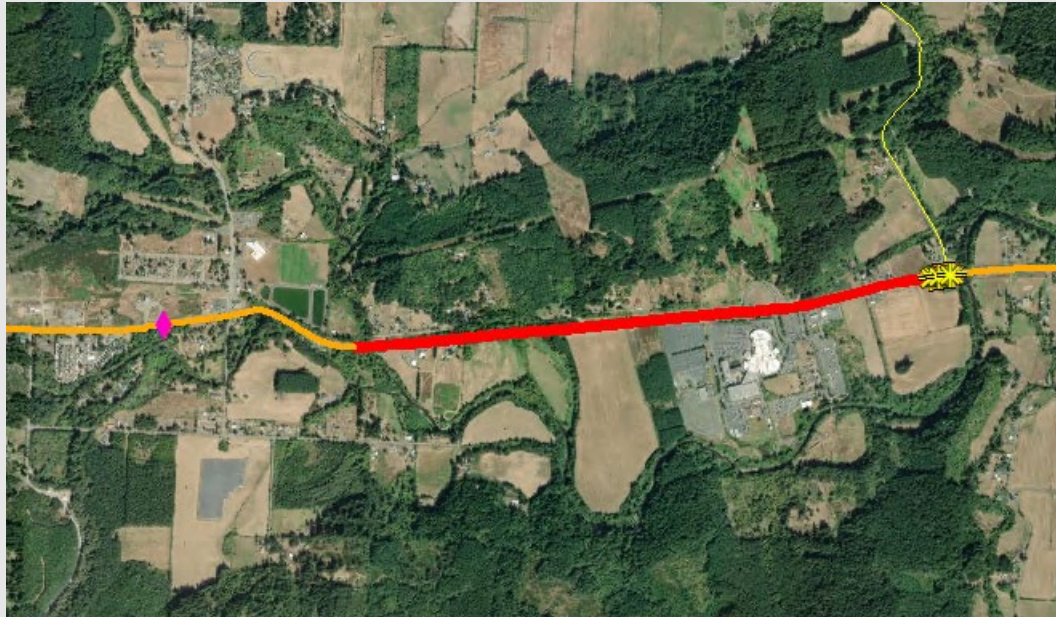
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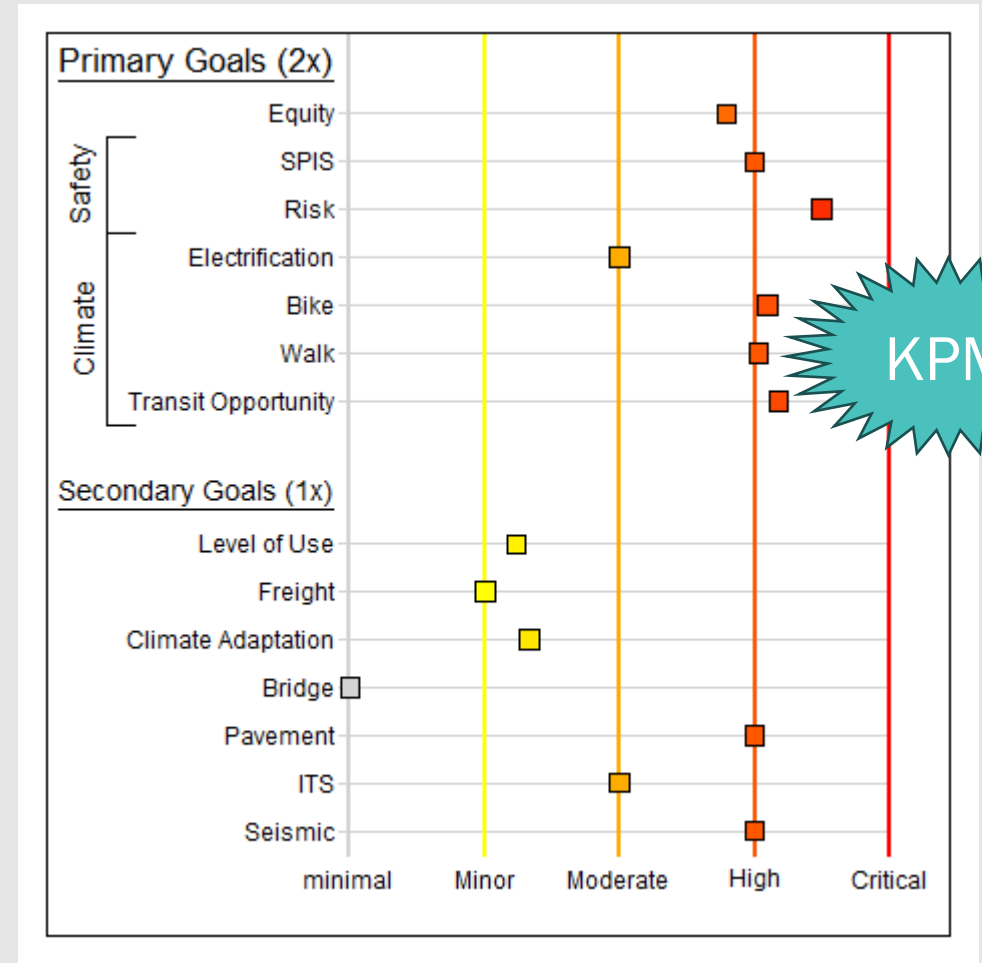


