

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: *Authorize application to the Metro Regional Government for grants in the amount of up to \$30 million for eight Active Transportation infrastructure or project development projects and two Regional Freight Investment Projects. (Ordinance)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

The purpose of this legislation is to allow the City of Portland to apply for 10 Metro Regional Flexible Fund grants. This round of Metro Regional Flexible Funds will be available between 2019 and 2021 for transportation infrastructure and project development projects under the categories of Active Transportation/Complete Streets and Regional Freight Investments. These federal transportation funds are allocated through Metro and there is approximately \$26 million available for the Metro region for Active Transportation/Complete Streets and approximately \$7 million available for the Metro region for Regional Freight Investments. Each of the projects for which the City will be applying for will help to improve the City of Portland's multi-modal transportation system, providing better and safer access to jobs, schools, transit and community services.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

This legislation will potentially result in increased revenue to the City if any of the 10 grants are received. The City will not receive funding for all of the grant applications, but we hope to receive funding for somewhere between \$ 8 and \$15 million in revenue. Regional Flex Funds require at least 10.27 % match. The match for these projects will be provided primarily from Transportation System Development Charges and for one project from Parks System Development Charges.

This legislation will not result in any contracts or IGAs, but if the grants are received there will be new contracts and IGAs created. There is also the potential for staffing impacts if the grants are received, but not at this time.

Community impacts and community involvement:

The projects for which we are applying for Regional Flex Funds are all consistent with the recently updated Transportation System Plan Project List, which underwent extensive public involvement. Projects were also selected based on their competitiveness against the specific grants criteria and the ability to be completed within the grant timeframe. The City of Portland Bicycle Advisory Committee, Pedestrian Advisory Committee and the Transportation Justice Alliance provided feedback on the Active Transportation projects and the Portland Freight Committee provided feedback on the Regional Freight Investment projects.

The Active Transportation Projects will provide much needed pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure that will help to make multi-modal travel safer and easier in locations in East Portland, central NE, SE, North and SW Portland. These projects are all in areas where a lack of safe pedestrian and bicycle facilities create barriers that limit options and prevent people from using active transportation to get to schools, jobs and services. These projects will improve safety and they will help to influence peoples' choices to walk or bike places, increasing these mode shares which is one of the City's goals.

The freight projects will have both economic and safety benefits, the Central Eastside Circulation and Safety Enhancement Project, will help relieve congestion in the Central City and make it easier for freight to navigate this dense inner City area. It will also help to remove conflict between pedestrians, bicyclists and freight traffic. The Columbia Blvd. ITS project will positively impact businesses that depend on deliveries along the Columbia corridor. Smart technologies also allow freight traffic to progress along the corridor more safely, creating safer conditions for all road users.

Budgetary Impact Worksheet

Does this action change appropriations?

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Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount