

## **AGENDA (Revision 1)**

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
**City Managers**  
**Tuesday, August 23, 2022, 1:00 PM**

GoToMeeting: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/259923701>  
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*(Chair May Alter the Agenda)*

- 1. Welcome and Introductions** – *Nancy Wyse, Chair*
- 2. Oregon Department of Transportation State Fund Exchange Program Changes** – *Gary Stockoff, Benton County Public Works Director*
- 3. Justice System Improvement Program: Update Presentations to City Elected Officials** – *Chair Wyse*
- 4. Community Updates** – Adair Village, Albany, Benton County, Corvallis, Monroe, Philomath (60 min)
- 5. Next Meeting** – November 22, 2022
- 6. Other**

ORS 192.640(1)“ . . . notice shall include a list of the principal subjects anticipated to be considered at the meeting, but this requirement shall not limit the ability of a governing body to consider additional subjects.”

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*The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours before the meeting to the Board of Commissioners Office, (541) 766-6800.*

# State Fund Exchange Program Changes

## Background

During the most recent Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) funding cycle (FY2021-24) AAMPO and CAMPO member agencies utilized ODOT's State Fund Exchange Program to gain flexibility in how Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) dollars could be spent locally. ODOT has indicated that they cannot continue offering the Fund Exchange Program to cities and counties located in small MPOs because of the current financial situation. A committee including ODOT, the Association of Oregon Counties (AOC), and League of Oregon Cities (LOC) is continuing to discuss details on program changes.

## Recent Updates on Changes to Fund Exchange Program

- Bend MPO TAC hosted ODOT staff to discuss the Fund Exchange Program during an August 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting and invited AAMPO/CAMPO TAC members to attend
  - The update included an overview of the federal funding process including overview of project delivery options, impacts on costs, etc.
  - Presenters
    - Justin Bernt; Scoping and Noncertified Local Agency Programs Manager ([justin.j.bernt@odot.oregon.gov](mailto:justin.j.bernt@odot.oregon.gov))
    - Tiffany Hamilton; DOT Local Agency Certification Program Manager ([tiffany.hamilton@odot.oregon.gov](mailto:tiffany.hamilton@odot.oregon.gov))
- During a subsequent meeting (held on August 16) staff from small MPOs learned that the State Fund Exchange Program **WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE** during the FY2024-27 MTIP cycle
  - Jeff Flowers; Statewide Investments Management Section Manager ([Jeffrey.A.FLOWERS@odot.oregon.gov](mailto:Jeffrey.A.FLOWERS@odot.oregon.gov))

## Impacts of Changes to the Fund Exchange Program on Local Project Development and Delivery

As noted above, the Fund Exchange Program **WILL NOT** be available to cities and counties located in small MPOs during the FY2024-27 MTIP cycle.<sup>1</sup> This will have a number of impacts on local jurisdictions:

- Future projects (2024-27) will need to use federal funds (2022 & 2023 projects may be able to use fund exchange process but this may be limited to instances where progress on a project has begun, or where an IGA is already in place)
- Federally funded projects must meet federal requirements (start to finish)
- ODOT or a locally certified agency will be required to manage STBG funded projects if funds stay federal
  - This means that non-certified agencies will need to become certified or find a certified agency that can deliver STBG projects on their behalf
- Project costs are likely be higher than in the past due to increased requirements
- More emphasis will be placed on feasibility of project scope, schedule, and budget

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<sup>1</sup> The Fund Exchange Program will continue to be available on a limited basis for cities and counties located outside MPO areas (approximately \$19 to \$20 million dollars statewide with a fund exchange rate of 53 cents per dollar in cash match).

- Planning projects not including construction elements will not require a certified agency to oversee them
- AAMPO/CAMPO will need to list STBG projects in Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), not just MTIPs as done previously

## Next Steps

- ODOT's Statewide Investments Management Section Manger will hold follow up meetings with small MPOs to learn more about individual cases
- Follow up meeting between AAMPO/CAMPO/Bend MPO staff (August 24)
- Assume Fund Exchange Program will not be available during upcoming STBG project solicitation
  - Explore certification options
  - Explore options for having locally certified agency or ODOT deliver projects
- Follow up memo from ODOT on result of AOC/LOC/ODOT committee work (Date TBD)
- It is very likely that cities and counties will lobby to reinstate the program in the future
  - Jurisdictions may want to engage with the AOC or LOC on how to participate

## Local Agencies Currently Certified

The map below shows local agencies that are currently certified in Oregon. City of Corvallis and Linn County are the two certified agencies located in the AAMPO/CAMPO planning area. ODOT is also certified to deliver projects using federal STBG funds.