Potential Priority Corridor

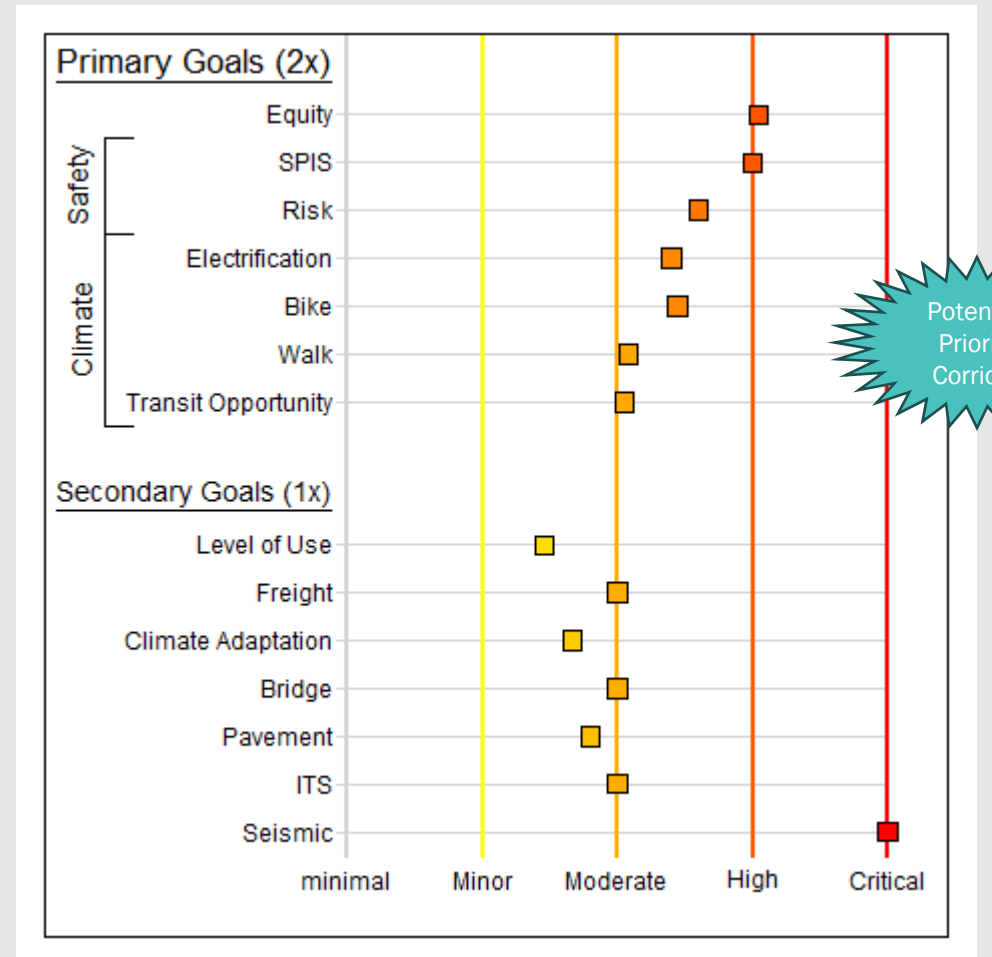
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