Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

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Oregon Transportation Funding Under IIJA



Highways/Special Programs

\$1 billion in additional funding over 5 years – a 38% increase



Public Transportation

\$200 million in additional funding over 5 years – a 35% increase

Oregon Transportation Commission



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OTC/ODOT Strategic Action Plan Priorities







Equity

Prioritize diversity, equity, and inclusion by identifying and addressing systemic barriers to ensure all Oregonians benefit from transportation services and investments.

Modern Transportation System

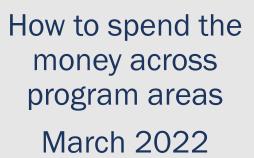
Build, maintain, and operate a modern, multimodal transportation system to serve all Oregonians, address climate change, and help Oregon communities and economies thrive.

Sufficient and Reliable Funding

Seek sufficient and reliable funding to support a modern transportation system and a fiscally sound ODOT.

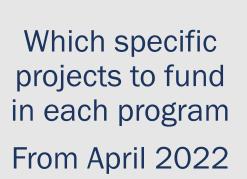
Four Key Decision Points That Will Integrate Equity







Project Selection





Project Development

Designing each project to meet community needs 2022-2027



How to procure and contract for each project 2022-2027

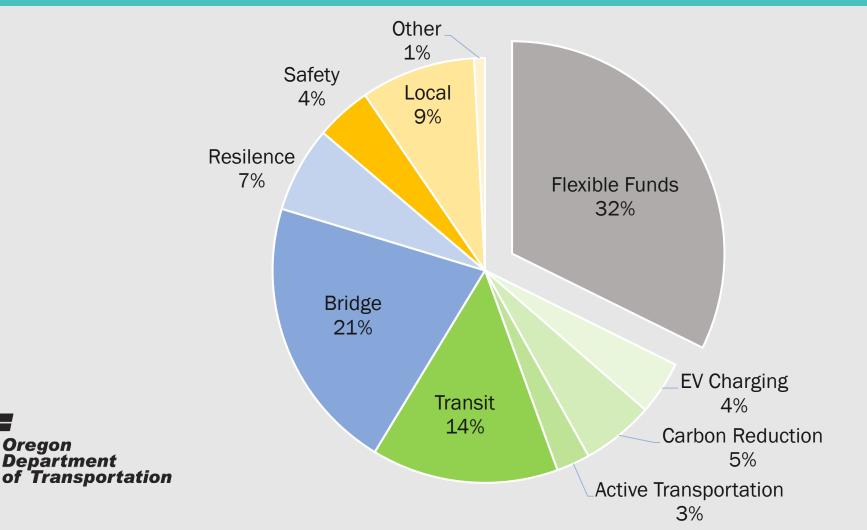
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- What criteria should we provide to the OTC to ensure an equity-informed lens in project selection?
- How can ODOT ensure opportunity for BIPOC and women-owned firms to compete effectively for contracts & subcontracts?



IIJA Additional Funding for Oregon

\$1.2 billion total over 5 years (2022-2026)



Proposed Investment Areas for Flexible Highway Funds

- Fix-It
- Enhance Highway
- ADA Accessibility
- Great Streets
- Safe Routes to School
- Local Climate Planning
- Operations and Maintenance
- Match for discretionary grants
- Business & Workforce Development



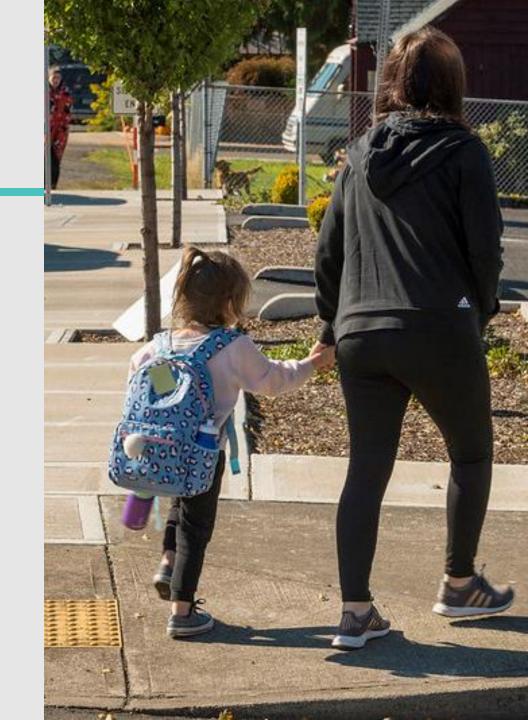


Great Streets

- Urban arterials should be safe for all users and prioritize economic and community activity
- Would invest in meeting the comprehensive needs of streets in incorporated areas of all sizes, with a focus on safety and multimodal accessibility

