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Commissioner

September 18, 2013

Tom Hughes, Metro Council President
600 NE Grand Avenue
Portland, OR 97232

Leah Treat
Director

Re: City of Portland, Regional Flexible Funds Allocation and Regional Economic Opportunity Fund Recommendation

Dear Mr. Hughes:

The Portland City Council today prioritized the following projects for funding through the Regional Flexible Funds Allocation (RFFA) and Regional Economic Opportunity Fund (REOF) process. We great appreciate your support in advancing these important projects and look forward to working with you and our community during implementation.

Green Economy/Freight

- South Rivergate Freight Project (\$3,552,899)
- Swan Island ITS (\$551,350)
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Active Transportation

- Central City Multimodal Safety Improvements (\$6,616,200)
- Southwest in Motion Active Transportation Strategy (\$299,934)
- Foster Road Safety Projects (\$2,063,400)
- Barbur Demonstration Project (\$2,100,000)
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Regional Economic Opportunity Fund

- East Portland in Motion – Access to Employment and Education (\$9,116,021)

Thank you for this opportunity.

Sincerely,

Steve Novick
Commissioner-in-Charge, Bureau of Transportation

c: Carlotta Collette, JPACT Chair

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Date: September 18, 2013
To: Ted Leybold, Metro
From: Dan Bower, City of Portland
Re: City of Portland, Regional Flexible Funds Allocation and Regional Economic Opportunity Fund Process Overview

The purpose of this memo is to summarize the City of Portland's coordinating committee project recommendation process for Regional Flexible Funds Allocation (RFFA) and the Regional Economic Opportunity Fund (REOF) opportunities.

On September 18, 2013 the Portland City Council voted 4-0 (Mayor Hales missed the vote) in support of Resolution no. 37031 to nominate seven projects for funding through the RFFA and REOF process. The projects nominated are attached to this memo as Exhibit A. The projects total over \$24 million in priority transportation projects for Portland. There were several key milestones leading up to the Council's decision.

First, City of Portland staff responded to hundreds of public comments received through Metro's public comment opportunity. Generally the comments voiced support or opposition to projects but did not provide a lot of specific details on how to improve projects. Staff responded to Metro in writing for each project on July 29, 2013. The project with the most comments (142) was the Foster Road Safety Project with all but 2 comments supporting the project.

The City of Portland provided a public comment period and a public hearing in addition to Metro's. The public was invited to submit written comments on these projects through August 16, 2013 and a public hearing was held on August 15, 2013.

The City of Portland received fifty four emails and letters. The majority of the correspondence supported the Portland Central City Multimodal Project, specifically the completion of the Willamette Greenway trail.

The City hosted a public hearing and accepted oral testimony on Thursday, August 15, 2013 at 6 p.m. 41 people attended the hearing, and 23 of those testified. The residents offering comments represented neighborhood associations from north, southwest and east Portland, the Oregon Maritime Museum, Oregon Walks, the Pedestrian Advisory Committee, OPAL, and EVRAZ North America. The comments were supportive of the following projects:

- East Portland Access to Employment and Education Multimodal Project
- OR 99W: SW 19th Avenue to SW 26th (Portland) Barbur Boulevard Demonstration
- Portland Central City Multimodal Safety Project
- South Rivergate Freight Project
- St Johns Truck Strategy Phase 2

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- Southwest in Motion (SWIM)
- Foster Road: SE Powell Blvd to SE 90th Avenue: Pedestrian/Bicycle Phase 2

A copy of the hearing advertisement is attached to this memo as Exhibit B.

In August 2013, City of Portland staff performed a technical evaluation of each project nomination. The technical evaluation used the criteria outlined in the RFFA/REOF Nomination Policy packet which was developed and approved by the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT). Staff scored projects based on the criteria and priority supplied by Metro. The technical evaluation provided an opportunity for staff to examine the merits of each project and weigh the costs and benefits of each. The exercise led to a prioritization of projects which was blended with the public comments and Council direction to inform the final recommendation. The technical evaluation is included in this packet as Exhibit C.