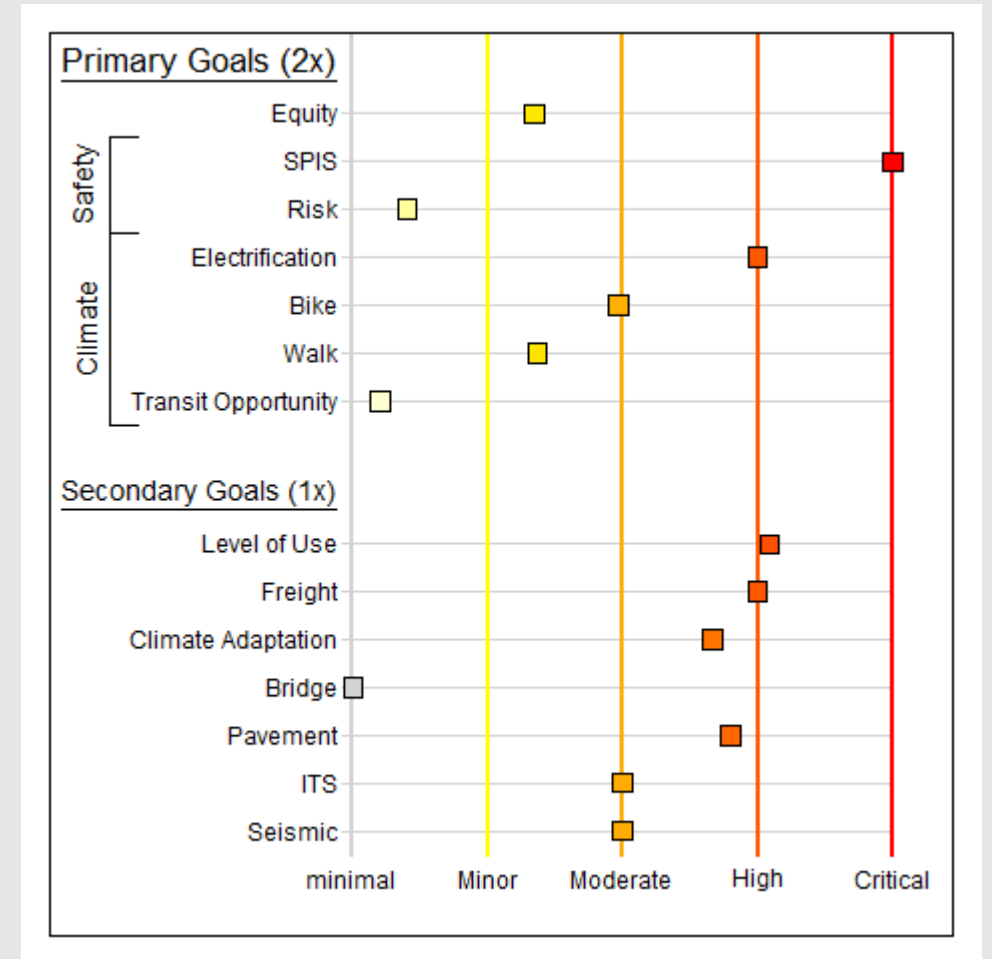
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OR 18 in McMinnville