Safe Routes to School

- Would help provide safe ways for kids to get to school and broad benefits for many users
- Would supplement HB 2017 and additional investments made by OTC in 2024-2027 STIP
- Last two rounds of competitive funding have had \$4 in requests for every dollar of funding





Business & Workforce Development

- Additional project volume will require broadening pool of contractors/ subcontractors and expanding workforce
- Funding would support programs for BIPOC/women-owned businesses and developing a skilled and diverse workforce



Local Climate Planning

- Under DLCD's updated Transportation Planning Rule, cities, counties and MPOs will need to update local plans for investing in carbon reduction
- Funding can help move forward on implementing Governor Brown's EO 20-04 and making progress on Oregon's climate commitments

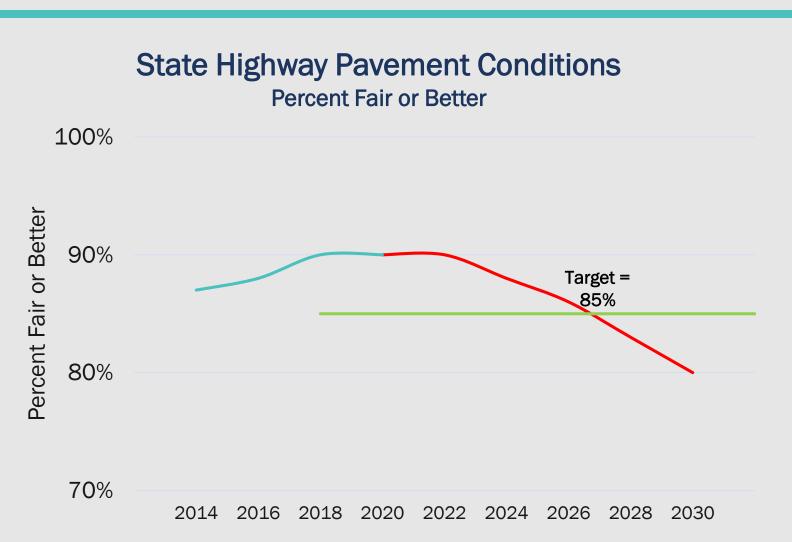
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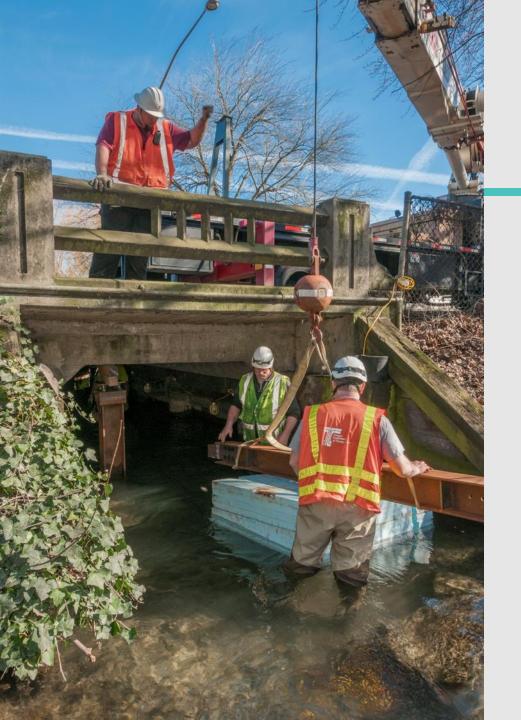
- ODOT has committed to addressing curb ramps that inhibit access for people with disabilities
- Additional funding needed to meet required number of curb ramps through 2027



