
Wednesday, June 21, 2023
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

Meeting Link:

<https://clackamascounty.zoom.us/j/84523116174?pwd=bE5TaURMbVqyb3dtcEt5dTVtRTU1dz09>

Agenda

- **Updates regarding the Regional Toll Advisory Committee (RTAC)**
 - Process to Develop Projects List
 - Staff Coordination
 - Next Steps for Clackamas Communities

- **C4 Retreat Action Items**
 - Evolve the Diversion Subcommittee into a broader “toll policy” C4 subcommittee
 - FYI – Development of a Joint Values Document

Attachments:

- RTAC NEXUS presentation slides
- RTAC UMO Emails



RTAC Nexus Projects Office Hours

June 13, 2023

Nexus Projects Request

- **Projects with a nexus to tolling**
 - Priority roadway, pedestrian, bicycle or other projects that are needed to complement a tolling system on I-5 and I-205
 - Address an anticipated impact or would improve mobility options near the tolled highway
- 2 • RTAC: June 26 meeting
 - Refine definition of “nexus projects”
 - Workshop process to develop and refine project priority list

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Ideas: Nexus Project Screening Criteria

- Project addresses predicted impact or mobility gap that could emerge or be made worse by the toll system
- Project already in current or proposed RTP, STIP, or Metro's Get Moving 2020 proposal
- Project provides benefit to Equity Framework Communities
- Some local funding sources are identified/secured

Adopted RTAC Charter: Factors for Consideration

- Equity impacts
- Revenue (raised) and cost (toll system, facility O&M)
- Traffic operations improvements
- Diversion of traffic
- Adequacy of public transportation services and active transportation options
- Impacts on the community, economy, and environment
- Climate impacts
- Public input
- Consistency with state and regional law and policy
- Feasibility under federal law
- Project delivery schedules
- Oregon Transportation Plan policies

[Link to RTAC charter.](#)
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RTAC Email Threads

Email #2

From: FINN Brendan C <Brendan.C.FINN@odot.oregon.gov>

Date: June 9, 2023 at 5:16:52 PM EDT

Subject: RTAC Follow Up: Nexus projects that complement I-5 and I-205

Good afternoon all:

I am following up on some of the recent feedback we have received on last week's request related to priority roadway, pedestrian, bicycle and other projects that have a nexus with tolling. Additionally, we are receiving questions about the identification of projects and supportive services for the Public Transportation Strategy. This email provides resources for the two processes, which will inform the RTAC's next desired policy discussion on revenue tradeoffs for such criteria as equity, congestion relief, diversion mitigation and others.

"Nexus" projects (roadway, bicycle and pedestrian)

At the next RTAC meeting on June 26, members will begin discussion on the **process** to develop and refine a priority project list to complement the tolling system with an understanding this list will be iterative as we respond to the committee's request for further information and discussion on revenue. Depending on the outcomes of that discussion, the conversation will continue at our July meeting. Mandy Putney and I will be hosting a drop-in office hour session next week to discuss the request for nexus projects, provide more information, and answer questions from members or their staff. It is scheduled for:

1. **Tuesday, June 13: 3:30pm – 5:00pm**

A meeting invite for the session is to follow from Kirsten Beale. RTAC members and/or staff are welcome to attend, but I request you limit the number of attendees from your organization or agency to a primary staff member and/or committee member. [Please RSVP to the calendar invite](#) so that we can plan for the number of attendees. Following the session, we will provide a list of questions and answers that were asked so that those who were not able to attend receive the same information.

Public Transportation Strategy: Call for projects and supportive services

The team working to establish a Public Transportation Strategy (PTS) that complements congestion pricing on I-5 and I-205 formally made a call for public transportation projects and supportive services to the PTS Workgroup members last week.

Consistent with my previous email to you, and to ensure that all public transportation and supportive services are considered consistently, [RTAC members should work with public transportation managers in your area](#) to identify and propose projects and supportive services using the PTS intake process. There should be a nexus to tolling – either that they would address an anticipated impact or would improve mobility options for those that would otherwise travel in a single occupancy vehicle on or near a tolled highway.

The managers for public transportation were requested to submit their projects and supportive services by **Friday, June 30**, using the screening process they collaboratively developed. To facilitate this process,

the PTS Intake Form, assessment tools, and the instructions and guidance document are available on the PTS [Google Drive](#).

If you have questions or would like to discuss the PTS process further, please reach out to Vanessa Vissar, at vanessa.vissar@odot.oregon.gov, and she will ensure your questions are directed to the correct place.

Below is a list of all participating Regional Partners who are developing the draft Public Transportation Strategy because they are either a manager of public transportation services or a regional planning authority.

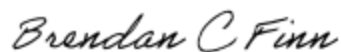
1. Canby Area Transit
2. City of Portland
3. City of Vancouver
4. City of Wilsonville – SMART
5. Clackamas County
6. C-TRAN
7. Multnomah County
8. Oregon Department of Transportation
9. Oregon Metro
10. Ride Connection
11. South Clackamas Transportation District
12. Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council
13. TriMet
14. Washington County

I want to again communicate my appreciation for all the time and energy you are giving this process so that it works for our region. It is my hope that we can daylight your questions so they can be discussed and collaboratively resolved.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me or a member of the project team if you have any questions.

I look forward to our continued partnership to improve our transportation system for the people who live, work and visit in the metro region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brendan C Finn".

Brendan

Email #1

From: BARTLETT Shawna <Shawna.BARTLETT@odot.oregon.gov> **On Behalf Of** FINN Brendan C

Sent: Tuesday, May 30, 2023 4:21 PM

Subject: RTAC: Follow up and next steps after Monday's meeting

Good afternoon all:

I am following up on some of the recent feedback we have received on last week's request related to RTAC members:

Thank you very much for your input last week and your willingness to continue this work together. I appreciated the comments of collaboration, partnership and readiness to have hard conversations. I also welcomed the acknowledgement that compromise must be part of our discussions ongoing.

The team is pulling together a comprehensive summary, but I want to reiterate some of the priority takeaway themes from the listening session:

- **Equity is the priority.** Leading with equity and considering benefits and impacts for the most vulnerable is a priority. This work must include our diverse communities and cultures, as well as low-income Oregonians. We are proud of the work we have been doing with EMAC, and it was great to hear we have made progress, and there is more work to do.
- **Put the hard work on the table; focus on the tangible.** It's time to talk directly about the potential impacts, benefits, and limitations of the program. The meetings for RTAC will include this work beginning with the next meeting. Many are interested in discussing mitigation projects and future monitoring programs and commitments as well as local and regional projects and investments beyond those that would qualify as mitigation.
- **Listen and respond.** ODOT must not only listen to agency partners, local leaders and the community, but also respond with how the input is being used and clarify the decision-making process and timeline before us.
- **Toll revenues.** Funding information is needed for productive committee discussions. This includes what toll revenues will be available and how they can be used.

To further our collaboration, here is my ask of RTAC in preparation for our next meeting on June 26: Please begin compiling your priority roadway, pedestrian, bicycle or other projects that are needed to complement a tolling system on I-5 and I-205. There should be a nexus to tolling – either that they would address an anticipated impact or would improve mobility options near the tolled highway. Some partner agencies are already working on public transportation-focused projects and supportive services right now as part of the Public Transportation Strategy, and that work will continue as planned. The team will be reaching out to you in the coming weeks to discuss your projects.

Please submit any additional feedback on the RTAC meeting process through the online [Meeting Evaluation](#), and do not hesitate to reach out to a member of the project team if you have any questions.

I look forward to our partnership.

Sincerely,

Brendan C Finn