

## Date: Wednesday, November 8, 2023 Time: 1:30 p.m.

## Join In-Person

| Location: | Lewis Conference Room                |
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|           | RVCOG, 155 N 1 <sup>st</sup> Street, |
|           | Central Point                        |
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| Contact:  | RVCOG: 541-423-1375                  |
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| <u>Or via Zoom</u> |                                 |
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## 1. Call to Order / Introductions / Review Agenda

|                         | Consent Agenda   |
|-------------------------|--|
| 2. Review / Approve Min | utes Chair   |
| Attachment:             | <u>#1 RVMPO TAC Meeting Draft Minutes 10/11/2023</u>   |
|                         | Action Items   |
| 3. Amendment to the 20  | 24-27 TIPs Ryan MacLaren   |
| Background:             | <ul> <li>The TAC is being asked to review of amendments to the 2024–2027</li> <li>Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include the following project(s): <ul> <li>Add Project to TIP: OR99: Transit Signal Upgrades (KN 23539)</li> <li>Cancel Project in TIP: OR238 at Shafer Lane Pedestrian Improvements (KN 22940)</li> <li>Cancel Project in TIP: SW Oregon safety program funding reserve (FFY25-27) (KN 23305)</li> <li>Cancel Project in TIP: SW Oregon HB2017 safety program funding reserve (FFY25-27) (KN 23413)</li> <li>Amend Project in TIP: OR99: Glenwood - Matt Loop (KN 23480)</li> <li>The 21-day public comment period and public hearing was advertised on or before Friday, November 3, 2023 in the <i>Rogue Valley Times</i>, and</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
| Attachments:            | information is currently available on the RVMPO website.<br>#2 <u>TIP Amendment Memo</u><br>#3 <u>CRP Approval Letter for KN 23539</u><br>#4 <u>OTC STIP Consent Letter for KN 22940, KN 23305, KN 23413</u>   |
| Action Requested:       | Recommendation of Approval   |

Chair



| 4. TAC Sub-Committee f | indings on the 2024-2027 shortfall   | Chair |
|------------------------|--|-------|
| Background:            | The RVMPO TAC had created a Sub-Committee to discuss the 2024-20 shortfall. The committee will present their findings. | 27    |
| Action Requested:      | Any recommendations to Policy Committee  |       |
|                        | Discussion Items   |       |

## 5. Public Comment

|                                    | Regular Updates |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 6. RVMPO Update                    | Karl Welzenbach |
| 7. Other Business / Local Business | Chair           |

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Opportunity for RVMPO member jurisdictions to talk about transportation planning projects.

## 8. Adjournment

| Scheduled Meetings          |                   |           |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|-----------|
| RVMPO TAC                   | December 13, 2023 | 1:30 p.m. |
| RVMPO PAC                   | November 21, 2023 | 5:30 p.m. |
| <b>RVMPO Policy Meeting</b> | November 28, 2023 | 2:00 p.m. |

All meetings are available in-person and online via Zoom unless otherwise noted.



| Date: Wednesday           | , October 11, 2023       |               |  |  |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|--|--|
| Voting Members            | Organization             | Phone Number  |  |  |
| Matt Samitore, Vice Chair | Central Point PW         | 664-3321 x205 |  |  |
| Mike Upston               | Eagle Point PL           | 826-4212      |  |  |
| Alex Georgevitch, Chair   | Medford PW               | 774-2114      |  |  |
| Joe Slaughter             | Phoenix PW               | 951-1971      |  |  |
| Charles Bennett           | Jackson County PL        | 774-6115      |  |  |
| James Philp               | Jackson County R&P       | 774-6236      |  |  |
| Justin Shoemaker          | ODOT                     | 774-6376      |  |  |
| Ian Horlacher             | ODOT                     | 774-6399      |  |  |
| Paige West                | RVTD                     | 608-4249      |  |  |
| Sean Eisma                | RVTD                     | 779-5821      |  |  |
| Josh LeBombard            | DLCD <del>(Quorum)</del> | 414-9732      |  |  |
| Alternate Members         | Organization             | Phone Number  |  |  |

