

APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FORM OREGON HOUSE DELEGATION FISCAL YEAR 2010

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: FEBRUARY 13, 2009

PLEASE NOTE: As required by the House Appropriations Committee, all requests will be made public on the requesting Member's website.

1. **Project Title:** Next Corridor Alternatives Analysis
2. **Organization Name and address:** Metro, 600 NE Grand Ave Portland, OR 97232
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4. **Project Location Address (if different from Organization):** Potential projects to be advanced into the Federal Transit Administration's Alternatives Analysis program exist throughout the Metro region. Authorization language will be sought for four potential projects, and this appropriation request would advance the most promising corridor(s) into the formal FTA process. The four potential projects include:
 - Portland to Tigard and Sherwood/99W/Barbur Blvd. Alternatives Analysis
 - Hillsboro to Forest Grove Alternatives Analysis
 - East Metro North /South High Capacity Transit Alternatives Analysis
 - Light Rail to Oregon City Alternatives Analysis
5. **Please describe the requesting organization's main activities, and whether it is a public, private non-profit, or private for-profit entity:**

Metro is a regional government that serves 1.4 million people who live in the 25 cities and three counties of the Portland Metropolitan area. Metro is the federally mandated metropolitan planning organization designated by the Governor of Oregon to develop an overall transportation plan and to allocate federal transportation funds for the region. Metro provides planning and services that protect the nature and livability of the region, including planning for regional high capacity transit investments.

Metro's services include:

- Providing 12,000 acres of parks and natural areas and 100 miles of trails for public use and enjoyment;
- Providing public facilities including the Oregon Zoo, the Oregon Convention Center and the Oregon Exposition Center;
- Overseeing the region's recycling and garbage services;
- Providing state-of-the-art mapping, analysis and forecasting tools;

- Collaborating with community leaders to plan for the region's future growth.

6. Briefly describe the activity or project for which funding is requested (please keep to 500 words or less.) This project would be initiated through Metro's Regional High Capacity Transit System Plan, to be completed in July 2009. The planning activities that would be funded by this requested appropriation would advance the region's next high capacity transit corridor into the FTA Major Capital Investment and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) phases of project development. It is anticipated that this project would eventually seek Section 5309 New Starts funding for construction and therefore would be developed according to the requirements of this funding program. By pursuing this course of action, the project would be positioned to leverage additional local and federal funding for engineering and construction activities. The overall goal of the Alternatives Analysis (AA) would be to develop and evaluate a range of high capacity transit alternatives to make connections between centers and support the Region 2040 Growth Concept. The end result would be the selection of a narrowed range of alternatives to be more fully developed in a NEPA Draft Environmental Impact Statement. Primary activities in the proposed AA would include transportation planning, conceptual design, environmental screening and an extensive program of public outreach. A wide range of transit modes, alignments, station locations and termini would be evaluated against the project's problem statement, purpose and need and evaluation criteria.

7. Has this project received federal appropriations funding in past fiscal years? No

7a. If yes, please provide fiscal year, Department, Account, and funding amount of any previous funding.
Not applicable

8. Federal agency and account from which funds are requested (Please be specific –e.g. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiatives account): Federal Transit Administration Section 5339 Alternatives Analysis Program funds (49 U.S.C. 5339).

9. What is the purpose of the project? Why is it a valuable use of taxpayer funds? How will the project support efforts to improve the economy and create jobs in Oregon?

Purpose: The purpose of the proposed AA project is to continue the development of a balanced transportation system in the Portland metropolitan region that works in concert with the creation of compact urban development in regional and town centers and within corridors, making efficient use of public infrastructure and urbanizable land and preserving agricultural and open space lands.

Valuable use of taxpayer funds and support efforts to improve the economy and create jobs in Oregon: In the Portland region, transit capital projects like light rail and streetcar have leveraged billions of dollars in private development, which provides both short-term construction jobs and long term employment. Rail lines operate more efficiently than buses, allowing TriMet to make the most efficient use of local payroll tax operating revenues and ultimately provide higher levels of service to jobs within a corridor and throughout the region. An AA is the first step toward developing a project that is eligible for federal capital construction funding. Without an AA and the subsequent NEPA analysis, a transit project would not be eligible for FTA construction funding, and those federal dollars would not be available to create jobs in Oregon.

10. Have you requested funding for this project from other Members of Congress? If so, who?

Representative Kurt Schrader, Representative David Wu
Senator Jeff Merkley, Senator Ron Wyden

Because potential projects could be located in any or all of the congressional districts in the region, this funding request is being made to multiple members of the Oregon delegation.

11. Funding Details:

a. Total project cost (all funding sources and all years):

Alternatives Analysis – FY 10	\$1,000,000	FTA Sec.5339 Alternatives Analysis Program Funds
	<u>\$1,000,000</u>	<u>Local Contributions</u>
	\$2,000,000	Total

b. Amount being requested for this project in Fiscal Year 2010 \$1,000,000 FTA Sec.5339 Alternatives Analysis Program Funds

c. What other funding sources (local, regional, state) are contributing to this project or activity? (Please provide specific dollar amount or percentage.) \$1,000,000 local match from state, local and regional governments.

d. Do you expect to request federal funding in future years for this project? Yes. If the project advances into the next stages of project development, additional funding will be required to prepare the Draft and Final Environmental Impact Statements and perform Preliminary Engineering, Final Design and Construction.

e. Breakdown/budget of the amount you are requesting for this project in FY 2010. (e.g. salary \$40,000; computer \$3,000):

Metro Labor	\$ 950,000
Consultants	\$ 800,000
Intergovernmental Agreements	\$ 200,000
<u>Materials and Services</u>	<u>\$ 50,000</u>
	\$2,000,000

f. Please list public or private organizations that have supported/endorsed this project:

City of Gresham
City of Forest Grove
City of Tigard
Metro Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation

g. Is this project scalable? (i.e. if partial funding is awarded, will the organization be able to use the funds in FY 2010?): Yes, the project could receive partial appropriations in FY 10 and FY 11, however a longer schedule could increase project costs.