OR 22 / 51



Open Discussion

**Ways to Improve (urban & rural balance)?
How might you want to engage?**

Agenda Item 3

STIF Discretionary Exercise

**Mid-Willamette Valley Area
Commission on Transportation
(MWACT)**

October 3rd, 2024

Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) Discretionary and Statewide Transit Network (STN) Program Guidance for ACT Application Review

Fiscal Year 2025-2027

Presented by:

Arla Miller, R2A Regional Transit Coordinator

October 3, 2024

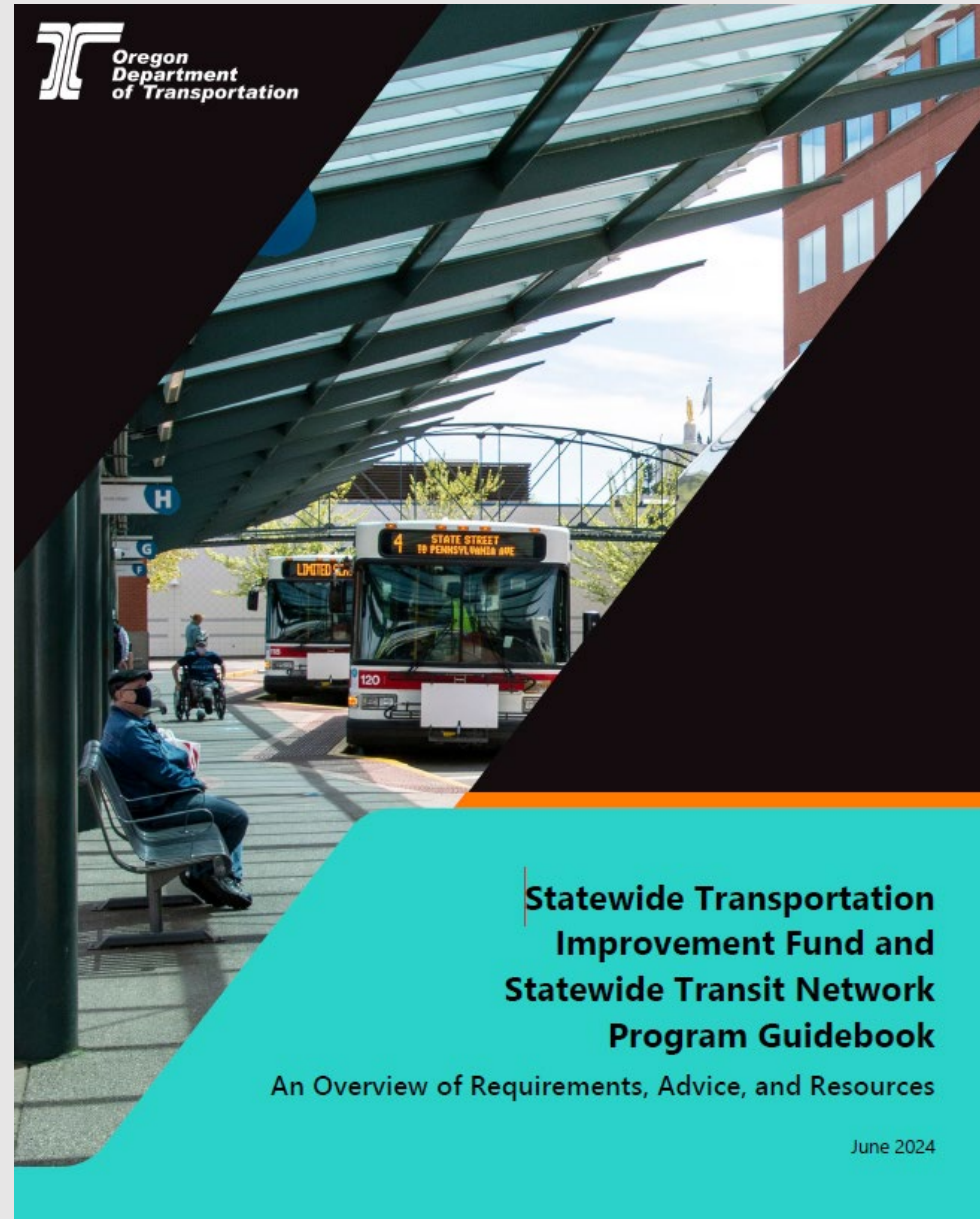


GOAL FOR TODAY

- Guidance for providing input on proposed projects



RESOURCES



PRESENTATION OUTLINE

1. Overview of funding programs
 - a) Funding outlook
2. Solicitation process and key dates
3. Region projects
4. Evaluation criteria and process
5. Summary
6. Contacts

1. OVERVIEW OF FUNDING PROGRAMS



1.1 OVERVIEW OF FUNDING PROGRAMS

- Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) Discretionary solicitation - \$12M
 - Broad project eligibility but are not a source of ongoing operations funding
- Statewide Transit Network Program solicitation
 - STIF Intercommunity Fund - \$10M
 - Improve coordination and connectivity of the statewide transit network
 - Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5311(f) Intercity - \$3M
 - Focused on long distance, non-commuter intercity service

FUNDING OUTLOOK

Funding Available	
STIF Discretionary Fund	\$12 million
Statewide Transit Network Program	\$13 million
Total	\$25 million

Statewide	
Total funds requested	\$91,000,000

Mid-Willamette Valley ACT	
Number of applications	2
Total fund requested	\$3,164,000