| Staff                      | Organization          | Phone Number |  |  |  |  |  |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Karl Welzenbach            | RVCOG                 | 423-1360     |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ryan MacLaren              | RVCOG                 | 423-1338     |  |  |  |  |  |
| Kelsey Sharp               | RVCOG                 | 423-1375     |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yazeed Alrashdi            | RVCOG 423-1378        |              |  |  |  |  |  |
| Interested Parties         | Organization          |              |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mike Montero               | РАС                   |              |  |  |  |  |  |
| Becky Knudson              | ODOT                  |              |  |  |  |  |  |
| Erik Havig                 | ODOT                  |              |  |  |  |  |  |
| Colton Minton              | Jackson County        |              |  |  |  |  |  |
| RVMPO TAC Minutes – Wednes | day, October 11, 2023 |              |  |  |  |  |  |
| Agenda Packet              | Meeting Audio         |              |  |  |  |  |  |

## 1. Call to Order at 1:30 / Introductions / Review Agenda 00:00 - 02:17

Quorum: Central Point, Eagle point, Medford, Phoenix, Jackson County, ODOT, RVTD

## 2. Review / Approve Minutes 02:17 - 02:58

02:26 Ian Horlacher moved to approve the September 13, 2023, RVMPO TAC Meeting Minutes as presented. Seconded by Matt Samitore.No further discussion.

Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.



## **Action Items**

- 3. Amendment to the 2021-24 Transportation Improvement Program 02:58 07:08
  - 06:08 Ian Horlacher moved to recommend approval of the TIP amendment. Seconded by Matt Samitore.
    - No further discussion.
    - Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

#### 4. Federal Aid Urban Boundary (FAUB) 07:08 - 36:42

 35:38 Matt Samitore moved to recommend approval of the FAUB to include the Census Urbanized Areas, Urban Growth Boundaries, Urban Reserved Areas, and any ODOT right-ofway not already included. Seconded by Joe Slaughter. No further discussion.
 Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

## **Discussion Items**

- 5. Appointment, by TAC Chair, of members to a sub-committee to address funding shortfalls for projects in the 2024-27 TIP 36:42 01:21:20
- 6. Public Comment 01:21:20 01:21:25 No comments.

## **Regular Updates**

- 7. MPO Planning Update 01:21:25 01:21:45 No further updates at this time.
- **8.** Other Business / Local Business 01:21:45 01:22:21 Updates from Central Point.

#### 9. Adjournment

2:52 p.m.

| Scheduled Meetings   |                  |           |
|----------------------|------------------|-----------|
| RVMPO TAC            | November 8, 2023 | 1:30 p.m. |
| RVMPO PAC            | October 17, 2023 | 5:30 p.m. |
| RVMPO Policy Meeting | October 24, 2023 | 2:00 p.m. |



# Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization

## **Regional Transportation Planning**

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| DATE:    | November 2, 2023                   |
|----------|------------------------------------|
| TO:      | RVMPO Technical Advisory Committee |
| FROM:    | Ryan MacLaren, Senior Planner      |
| SUBJECT: | TIP Amendments                     |

The TAC is being asked to make recommendations to the Policy Committee on the proposed TIP amendments described below and on the following pages. The Policy Committee will hold a public hearing at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 28, 2022 to consider adoption of the proposed TIP amendments. A press release for the 21-day public comment period and public hearing was sent on or before November 3<sup>rd</sup> to the Rogue Valley Times and information is currently available on the RVMPO website. Information on the projects is enumerated, below:

## A. Add Project to TIP: OR99: Transit Signal Upgrades (KN 23539)

Description: Upgrade signals on OR99 from the South end of Ashland to Exit 35, north of Central Point to provide vehicle to infrastructure communication and improve transit efficiency and reliability.