Fix-It

- Fix-It programs reduced slightly in '24-'27 STIP
- Pavement
 preservation
 provided just
 \$100m/year in
 '24-'27 STIP
- Pavement conditions projected to decline





Operations and Maintenance

- ODOT faces a \$500 million shortfall in O&M funding for maintenance, DMV, CCD, administration through 2029
- Setting aside small portion of funds to federalize O&M could reduce this impact

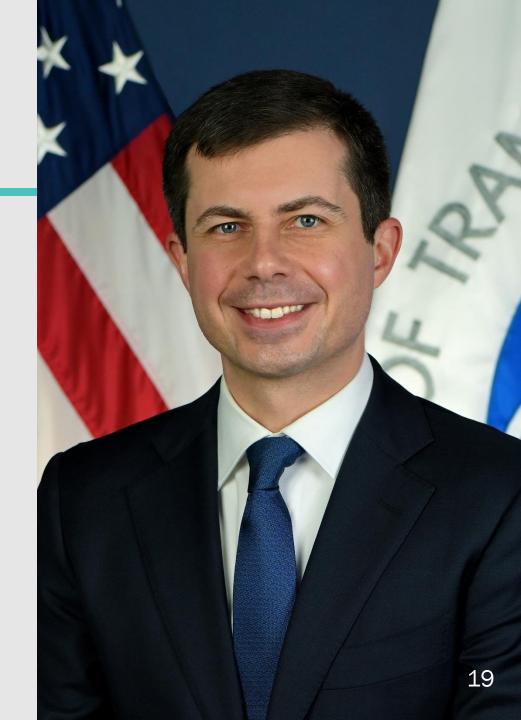


Enhance Highway

- Extremely limited discretionary funding in '24-'27 STIP- only \$65 million available statewide
- Priorities include:
 - Finishing off underfunded projects
 particularly HB 2017 named projects
 - Going further down the list of '24-'27 STIP Enhance Highway Discretionary projects
 - Low-cost operational solutions
 - Developing projects for discretionary grants and future opportunities

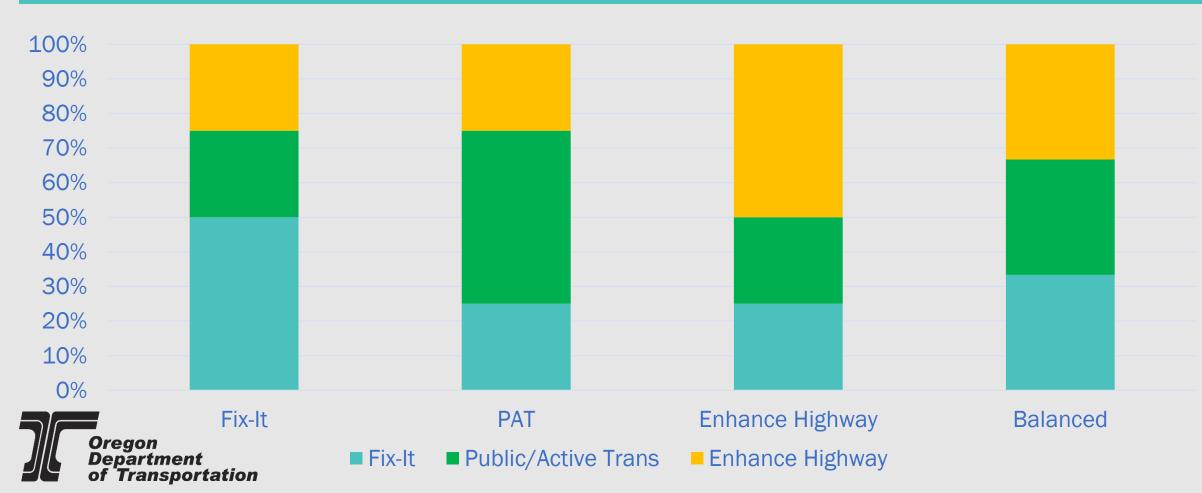
Match for Competitive Grants

- Over \$100 billion in competitive grants to be awarded by USDOT
- ODOT has limited funding available to match these grants
- \$40 million could leverage \$160 million in federal funds

