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## 2018—2021 STIP Applications Due Date Moved out to November 2015

Timing, processes and funding levels for the Enhance portion of the 2018-2021 STIP are changing. The Oregon Transportation Commission has been discussing funding allocations for the 2018-2021 STIP at its last few meetings and will be making their final decision at the July meeting. Because of this change in schedule and other likely changes to the Enhance program, Enhance proposals will NOT be due August 3<sup>rd</sup>. It is anticipated that proposals will be due in November. Also note, based on the OTC discussions, Enhance funding will likely be very limited. ODOT will updating their website as decisions are made:

<http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/TD/STIP/Pages/WhatsChanged.aspx>

NWACT should have the most current update on the available funding and scheduling of the 2018—2021 STIP applications at the September 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## \$343.5 Million Oregon Transportation Funding Package Lacks Super-Majority Support

As of June 30<sup>th</sup>, Senate leaders had abandoned a \$343.5 million transportation funding package to pay for road fixes and other transportation upgrades. The draft plan aimed to raise \$200 million a year through a 4-cent gas tax increase to pay for road and bridge fixes. Tax increases require a super-majority vote to be approved.

## Sean O'Hollaren Named to the Oregon Transportation Commission

Filling out the five-member commission, O'Hollaran brings considerable transportation experience to the OTC having served as Assistant Secretary of Transportation heading up the Office of Government Affairs at US DOT. Currently at Nike as Vice-President for Government Affairs, O'Hollaren is an Oregon native and has lived in both Portland and Bend.

## OReGO Enrollment Now Open to 5,000 Vehicles

State officials and private partners kicked off Oregon's new pay-by-the-mile road usage charge program, OReGO, welcoming drivers to enroll online starting today. "The doors are now open for Oregonians to enroll their vehicles and test-drive OReGO statewide," said Vicki Berger, chair of Oregon's Road User Fee Task Force.

OReGO participants will pay 1.5 cents per mile while driving in Oregon, and receive a credit on their bill for state gas tax paid at the pump. OReGO is currently limited to 5,000 vehicles statewide. ODOT is asking participants for feedback and suggestions for improving OReGO along the way.

### How to enroll in OReGO

Enrolling to test-drive OReGO is simple, go online at [myOReGO.org](http://myOReGO.org) to choose your provider. When you make your choice, you'll be sent to the provider's website where you can apply to enroll your vehicle for OReGO. Once you're approved, the account manager sends you a small reporting device that you plug into your car and you're good to go.

### NW Oregon Transit Alliance NW Connector Receives ODOT 5311(f) Mobility Grant

Awards announced by ODOT Transit included an \$80,000 grant to NWOTA. The NW Oregon Connector provides the coordinated mobility infrastructure for the regional intercity transit system. This grant will fund the following Connector system enhancements:

- ✚ Trip planning utilizing improved trip integrator software, so riders can easily coordinate their air/rail travel with public transit in NW Oregon,
- ✚ Development of travel packages with local chambers of commerce combining intercity transit with local lodging, restaurant, and retail discounts,
- ✚ 1-800 call-in number for rider questions and support with travel planning,
- ✚ Updated website, providing easy visuals and online links to intercity bus maps, schedules and fares,
- ✚ Improved trip integrator software, building off of and enhancing the Google Map/Transit data set already in place,
- ✚ Enhanced GTFS maintenance and data utilization,
- ✚ Driver and dispatch training on the system routes, schedules, and visitor passes, and interline schedule and fare coordination.

### Travel Oregon to Offer Travel and Tourism Opportunities Training Sessions

These FREE seminars offer an overview of Oregon's travel and tourism industry and are designed to help visitor-related organizations and businesses take advantage of the many opportunities offered by Travel Oregon. A statewide webinar on July 13 as well as live sessions in the Gorge, Coast (**Lincoln City on November 3<sup>rd</sup>**), Central and Southern Oregon will round out the Travel Oregon 101 schedule for 2015. [Learn more about Travel Oregon 101 and register for a session.](#)

### Next NWACT Meeting—September 10<sup>th</sup> in Astoria

Key agenda items will include a presentation by the Oregon Freight Advisory Committee and updates on the 2018—2021 STIP and ConnectOregon VI.