Rebuilding Our Transportation Vision

Oregon Transportation Commission
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Office of Governor Kotek
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Workgroup Charge

The purpose of the Rebuilding Our Transportation Vision Workgroup is to develop a framework for a comprehensive transportation package for consideration during the 2027 legislative session and beyond.

The framework will:

- Be tiered & comprehensive
- Support economic development, affordability, and a safe, accessible, and reliable transportation system
- Identify opportunities for operational efficiency and funding simplification

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What is the deliverable?

The workgroup will deliver a report to the Governor by the end of the year. The report will include:

- A tiered investment framework based on three financial scenarios
- Recommendations that are tested against: affordability, accountability, safety, reliability, sustainability, economic vitality, and long-term solvency
- Clear tradeoffs, impacts, and implementation needs

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Why is the Governor leading?

- Transportation agencies at the state and local level face significant capital and operational challenges over the next ten years, and the cost of inaction is high.
- We have an opportunity to build on legislatively led work over the past two years, and use the lessons we've learned, to craft a tiered framework of options.
- The passage of the 2017 Transportation Package followed a Governor-led visioning process and Governors across the country have conducted similar efforts to advance legislative work on transportation.

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Three Funding Scenarios

No new funding. As costs rise, show what gets worse, deferred, closed, or more expensive.



Sustain core services. Show what it costs to hold the line at 2026 service levels.



Targeted improvements. What additional but limited investment could improve.

- Each scenario shows choices, impacts, and tradeoffs.
- This is a financially constrained exercise.

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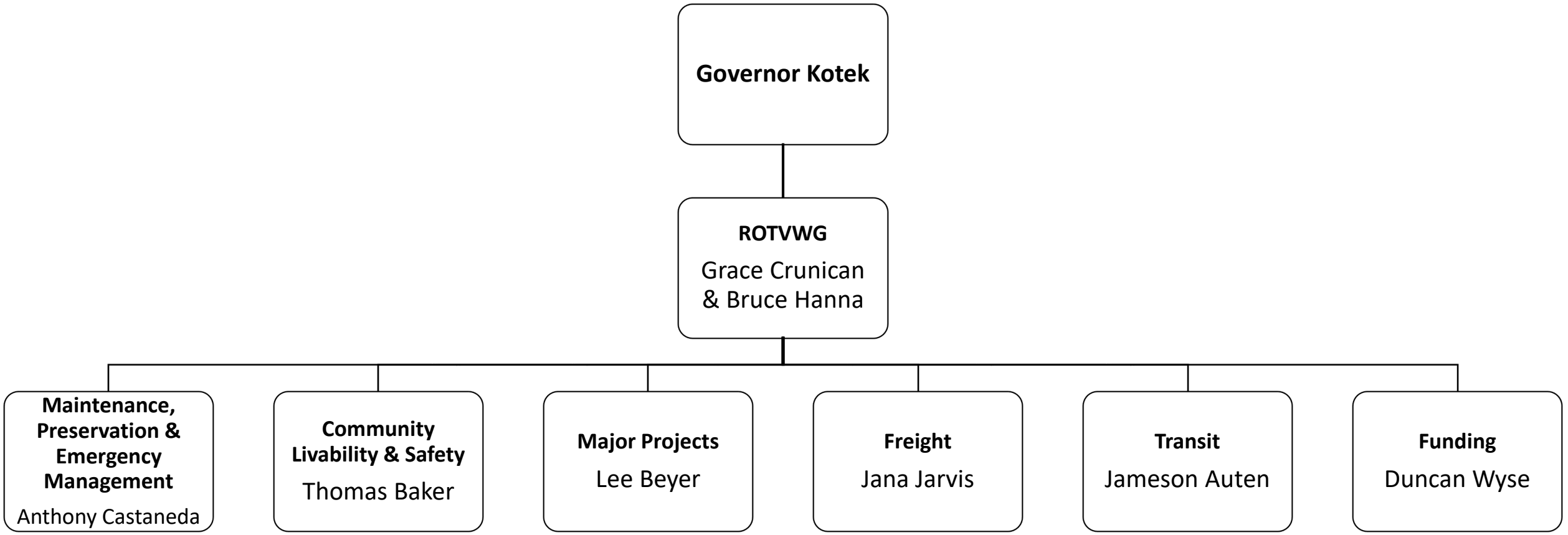
How will this work happen?