2. SOLICITATION PROCESS AND KEY DATES



2.1 SOLICITATION PROCESS AND KEY DATES

STIF Discretionary and Statewide Transit Network Grant process

1. Applicant submits a Letter of Interest
2. PTD reviews Letter of Interest for project eligibility
3. Applicant submits a grant application
4. PTD presents and then provides access to eligible projects to ACTs and QEs
5. **ACTs and QEs review and recommend projects to PTD**
6. PTD Project Selection Committee reviews and recommends projects to PTAC
7. PTAC makes funding recommendation to OTC
8. OTC makes the final funding decision

2.2 SOLICITATION PROCESS AND KEY DATES

Milestone	Date
Grant applications available on ODOT website no later than	September 24, 2024
ACT feedback due to ODOT	October 22, 2024
ODOT Project Selection Review Committee completes project scoring	November 2024
PTAC recommends projects to OTC	December 2024
OTC approves projects	March 2025

3. REGION PROJECTS



Salem Area Mass Transit District (SAMTD) STIF Discretionary: 10 Replacement Paratransit Buses

- Out of 34 buses in the paratransit fleet 79% (27) have exceeded useful life.
- 10 replacement buses would reduce the percentage down to 50% remaining that have exceeded useful life.
- Request is for \$2,660,000



SAMTD ~ PRELIMINARY DESIGN AND NEPA EAST TRANSIT CENTER

SAMTD is requesting funding to do preliminary design and environmental documentation (NEPA) prior to land acquisition which is mandatory.

- These funds will help leverage a FTA (Federal Transit Administration) 5307 award.
- If awarded these funds will help with site selection, preliminary site design and engineering, NEPA process, and external project management.
- Requested amount \$504,000.

4. EVALUATION CRITERIA AND PROCESS



4.1 EVALUATION CRITERIA AND PROCESS

STIF Discretionary

- Community benefits 30%
- Equity 20%
- Climate benefits 20%
- Safety 20%
- Readiness to proceed 10%

Statewide Transit Network

- Community benefits 50%
- Equity 15%
- Climate benefits 15%
- Safety 10%
- Readiness to proceed 10%

4.2 EVALUATION CRITERIA AND PROCESS

Role of Area Commissions on Transportation

- Review applications relevant to ACT area of responsibility
- ACTs may provide comments on applications related to but not limited to:
 - Evaluation criteria
 - Local knowledge of transportation planning and investments
 - Opportunities to leverage funds

5. SUMMARY



5.1 SUMMARY

- More detailed information of the projects will be available for ACTs to review on the ODOT website by September 24, 2024
- All ACT project reviews must be submitted on a single Project Input Form
- The Project Input Form is due by October 22, 2024
 - Today's ask of the ACT is to provide the chair with recommendations on projects to fund based on regional need and other criteria noted in previous slides. The chair or ODOT designee will then submit the form for selection committee review prior to the Oct 22 deadline.

6. CONTACTS



6.1 CONTACTS

- Arla Miller, Regional Transit Coordinator
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- Brian Roth, Public Transportation Web Coordinator
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- Jillian Trinkaus, Statewide Intercity Network Coordinator
 - Jillian.Trinkaus@odot.oregon.gov

THANK YOU!

Instructions for Area Commissions on Transportation Review of Applications

The Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) Discretionary and Statewide Transit Network (STN) Program solicitation process provides Area Commissions on Transportation (ACT) the opportunity to review and comment on applications relevant to their areas of responsibility.

Schedule

September 25 Project applications made available for ACT review and comment

October 22 ACT feedback on projects due to ODOT

Review applications online

1. Access applications on the [STIF Discretionary and Statewide Transit Network Applications webpage](#).
2. Use the criteria on page 2 to guide your assessment of the merits of each application.
3. Provide feedback for all projects on a single [Area Commission on Transportation Review Form](#).
4. On the ACT Review Form fill in the **ACT Contact Name** and **ACT Contact Email** fields.
5. Select the name of your ACT from the **ACT** dropdown menu. Once the name of your ACT is selected, a new section will populate with a dropdown menu that lists the projects assigned to your ACT for review.
6. Select the project you wish to review.
7. Make a recommendation of **Fund** or **Don't Fund** for each assigned project.
8. For each project, you may select a **Prioritized List Rank** for each project with "1" being the highest rank.
9. There is a designated space for **Additional Comments** in each project section which may be used to give rationale for the ACT's funding recommendation.
 - a. These comments will be made available to the OTC for consideration when they make their final funding determination.
10. If you have multiple projects to review, select the **Add Project** button to create another project review section.
11. **Save** the form occasionally as you are assessing projects.
12. After funding recommendations have been made for all the projects assigned to your ACT, select **Submit**.