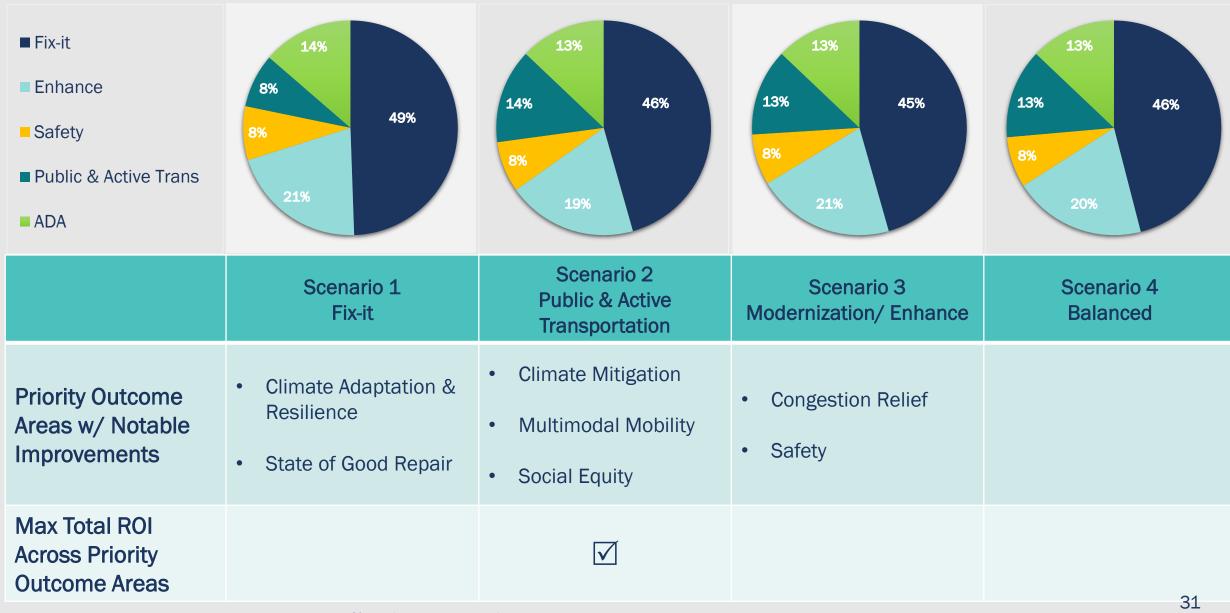


IIJA Flexible Funding Scenarios

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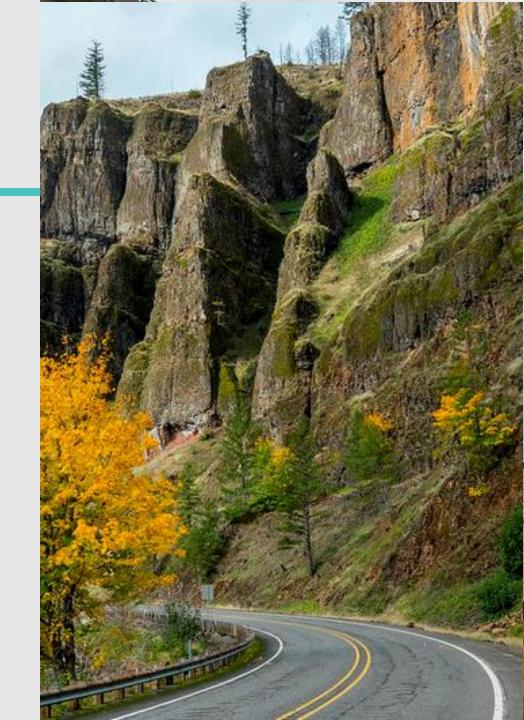


Preliminary Analysis of IIJA Scenario Trade-offs



How to Provide Feedback

- Contact ODOT leadership to schedule a discussion: travis.brouwer@odot.oregon.gov
- Participate in equity engagement session with ODOT on February 3rd at 6:30 pm
- Submit comments and letters through OTC website at www.oregon.gov/odot/Get-Involved/Pages/OTC-Comments.aspx
- Provide public comment at OTC meetings
 - January 20
 - February 17 (special meeting on IIJA)
 - March 10
 - March 30 (special meeting on IIJA)



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