| Project Name                     | Project Name Project Description RTP Proj        | <b>RTP Project</b> | Air Quality Status                              | Air Quality Status | Kev#                | Federal Fiscal Year | Phase     | Fe     | deral    | Federal Re | quired Match | Total Fed+Reg Match | Other  |                   | Total All Sources |                  |  |  |  |  |     |  |  |     |
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| FIOJECTINAITIE                   | Project Description                              | Number             | All Quality Status                              | ney#               | reuerai riscai real | FlidSe              | \$        | Source | \$       | Source     |              | \$                  | Source | rotar All oburces |                   |                  |  |  |  |  |     |  |  |     |
| ODOT                             |  |                    |   |                    |                     |                     |           |        |          |            |              |                     |        |                   |                   |                  |  |  |  |  |     |  |  |     |
|                                  | Upgrade signals on OR99                          |                    |   |                    |                     | Planning            |           |        |          |            | \$-          |                     |        | \$-               |                   |                  |  |  |  |  |     |  |  |     |
|                                  | from the South end of                            |                    | Exempt (40 CFR §                                | 23539              | 2024                | Design              | \$ 89,73  | ) CRP  | \$ 10,27 | 0 ODOT     | \$ 100,000   |                     |        | \$ 100,000        |                   |                  |  |  |  |  |     |  |  |     |
|                                  | Ashland to Exit 35, north<br>of Central Point to |                    | 93.126 Table 2) - Mass<br>Transit, construction |                    |                     | Land Purchase       |           |        |          |            | \$-          |                     |        | \$-               |                   |                  |  |  |  |  |     |  |  |     |
| OR99: Transit<br>Signal Upgrades | provide vehicle to                               | n/a                | or renovation of                                |                    |                     |                     |           |        |          |            |              |                     |        |                   |                   | Utility Relocate |  |  |  |  | \$- |  |  | \$- |
|                                  | infrastructure<br>communication and              |                    | power, signal,<br>and communications            | 23539              | 2025                | Construction        | \$ 302,39 | ) CRP  | \$ 34,61 | 0 ODOT     | \$ 337,000   |                     |        | \$ 337,000        |                   |                  |  |  |  |  |     |  |  |     |
|                                  | improve transit efficiency                       |                    | systems   |                    |                     | Other               |           |        |          |            | \$-          |                     |        | \$-               |                   |                  |  |  |  |  |     |  |  |     |
|                                  | and reliability.                                 |                    |   |                    | Total FFY24-27      |                     | \$ 392,12 | )      | \$ 44,88 | 0          | \$ 437,000   | \$-                 |        | \$ 437,000        |                   |                  |  |  |  |  |     |  |  |     |

# **B.** Cancel Project in TIP: OR238 at Shafer Lane Pedestrian Improvements (KN 22940)

Description: Cancel Project.

| Project Name P  | Droject Deceription   | <b>RTP</b> Project | Air Quality Status                               | <b>1</b> 4 "      | Federal Fiscal Year | Dhaaa            | Federal |        |        | Federal Required Match |        |        |                     | Othe       | r      | <b>T</b> ( 1480   |         |         |      |           |  |  |
|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--|-------------------|---------------------|------------------|---------|--------|--------|------------------------|--------|--------|---------------------|------------|--------|-------------------|---------|---------|------|-----------|--|--|
| Project Name    | Project Description   | Number             | Air Quality Status                               | Key#              | rederal riscal fear | Phase            | \$      |        | Source |                        | \$     | Source | Total Fed+Req Match | \$         | Source | Total All Sources |         |         |      |           |  |  |
| ODOT            |                       |                    |  |                   |                     |                  |         |        |        |                        |        |        |                     |            |        |                   |         |         |      |           |  |  |
|                 |                       |                    |  |                   |                     | Planning         |         |        |        |                        |        |        | \$-                 |            |        | \$                | -       |         |      |           |  |  |
|                 | Install lighting and  |                    | Exempt (40 CFR §<br>93.126 Table 2) -<br>Safety: | 93.126 Table 2) - | 22940               | 2024             | Design  | \$ 110 | ,475 l | -ISIP                  | \$     | 12,275 | ODOT                | \$ 122,750 |        |                   | \$      | 122,750 |      |           |  |  |
| OR238 at Shafer | signage to reduce the |                    |  |                   |                     |                  |         |        |        | Safety:                | 22940  | 2025   | Land Purchase       | \$ 42      | ,221 I | -ISIP             | \$      | 4,691   | ODOT | \$ 46,912 |  |  |
| Lane Pedestrian | number of pedestrian  | n/a                | Lighting Improvements                            |                   |                     | Utility Relocate |         |        |        |                        |        |        | \$-                 |            |        | \$                | -       |         |      |           |  |  |
| Improvements    | injuries at this      |                    | Air Quality:<br>Bicycle and pedestrian           | 22940             | 2026                | Construction     | \$ 145  | ,582 I | -ISIP  | \$                     | 16,176 | ODOT   | \$ 161,758          |            |        | \$                | 161,758 |         |      |           |  |  |
|                 | intersection.         |                    | Bicycle and pedestrian<br>facilities             |                   |                     | Other            |         |        |        |                        |        |        | \$-                 |            |        | \$                | -       |         |      |           |  |  |
|                 |                       |                    |  |                   | Total FFY24-27      |                  | \$ 298  | ,278   |        | \$                     | 33,142 |        | \$ 331,420          | \$-        |        | \$                | 331,420 |         |      |           |  |  |

