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**To: Region 1 Area Commission on Transportation**

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**Re: 2019-21 STIP *Fix-It Leverage* Projects**

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At the October R1ACT meeting, ODOT staff will present the attached list of proposed *Fix-It Leverage* projects and ask for your comments with a goal of finalizing the project list in December.

As you'll recall from the September R1ACT meeting, *Fix-It Leverage* is a funding source created by the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) for the 2019-21 STIP update to use our limited resources to maximize the return on existing *Fix-It* investments on the state system. All of the Region's 150% lists of *Fix-It* projects can be found at [www.odotr1stip.org](http://www.odotr1stip.org).

The OTC also included \$6 million statewide for *Active Transportation*, allocated to leverage *Fix-It* projects for bicycle, pedestrian and transit projects on the state system. Region 1's allocation of the fund is \$2 million dollars. The original intent was to bring you a draft list of active transportation leverage projects for review alongside the *Fix-It Leverage* proposal at Monday's meeting, but instead we will bring back a proposal to you for those funds in December.

## **STIP Background**

Beginning in February 2015, the OTC engaged in discussions on potential funding scenarios for the 2019-21 STIP. The OTC discussed various scenarios for percentages that would go to *Enhance* and *Fix-It* within a range based on whether to assume federal funding will remain flat or decline by 10 or 20 percent. The OTC and participating ACT chairs recognized the priority of maintaining and preserving the existing system. The majority of the ACT chairs also recognized that with less *Enhance* funding, streamlining the project selection process should also be considered.

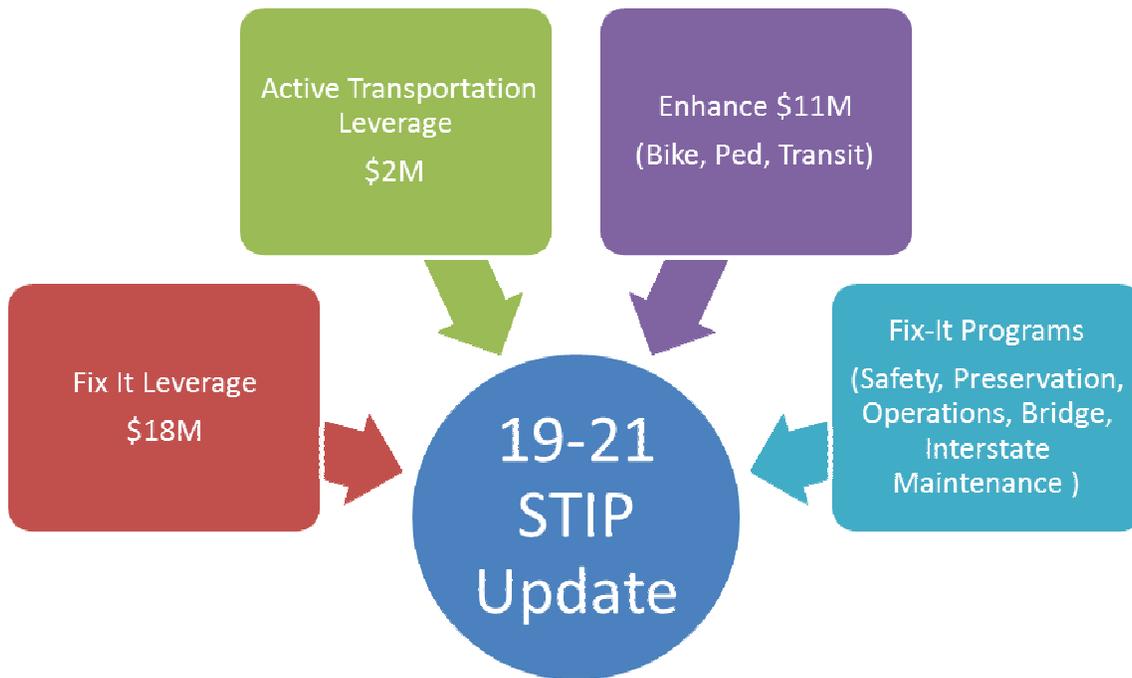
The OTC then spent additional meetings discussing the remaining alternatives. One key decision was whether to commit all funding beyond required non-highway set-asides to *Fix-It*, or allocate approximately 12 percent (roughly \$106 million over three years) to *Enhance*.

At its July meeting, the OTC decided upon a scenario in which the 12 percent is allocated in a modified *Enhance* program that includes the *Fix-It Leverage* and *Active Transportation Leverage*, as well as the *Enhance Bike-Ped-Transit* proposal process in where the ACT will have a role of recommending projects. A summary of proposals submitted for *Enhance Bike-Ped-Transit* will be available at the December ACT meeting, during which the ACT will discuss how to proceed in winnowing down to a 150% list.

## Fix-It Leverage

The *Fix-It Leverage* allocation of \$50 million statewide provides \$18 million for Region 1. Eligible projects must be on the state system; leverage existing funds already targeted for a *Fix-It* project or be standalone *Fix-It* project not currently funded. Active transportation and non-highway enhancements are not eligible for Fix-It Leverage funds.

Our proposed list of projects for this fund is attached. Below is a simple graphic to capture the various elements of the 19-21 STIP Update discussed in the memo.



**ODOT Region 1 Proposed Fix-It Leverage Project List**

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Projects Leveraged</b>	<b>Fix-It Leverage Request</b>
I-205 NB and SB operational improvements at I-84	The project would construct an auxiliary lane on I-205 NB from I-84 to Columbia Boulevard and extend the existing auxiliary lane from I-84 to the entrance ramp to Stark/Washington Street	Construction of the NB and SB auxiliary lanes leverages an Interstate Maintenance project scheduled for 2017/18 which extends from Johnson Creek to the Glenn Jackson Bridge. Combining all three projects into one saves an estimated \$5,000,000 over doing them separately.	\$15,000,000
Lombard Safety Extension Project	Extend safety project between N. Greeley and N. Penninsular to the existing three-lane cross section near N. Chautauqua.	Funding will leverage a \$1,200,000 safety project to address fatal and serious injury crashes in addition to \$1,600,000 in signal repair work planned at Chautauqua and Fiske.	\$2,000,000
OR 211: OR 213 Jurisdictional Transfer	Transfer downtown sections of highways 211 and 213 to the city of Molalla	The funding would leverage the construction of a preservation project under consideration for the 19-21 Preservation program to yield long term savings for the agency	\$1,000,000

**Contingency Projects**

US 26 Interchange Area Improvements (Sylvan, 217 Interchange, Murray, Cedar Hills, Bethany, Cornell)	Repairing and repaving interchange areas adjacent to US 26 preservation project. Includes paving, ADA / crosswalk improvements, and sidewalk repair as needed.	Funding leverages \$7,000,000 in proposed 19-21 Preservation funding	\$1,500,000
VMS Sign Replacement, CCTV Camera Installation (two locations)	Replace seven Variable Message signs and install two new CCTV cameras	Funding will leverage road closures on I-5, I-205, and US 26 associated with Interstate Maintenance and Preservation Projects to reduce installation costs.	\$1,500,000