- Nine workgroup meetings from May–November 2026.
- Six subgroups provide topic-specific input in 30 meetings between June – September.
- 70+ people around the workgroup and subgroup tables in a coalition building effort.



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Workgroup Structure



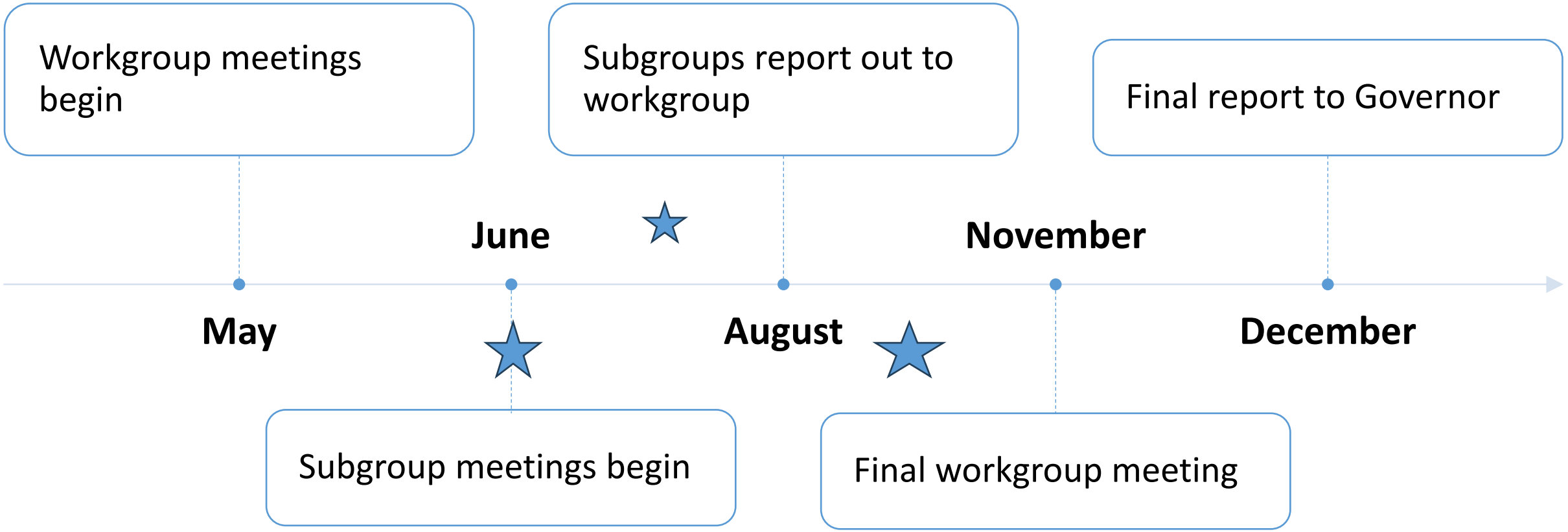
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Workgroup Members

- **Ted Aadland** – ODOT Continuous Improvement Advisory Committee, AGC
- **Julie Brown** – OTC and Rogue Valley Transportation District
- **Jeff Gritz** – LiUNA!
- **Gale Castillo** – Brown Castillo, LLC (Founder & Past President of Hispanic Metropolitan Chamber)
- **Dan Dorran** – Umatilla County Commission, Northeast Area Commission on Transportation, AOC
- **Tyler Frisbee** – Institute of Metropolitan Studies at Portland State University and District 4 TriMet Board
- **Chris Hagerbaumer** – OpenAQ (Formerly with Oregon Environmental Council)
- **Patrick Nofield** – Escape Lodging Company
- **Jim Trett** – former Mayor of Detroit, OR
- **Chris Warner** – Oregon Department of Transportation *(non-voting)*

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Process and Schedule



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Workgroup Report Components

The Challenge

- Problem statement
- Consequences of inaction
- Current conditions and funding baseline

Investment Scenarios

- **Scenario 1:** No new funding
- **Scenario 2:** Stabilize and sustain
- **Scenario 3:** Limited additional investment

Funding and Implementation

- Funding tools
- Policy, efficiency, accountability and simplification
- Key dependencies and implementation constraints

