

Frequently Asked Questions About the 2014 RTP Project List – March 21, 2014

1) Why do I not see a funded project on the 2014 RTP project list?

Since the 2014 RTP project list represents the list of transportation system priorities for the next 27 years, projects are sometimes packaged into a larger project, which is not anticipated to be completed until later in the future. Segments of the project may get funded, but the entire project is not completed. For an example, the segments of the Fanno Creek Trail project have recently been awarded funding for construction, but the entire project is not anticipated to be completed until 2024. In the 2014 RTP project list, the awarded project is a component of the larger project. With each RTP update, the project cost, extents are to be updated to reflect the portion of the project which remains to be completed and seeking federal funding. So while a piece has been funded, the project is represented in the larger context.

2) Why do many of the projects have limited project descriptions?

Since the 2014 RTP project list represents the transportation priorities for the region for the next 27 years, many of the specific project details are still unknown because the project is not anticipated to be completed until many years later in the future. Projects which are anticipated to be completed in the near future tend to have a better idea of the project scope because project development work is underway. However, projects not anticipated to be completed for another 10, 15, or 20 years generally only have a limited idea of the project details.

3) Why is my neighborhood, community, district project not on the list?

There can be different reasons why a project may not show up on the 2014 RTP project list. One reason may be that the project is packaged as part of a larger project (see response to question 1 for more detail). Another reason may be that the project is not seeking federal or state funding to be completed. Locally funded projects, such as those funded with a city's general fund, are not required to be on the RTP project list unless there is an air quality impact (typically regionally significant road expansions). A third reason may be the project was not nominated to include on the project list at this time. The 2014 RTP project list reflects the transportation investment priorities identified by the local jurisdictions. Counties led sub-regional processes to update their project list during the Fall of 2013.

4) Why are projects like the Sellwood Bridge and Portland-Milwaukee Light Rail on the 2014 RTP project list? I thought these projects were close to finished and no longer needed to be on the list?

Until a project is constructed, opened, and all financial invoicing has been paid, the project must remain on the project list to keep the project eligible to draw down federal or state funding allocated. Otherwise, an action may need to be taken on the project and if the project is not on the project list, then an amendment might be required to include the project back on the project list to complete the action.

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2014 RTP Project List - Key

| Term | Definition |
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| RTP ID | Metro assigned unique 5 digit project identifier. Each project is assigned a unique ID that is carried forward through RTP updates. |
| Nominating Agency | Public agency which is responsible for the management of the project or program. Nominations can be made by single agency or through partnerships between multiple agencies. Agencies must be wholly or partially within Metro's MPA boundary. |
| Facility Owner | Agency which owns the infrastructure the project is planning to improve. Facility owners may be different than the nominating agency. |
| Project/Program Name | Name of project or program name. Projects and or programs are typically named by facility planned for improvements (i.e. Barbur Blvd, Canyon Rd.) and brief description of planned improvement (i.e. improvement, extension, replacement). |
| Project Start Location | Delineation of geographic extent for project. Interchangeable with "Project End Location". N/A for projects or programs means the extent spans multiple geographies. |
| Project End Location | Delineation of geographic extent for project. Interchangeable with "Project Start Location". N/A for projects or programs means the extent spans multiple geographies. |
| Project Purpose | General description of the transportation need being addressed by the project or program. |
| Description | General description of the project or program scope of work. |
| Estimated Cost (\$2014) | Estimated cost in 2014 dollars to complete project. Estimate created and provided by nominating agency. Metro provided methodology to assist. |
| Time Period | Anticipated time-frame for project completion. Typically a rough estimate, especially for projects beyond 2024. This information was only requested for projects on the Financially Constrained List (a subset of the full project list) |
| Financial Constrained | Marked "Y" if projects is included in financially constrained list. Financially constrained projects are eligible for federal transportation funds that come to the region. |
| Metro Investment Category | Category, defined by Metro, generally describing the type of modal investment being made by the project or program. |
| Subregion | Geographically assigned governance to provide a venue for local jurisdictions to coordinate on cross-jurisdictional policy issues, particularly those related to transportation. |
| Sensitive Habitat Area | Marked "X" if project would intersect with high value habitat areas identified within Regional Conservation Strategy – e.g. floodplains, wetlands and streams. |