All of this data informed the final project nomination. Prior to submitting the projects to Metro, staff worked to incorporate comments in to the projects as best as possible. The one major change was to add further funding to the Barbur Demonstration Project to expand outreach to underserved/EJ communities that may be affected by parking removal.

Overall we feel this was a very well managed and accessible process for prioritizing projects and receiving input.

Please let me know if there are questions or concerns.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan Bower', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Dan Bower
Active Transportation
Division Manager

Exhibit A:

Projects to Nominate for Regional Flexible Funds Allocation (RFFA) and Regional Economic Opportunity Fund: FY 16-18

City of Portland - Regional Flexible Funds Allocation 2016-18			
Category	Grant Request	Match	Total Cost
Green Economy/Freight			
Rivergate/Lombard ITS	\$3,222,000	\$330,899	\$3,552,899
Swan Island ITS	\$500,000	\$51,350	\$551,350
Total Green Economy Freight RFFA	\$3,722,000	\$382,249	\$4,104,249
Active Transportation			
Central City Multimodal Safety Improvements	\$6,000,000	\$616,200	\$6,616,200
Southwest In Motion Active Transportation Strategy	\$272,000	\$27,934	\$299,934
Foster Road Safety Project	\$2,063,400	\$0	\$2,063,400
Barbur Demonstration Project 19th Ave. to 26th Ave.	\$1,894,600	\$205,400	\$2,100,000
Total Active Transportation RFFA	\$10,230,000	\$1,384,601	\$11,079,534
Total RFFA Request	\$13,952,000	\$1,766,850	\$15,183,783
Regional Economic Opportunity Fund	Grant Request	Match	Total Cost
East Portland in Motion - Access to Employment and Education	\$8,267,000	\$849,021	\$9,116,021
Total MTIP Request	\$22,219,000	\$2,615,871	\$24,834,871

Exhibit B:

Help Provide Feedback on Portland's 2016-2018 Regional Flexible Fund Grant Requests

6-8 pm Thursday August 15, 2013
City of Portland Building
2nd Floor Auditorium, 1120 SW 5th Ave
Portland, OR

Come preview and provide your input on the City of Portland's Regional Flexible Fund grant request for FY 2016-18. Over the last few months, the City of Portland has worked with representatives from neighborhoods, businesses and our pedestrian, bicycle and freight advisory committees to develop a competitive group of grant applications to improve Portland's Transportation System.

Projects to be reviewed at the open house include:

- East Portland Access to Employment and Education Multimodal Project
- OR 99W: SW 19th Avenue to SW 26th (Portland) Barbur Boulevard Demonstration
- Portland Central City Multimodal Safety Project
- South Rivergate Freight Project
- St Johns Truck Strategy Phase 2
- Southwest in Motion (SWIM)
- Foster Road: SE Powell Blvd to SE 90th Avenue: Pedestrian/Bicycle Phase 2
- N. Going to the Island Freight Project

Metro's Regional Flexible Funds program includes \$94 million in funds from three federal programs and is allocated every two to three years. A final decision on which projects to fund will occur this fall.

Please attend the meeting and provide your feedback or send your comments to Dan Bower at dan.bower@portlandoregon.gov or 1120 SW 5th, Suite 800, Portland, Oregon, 97204.

Grant Applications can be reviewed at <http://www.oregonmetro.gov/rffa>

Regional Economic Opportunity Fund	Grant Request	Match	Total Cost	Regional Economic Opportunity Funds Criteria (Scoring 1 - 5, 5 Highest)													Total Score	
				Primary Criteria (X -2)									Secondary Criteria (X -1)					
				Good Repair	Economic Competiveness	Livability	Environmental Sustainability	Safety	Job Creation/Economic Stimulus	Implements Project for a Corridor Plan	Improves Access to Jobs and Essential Services for EJ/underserved communities	Total - Higher Priority Criteria Weighted Score	Innovation	Partnership	Can leverage private sector funds	Takes a system wide approach		Total - Secondary Criteria
East Portland Access to Employment and Education	\$8,267,000	\$849,021	\$9,116,021	4	4	5	5	5	4	4	5	72	5	4	3	5	17	89