## **C. Cancel Project in TIP:** *SW Oregon safety program funding reserve (FFY25-27) (KN 23305)* Description: Cancel Project.

| ProjectName | Project Description   | RTP Project<br>Number | Air Quality Status                              | Key#  | Federal Fiscal Year | Phase            | Federal      |        | Federal Requ | ired Match | Total Fed+Reg Match  | Other |        | Total All Sources |
|-------------|---|-----------------------|---|-------|---------------------|------------------|--------------|--------|--------------|------------|----------------------|-------|--------|-------------------|
|             |   |                       |   |       |                     |                  | \$           | Source | \$           | Source     | Total reutikey match | \$    | Source | Total All Sources |
| ODOT        |   |                       |   |       |                     |                  |              |        |              |            |                      |       |        |                   |
|             | Funding for federal<br>fiscal year 2024-2027<br>for the Region 3<br>ARTS program. | n/a                   | Exempt (40 CFR §<br>93.126 Table 2) -<br>Safety |       |                     | Planning         |              |        |              |            | \$-                  |       |        | \$-               |
|             |   |                       |   |       |                     | Design           |              |        |              |            | \$-                  |       |        | \$-               |
|             |   |                       |   |       |                     | Land Purchase    |              |        |              |            | \$-                  |       |        | \$-               |
|             |   |                       |   |       |                     | Utility Relocate |              |        |              |            | \$-                  |       |        | \$-               |
| ,           |   |                       |   | 23305 | 2025                | Construction     | \$ 1,075,976 | HSIP   | \$ 119,553   | ODOT       | \$ 1,195,529         |       |        | \$ 1,195,529      |
|             |   |                       |   |       |                     | Other            |              |        |              |            | \$-                  |       |        | \$-               |
|             |   |                       |   |       | Total FFY24-27      |                  | \$ 1,075,976 |        | \$ 119,553   |            | \$ 1,195,529         | \$-   |        | \$ 1,195,529      |

#### D. Cancel Project in TIP: SW Oregon HB2017 safety program funding reserve (FFY25-27) (KN 23413) Description: Cancel Project.

| Project Name    | Project Description                          | RTP Project<br>Number | Air Quality Status                              | Key#  | Federal Fiscal Year | Phase            | Federal    |        | Federal Required Match |        |        | Total Fed+Reg Match | Other |        | Total All Sources |
|-----------------|--|-----------------------|---|-------|---------------------|------------------|------------|--------|------------------------|--------|--------|---------------------|-------|--------|-------------------|
|                 |  |                       |   |       |                     |                  | \$         | Source |                        | \$     | Source | Total reu+key watch | \$    | Source | Total All Sources |
| ODOT            |  |                       |   |       |                     |                  |            |        |                        |        |        |                     |       |        |                   |
|                 |  |                       | Exempt (40 CFR §<br>93.126 Table 2) -<br>Safety |       |                     | Planning         |            |        |                        |        |        | \$-                 |       |        | \$-               |
| SW Oregon       | Funding for federal<br>fiscal year 2024-2027 |                       |   |       |                     | Design           |            |        |                        |        |        | \$-                 |       |        | \$-               |
| •               |  |                       |   |       |                     | Land Purchase    |            |        |                        |        |        | \$-                 |       |        | \$-               |
| program funding | for the Region 3                             |                       |   |       |                     | Utility Relocate |            |        |                        |        |        | \$-                 |       |        | \$-               |
| reserve (FFY25- | HB2017 safety                                |                       |   | 23413 | 2025                | Construction     | \$ 129,199 | HB2017 | \$                     | 14,355 | ODOT   | \$ 143,554          |       |        | \$ 143,554        |
| 27)             | program.                                     |                       |   |       |                     | Other            |            |        |                        |        |        | \$-                 |       |        | \$-               |
|                 |  |                       |   |       | Total FFY24-27      |                  | \$ 129,199 |        | \$                     | 14,355 |        | \$ 143,554          | \$ -  |        | \$ 143,554        |

