



Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund



Improving public transportation for Oregonians

With the passage of House Bill 2017, Keep Oregon Moving, the Oregon Legislature made a significant investment in transportation to help advance the things that Oregonians value—a vibrant economy, strong communities, high quality of life, a clean environment, and safe, healthy people. This historic investment in Oregon's transportation system will produce benefits for decades to come.

Multiple benefits

A centerpiece of Keep Oregon Moving is the Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF). This fund provides a new dedicated source of funding to expand public transportation to access jobs, improve mobility, relieve congestion and reduce greenhouse gas emissions around Oregon.

New rules for stable funds

ODOT is conducting a public process to develop administrative rules to implement the transit section of House Bill 2017. A Rules Advisory Committee (RAC) is a key piece of the public process. In 2018, the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) will adopt administrative rules that help expand public transportation services in Oregon. Service improvements associated with the new funding are expected to begin in 2019.

Public transportation investments

A new state payroll tax of one-tenth of 1 percent will fund transportation improvements in Oregon. The average employee will contribute less than \$1 per week to generate \$115 million per year for better public transportation.

The new revenue will be allocated across four programs. RAC members will develop guidance for the distribution of funds according to Section 122 of House Bill 2017 for OTC adoption.

Formula program

90 percent of STIF funds will be distributed to qualified entities based on taxes paid within their geographic area, with a minimum amount of \$100,000 per year to each qualified entity.

Discretionary program

5 percent of STIF funds will be awarded to eligible public transportation providers based on a competitive grant process.

Intercommunity Discretionary program

4 percent of STIF funds will be used to improve public transportation between two or more communities based on a competitive grant program.

Public transportation technical resource center

ODOT will use 1 percent of STIF funds to create a statewide resource center to assist public transportation providers in rural areas with training, planning and information technology and fund ODOT administration of STIF.

Rules Advisory Committee

A committee of Oregonians will advise the OTC and ODOT staff on rules that define how to distribute funds through the STIF formula and discretionary grant programs. The committee members represent various interests, including:

- Transit providers from large and small urban areas and rural areas
- Tribal transit providers
- Non-government transit providers
- Counties and cities
- Bicycle and pedestrian advocacy
- Equity and environmental justice advocacy
- Business community
- Seniors and people with disabilities
- Social and human services

Schedule

The RAC will meet at least six times over as many months to consider public comment and develop recommended rules. The OTC will consider the RAC's recommendations and expects to finalize the STIF rules in summer-fall 2018.

ODOT expects to disperse the initial formula funds as early as April 2019 and the initial Discretionary and Intercommunity Discretionary fund grant agreements in July 2019, pending OTC decision on rules.

Get involved!

Community members are encouraged to participate in the rule-making process.

Visit the STIF website

Sign up for email updates and find the most up-to-date project information on the STIF website:

www.oregon.gov/ODOT/RPTD/Pages/STIF.aspx

Attend a Rules Advisory Committee meeting

All RAC meetings are open to the public and include opportunity for public comment. You can attend meetings remotely using information found on meeting agendas. Find meeting information on the STIF website listed above.



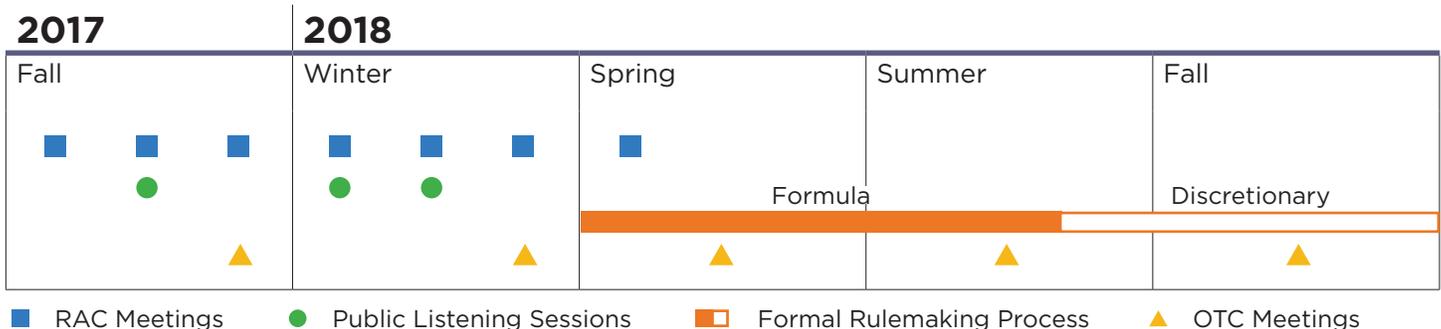
Contact ODOT

Send your questions to Karyn Criswell, ODOT STIF implementation project manager via email at:

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For More Information on House Bill 2017 and Keep Oregon Moving:

www.oregon.gov/ODOT/Pages/HB2017.aspx



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