

HB 2017/Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) Program

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.

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.

Information about this very important new program can be found on the ODOT Rail and Public Transit Division website:

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

Public Transportation Investments

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

Section 122 of House Bill 2017 allocates the new revenue across four programs:

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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.

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 for the STIF Program

A Rules Advisory Committee and public input informed the development of new rules to guide the use and distribution of STIF funds. The Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) approved the rules, which became effective July 1, 2018.

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Implementation Program

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Public Transportation Service Providers may apply for STIF Formula funds through their local Qualified Entity. A Qualified Entity is a county in which no part of a mass transit district or transportation district exists, a mass transit district, a transportation district or an Indian Tribe.

Discretionary programs

Public Transportation Service Providers may apply directly for STIF Discretionary funds. Providers also may apply directly for STIF Intercommunity Discretionary and Federal Transit Administration 5311(f) funds through the integrated Statewide Transit Network Program solicitation.