**E.** Amend Project in TIP: *OR99: Glenwood - Matt Loop (KN 23480)* Description: Add RW, UR and CN phase and increase the PE phase estimate by \$1,378,400 funded by (Raise Grant) funds.

| Project Name            | Project Description  | RTP Project<br>Number | Air Quality Status  | Key # | Federal Fiscal Year | Phase            | Federal       |        | Federal Req  | uired Match | Total Fed+Reg Match | Other |        | Total All Sources |
|-------------------------|--|-----------------------|---|-------|---------------------|------------------|---------------|--------|--------------|-------------|---------------------|-------|--------|-------------------|
|                         |  |                       |   |       |                     |                  | \$            | Source | \$           | Source      | Total Feu+Rey Match | \$    | Source | Total All Sources |
| ODOT                    |  |                       |   |       |                     |                  |               |        |              |             |                     |       |        |                   |
|                         | Widen road, add sidewalks,<br>bike lanes. Update ADA and<br>add pedestrian crossings<br>and transit locations to<br>improve safety to the<br>traveling public. |                       | Exempt (40 CFR §<br>93.126 Table 2) - Air<br>Quality:<br>Bicycle and<br>pedestrian facilities |       |                     | Planning         |               |        |              |             | \$-                 |       |        | \$-               |
|                         |  | A and<br>gs n/a       |   | 23480 | 2024                | Design           | \$ 2,378,400  | IIJA   | \$ 569,600   | ODOT        | \$ 2,948,000        |       |        | \$ 2,948,000      |
|                         |  |                       |   | 23480 | 2024                | Land Purchase    | \$ 4,928,000  | IIJA   | \$ 1,232,000 | ODOT        | \$ 6,160,000        |       |        | \$ 6,160,000      |
| Glenwood - Matt<br>Loop |  |                       |   | 23480 | 2026                | Utility Relocate | \$ 1,404,000  | IIJA   | \$ 351,000   | ODOT        | \$ 1,755,000        |       |        | \$ 1,755,000      |
|                         |  |                       |   | 23480 | 2027                | Construction     | \$ 12,996,000 | IIJA   | \$ 3,249,000 | ODOT        | \$ 16,245,000       |       |        | \$ 16,245,000     |
|                         |  |                       |   |       |                     | Other            |               |        |              |             | \$-                 |       |        | \$-               |
|                         |  |                       |   |       | Total FFY24-27      |                  | \$ 21,706,400 |        | \$ 5,401,600 |             | \$ 27,108,000       | \$-   |        | \$ 27,108,000     |



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| DATE:    | August 28, 2023  | Fax: ( |
|----------|--|--------|
| TO:      | Kris Strickler, Director   |        |
| FROM:    | Suzanne Carlson, Climate Office Director                                       |        |
| SUBJECT: | Approve adding projects to the 24/27 STIP as part of the Carbon Reduce Program | ction  |

## **Requested Action:**

Approve recommended projects for the Carbon Reduction Program 2023 Small Urban and Rural Call for Projects and Statewide project selection process.

## **Background:**

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law provided funding for projects that reduce transportation related greenhouse gas emissions. Through the carbon reduction program, Oregon is apportioned \$82.4 million over 5 years for fiscal years 2022-2026. These funds are allocated by federal formula to Transportation Management Areas, small urban and rural areas, and statewide projects.

## **Carbon Reduction Program Decision Making Process**

As required by federal regulations, the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) coordinated with the state's transportation management areas and consulted with our regional planning organizations by convening a consultation group. The consultation group met over a dozen times during 2022 and 2023. The consultation group consisted of metropolitan planning organizations, transportation management areas, and other state partners to inform the development of the program and strategy.

The consultation group developed strategies and priorities to guide the implementation of the program based on the *Statewide Transportation Strategy: A 2050 Vision for Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction*, which serves as Oregon's roadmap to reducing transportation emissions from the transportation sector. ODOT and the consultation group reviewed the statewide transportation strategy categories to identify emissions reduction actions that were consistent with the eligible project types outlined by the carbon reduction program. The consultation group then worked collaboratively to refine these elements into a set of strategies and priorities to guide the program. These strategies and priorities guided project identification and selection for all funding components of the program.