Implementation

- Recommended 2027 actions
- Longer-term priorities
- Remaining choices or unresolved issues

Supporting Context

- Why the Workgroup was formed
- Who participated
- How decisions were made
- Data and public engagement

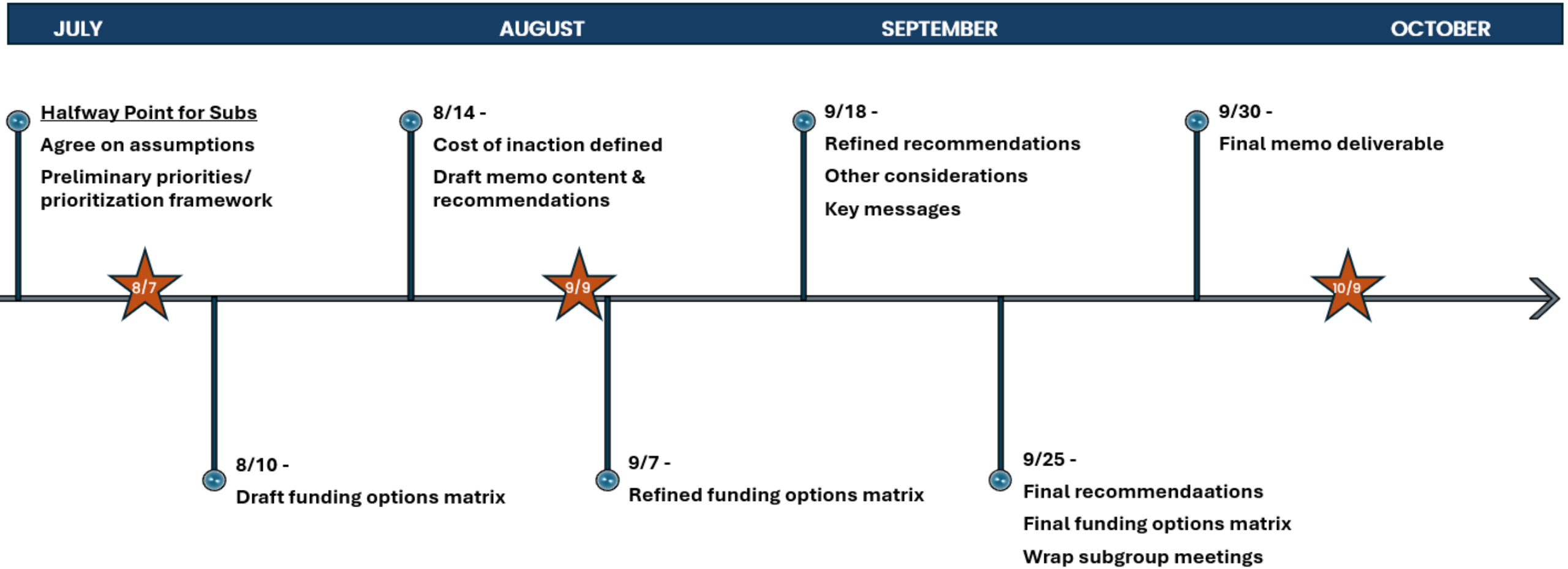
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Report Development

August 7	• Validate subgroup problem statements, early findings, and priorities. • Apply lessons from other states to the Oregon context.
September 9	• Confirm baseline conditions and consequences of inaction. • Direct subgroups to refine priorities across Scenarios 1–3.
October 9	• Compare scenarios, tradeoffs, funding capacity, and constraints. • Narrow the viable investment and funding choices.
November 10	• Select preferred investments, funding tools, and policy actions. • Resolve remaining conflicts and assemble the recommendation package.
December	• Confirm the final recommendation framework and 2027 action package.

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Subgroup Memo Development



★ Full RBOTV WG Meetings/Touchpoints with Subgroups

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Legislative Engagement

Policy committees

- Committee presentations in June and September
- Chairs and Co-chairs of the policy committees presented to the workgroup on July 7th.

Legislative advisory group

- Appointed by legislative leadership
- Meeting regularly through the summer and fall to receive updates and provide input.



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How to Stay Engaged

- Visit the Rebuilding our Transportation Vision Website
- Sign up for updates through GovDelivery.
- Watch the meetings on YouTube.
- Email RebuildingTransportation@odot.oregon.gov



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