STIF Discretionary and Statewide Transit Network Program

Below are the criteria that the applications are evaluated on. For more information about the criteria and the funds that are available refer to the [Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund and Statewide Transit Network Program Guidebook](#).

STIF-Discretionary and STN Solicitation Selection Criteria Framework

Focus Areas	Selection Criteria	Score Weighing	
		STIF - D	STN
<p>Community Benefits</p> <p><i>OPTP goals:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication, Collaboration, and Coordination • Mobility and Public Transportation User Experience • Community Health • Community Livability and Economic Vitality • Accessibility and Connectivity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project achieves the purpose of the fund source, addresses important community needs, and will deliver a significant benefit to the community. • Improves coordination between public transportation providers. OAR 732-044-0030(1)(b) • Provides integrated planning where affected communities will plan or partner to develop public transportation project(s). OAR 732-044-0030(1)(c)(A) • Implements technological innovations that improve efficiencies and support a seamless, easy-to-use Statewide Transit Network. OAR 732-044-0030(1)(c)(B) • Supports positive health outcomes. OAR 732-044-0030(1)(c) • Has the potential to result in increased use and participation in active transportation, including public transportation. OAR 732-044-0030(1)(c) • Improves or maintains service between geographically separated communities. OAR 732-044-0030(1)(c)(D) • Improves local connections and infrastructure at interregional transit hubs or develops service improvements and approaches that can be replicated statewide. OAR 732-044-0030(1)(c) 	30%	50%
<p>Equity</p> <p><i>OPTP goal:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project planning and implementation incorporates meaningful involvement of disadvantaged communities in decision-making. Project sustains or improves access to transportation for disadvantaged communities • Improves public transportation service to low-income households. OAR 732-044-0030(1)(a) • Improves or expands service to vulnerable or transportation-disadvantaged populations (e.g., seniors and people with disabilities). OAR 732-044-0030(1)(c) 	20%	15%
<p>Climate Benefits</p> <p><i>OPTP goal:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Sustainability 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project advances state goals for reducing greenhouse gas emissions by maintaining or increasing transit ridership, deploying low- or no-emission vehicles, or using low carbon materials or carbon-efficient design • Reduces greenhouse gas emissions in or through public transportation systems. OAR 732-044-0030(1)(c)(C) 	20%	15%
<p>Safety</p> <p><i>OPTP goal:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety and Security 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project enhances safety of vulnerable road users and transit riders • Protects fleet condition and ensures vehicles are maintained in a state of good repair. OAR 732-044-0030(1)(c) 	20%	10%
<p>Readiness to Proceed</p> <p><i>OPTP goal:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding and Strategic Investment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project is well planned and has a high likelihood of succeeding • Does not substantially rely on discretionary state funding beyond the pilot phase. OAR 732-044-0030(1)(d) Note: For STIF-D only 	10%	10%

OPTP = Oregon Public Transportation Plan
 STIF-D = STIF Discretionary fund and
 STN = Statewide Transit Network Program

Contacts

Contact your Regional Transit Coordinator for questions about reviewing projects.

- Region 1 – Jennifer Cooper, Jennifer.Cooper@oregon.odot.gov
- Region 2A – Arla Miller, Arla.Miller@odot.oregon.gov
- Region 2B – Cody Franz, Cody.Franz@odot.oregon.gov
- Region 3 – Jennifer Boardman, Jennifer.Boardman@odot.oregon.gov
- Region 4 – Jovi Arellano, Jovi.Arellano@oregon.odot.gov
- Region 5 – Angie Jones, Angie.jones@odot.oregon.gov

The Public Transportation Web Coordinator is available for technical assistance with the QE Input Form and the Statewide Intercity Network Coordinator is coordinating input from the Qualified Entities.

- Public Transportation Web Coordinator – Brian Roth, Brian.Roth@odot.oregon.gov
- Statewide Intercity Network Coordinator – Jillian Trinkaus, Jillian.Trinkaus@odot.oregon.gov