PILOT Letter of Interest Form

Metro is now accepting letters of interest for the Partnerships and Innovative Learning Opportunities in Transportation (PILOT) grant program. PILOT is a new competitive funding program to support projects that:

- ***Test*** *– through short-term implementation projects – how emerging technologies (for example, ride-hailing, car/scooter/bike sharing, ride matching, microtransit, and online/mobile travel information) can improve equitable, shared, and/or active transportation options in the Portland region;*

- ***Collect and share information*** *on how projects perform;*

- ***Develop partnerships*** *between public agencies, community groups, new mobility companies, and others that support ongoing success in the region's work on emerging technologies.*

Metro strongly encourages interested applicants to submit a letter of interest before applying. Metro staff may provide feedback, suggest partnerships, and/or offer technical assistance to applicants based on letters of interest.

Instructions:

Please provide brief answers to the questions below. Note that the character limits include spaces. Questions noted with an ***asterisk (*) are optional***, but we encourage you to answer as thoroughly as possible so that we can give you constructive feedback.

Organizations may submit multiple letters of interest describing different project ideas.

If you have already formed a team with other organizations with whom you would like to partner in applying for a project, only one organization needs to submit a letter of interest describing the project. Please identify the other project partners in the response to question 6.

Please email the PILOT Letter of Interest Form to Eliot Rose at Eliot.Rose@oregonmetro.gov by October 26, 2018.

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1. Organization Name:

2. Contact person's name, phone number and email address:

3. What type of organization do you represent?

Public agency

Non-profit organization

Private company

Other *(please describe below)*:

4. Please describe your proposed project. *(1000 character limit)*

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5. **How will you know if this project is successful, and what information will you use to measure success?*** *(1000 character limit)*

6. **What other organizations will you partner with to implement this project, and what role will each partner play?*** *(1000 character limit)*

Roles could include planning/designing the project, operating a transportation service, conducting outreach and education, or evaluating the project. If you haven't identified specific partner organizations, you may describe the type of organizations you're interested in working with. Please let us know if you would like Metro's input on potential partners.

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7. **What resources do your organization and partners bring to this project? What will PILOT funding help you accomplish?*** *(1000 character limit)*

    Resources include but are not limited to staff time, knowledge and experience related to the project, relationships with the community that the project is intended to reach, and matching funds.

8. **Does your organization need technical assistance from Metro staff in order to submit a full application for PILOT funding?   Yes   No**

    If so, please describe what type of technical assistance would be useful.*

    Full applications may request information including but not limited to the following: a work plan, a project budget, answers to evaluation questions, and demonstration of past performance. Applications will open in late November and be due in mid-January. (1000 character limit)