Following development of the program strategies and priorities, a smaller subset of the group that represented the non-transportation management area metropolitan planning organizations, cities and counties developed project scoring criteria for the small urban and rural funding. ODOT used these scoring criteria to identify projects for the statewide funding component.



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ODOT conducted a call for projects in 2023 for half of the small urban and rural funding (\$12.5 million allocated). Transportation management areas identified projects for their share of the funding (\$24.3 million allocated). ODOT conducted an internal project selection process to award about 60 percent of the statewide funding (\$17.8 million allocated).

After project selection, the consultation group reviewed the identified projects and provided input on the project list. The consultation group also contributed to the development of the carbon reduction strategy, a reporting requirement of the carbon reduction program.

## Carbon Reduction Program Recommended Projects

Projects selected to date for carbon reduction program funding meet the program's key goal of reducing transportation related greenhouse gas emissions. The types of projects selected include intelligent transportation systems, electric vehicles and charging stations, low carbon materials, active transportation, and public transportation projects.

ODOT has worked to ensure that the projects selected meet equity goals of the carbon reduction program known as the Justice40 Initiative which aims to have 40 percent of funds benefit disadvantaged communities. Over 65 percent of Oregon's carbon reduction program funds allocated to date will support projects that meet the disadvantaged community requirement and support ODOT's equity goals.

## Carbon Reduction Program beyond the Recommendation

ODOT staff is working to have intergovernmental agreements completed with new grantees of the small urban and rural funding in place by early 2024. A second call for projects will be conducted for the small urban and rural funding will take place in spring of 2024.

<u>Copies to:</u> Amanda Pietz Suzanne Carlson Susan Peithman



Oregon Transportation Commission Office of the Director, MS 11 355 Capitol St NE Salem, OR 97301-3871

**DATE:** August 31, 2023

**TO:** Oregon Transportation Commission

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FROM: Kristopher W. Strickler Director

SUBJECT: Consent Item 11 – Amend the 24-27 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to reallocate a portion of HB 2017 State Safety Priority Funding (SSPF) to establish and implement an ongoing pedestrian and bicycle safety improvement initiative

## **Requested Action:**

Approve the attached list of modified or canceled projects to the STIP.

## **Background:**

At the March 9, 2023 meeting, the OTC supported an ODOT proposal to invest HB 2017 State Safety Priority Funds (SSPF) annually, FY 2025-2027 to create a new pedestrian and bicycle safety program (March 9, 2023 Agenda Item H). The purpose of the program is to consistently and rapidly review, assess and deliver safety improvements addressing pedestrian and bicyclist fatalities on the state highway system, particularly in low-income and Black, Indigenous, or People of Color (BIPOC) communities.

ODOT staff have since refined a program framework and approach for a Vulnerable User Crash Response Program (VCR). The term "vulnerable users" refers to road users who are not using a vehicle that provides a protective shield (e.g., people walking, biking, using a scooter or personal conveyance) and thus are more vulnerable to injury or death when involved in a crash. This term is consistent Oregon's "Vulnerable Road User Law" adopted in 2007 and the recently enacted Federal Highway Administration requirement for all state DOTs to conduct a "Vulnerable Road User Safety Assessment" as part of their State Highway Safety Plans (referred to as the Transportation Safety Action Plan in Oregon). VCR will implement the program recommendations obtained from OTC and an independent consultant evaluation of ODOT's existing safety programs.

The attached table lists SSPF funded projects in the 2024-2027 STIP identified for cancelation or modification to support implementation of the VCR program and its objectives. SSPF funds were added to these projects prior to adoption of the 2024-2027 STIP so it was not possible to make this adjustment to the draft 2024-2027 STIP and an amendment is now needed. Projects identified for cancelation do not include vulnerable user safety improvements in high crash and equity locations. Projects identified for modification will have scopes adjusted to remove elements that do not

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improve vulnerable user safety or to add vulnerable user safety improvements that support VCR objectives. This amendment makes \$10,655,521 in state funds available for ODOT to implement the VCR program in FY 2025-2027 per OTC direction.

## **Outcomes:**

With approval, ODOT will modify or cancel the attached projects in the 2024-2027 STIP and implement the VCR program.

Without approval, no state funding will be available to implement the VCR program and it will be put on pause until funds are identified.

## **Attachments:**

• Attachment 01 – 2024-2027 STIP - SSPF Amendment Project List