




Spokane Regional Transportation Council

Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting

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CY 2027 Unified List

Process & Criteria – Final

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Requested Action

Recommend SRTC Board approval of the CY 2027 Unified List Project Evaluation Criteria, as shown in the Attachment.

Unified List Purpose



The Unified List is a strategic tool used to communicate current regional transportation priorities to legislators for potential funding opportunities.

Unified List Integration

Long-Range Planning › Horizon 2050

→ Metropolitan Transportation Plan, 20+ year horizon

Medium-Range Planning › Unified List

→ Legislative priorities actively seeking funding

Short-Range Planning › TIP

→ Program of projects with funding secured

Planning Studies

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Unified List Process

- ▶ **Updated Annually**
- ▶ **New projects added, funded projects removed**



Key Dates

- ▶ **Project Submittal Period**

May 15 – June 12

- ▶ **SRTC Project Review & Draft List Development**

June 15 – August 14

- ▶ **Draft List**

August 26 (TTC & TAC), Sept 10 (Board)

- ▶ **Final List**

State Version: Sept 23 (TTC & TAC), Oct 8 (Board)

Federal Version: Sept 23 (TTC & TAC), Nov 12 (Board)

Evaluation Criteria



Economic Vitality



Cooperation & Leadership



Stewardship



Operations Maintenance & Preservation



Safety & Security



Quality of Life



Equity

Economic Vitality

- ▶ **Updated to incorporate new Horizon 2050 Activity Centers typology**



Ops Maintenance & Preservation

- ▶ **Overall points increased from 30 to 50**
- ▶ **Improving mobility on corridors with unreliable travel times**
- ▶ **Incorporating strategies identified in the SRTC Congestion Management Process**



Safety & Security

- ▶ **Overall points increased from 30 to 50**
- ▶ **Addressing safety issues on the High Injury Network**
- ▶ **Considering severity-weighted crash rates of the project areas**
- ▶ **Scoring projects that incorporate safety strategies to address fatal/serious injury crashes**



Next Steps

- ▶ **May 15**
Return to SRTC committees for recommendation of the 2027 Unified List Process & Criteria
- ▶ **May 14**
Request SRTC Board approval of the 2027 Unified List Process & Criteria
- ▶ **May 15**
Project submittal period opens
- ▶ **August 26** (TTC & TAC) / **September 10** (SRTC Board)
Review Draft CY 2026 Unified List

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Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) FFY 2026 Grant

SRTC Technical and Advisory Committees

Jason Lien - Transportation Planning Manager

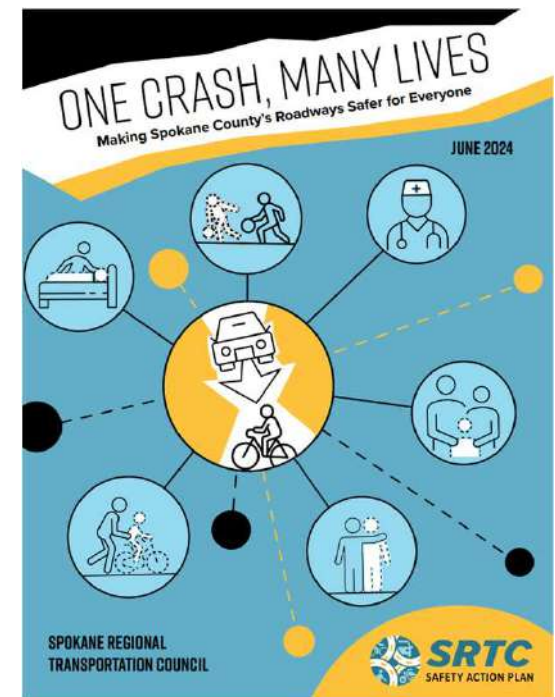
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SS4A Recap

- Regional Safety Action Plan Grant
 - FFY 2023 Award
 - Adopted June of 2024
- Safety Education Campaign Grant
 - FFY 2024
 - Estimated start date in 2026 or 2027
- AI Camera Data Collection
 - FFY 2025
 - Not awarded



SS4A-2026 Notice of Funding Opportunity

- Program intended to develop local Safety Action Plans or enhance/implement existing ones
- Applications due by May 26th
- Total funding available nationwide:
 - ~\$1 billion
- Grant Types
 - Planning and Demonstration
 - Implementation

Safety Factors

- Speeding
 - Distracted Driving
 - Impaired Driving
 - Vulnerable user groups
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- **Reduce fatal and serious injury crashes**



Regional Safety Action Plan

WHAT WOULD MAKE PEOPLE FEEL SAFER?

Top safety measures selected by community members who responded to our survey



1 Redesigning streets to encourage safer and slower driving speeds



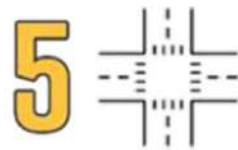
2 Installing traffic signals to help people cross the roadway



3 More bike lanes separated from traffic



4 More sidewalks



5 Reducing conflicts at intersections



6 Better lighting at sidewalks/street crossings



7 Shortening crossing distances (bulb outs, medians, refuge islands)

Quick Builds: Call for Projects

ADMINISTRATION

- **Funding Request:**
 - ~\$1 million per year (\$2m total)
- **Agency Support:**
 - To be eligible to receive funding from this grant, local agencies must provide a letter of support by May 15th.
- **Eligible Locations:**
 - HIN or other identified locations in local safety plans

IMPLEMENTATION

- **Timeframe:**
 - 2-years, 2027/2028 to 2029/2030
- **Pre-determined solutions:**
 - SRTC and local agency staff develop a “menu” of quick build options
- **Implementation**
 - ~6-month window to complete projects

Other Ideas?

- Data collection/acquisition
- Sidewalk inventory
- Supplemental planning for the RSAP
 - E.g. Evaluation of HIN corridors, Road safety audits
- Technology solutions
- Pilot projects

Next Steps

- Board discussion: May 14th
- Scoping and application drafting (May 26 deadline)
- Will be notified in the Fall if selected



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Legislative Activity – Federal Transportation Reauthorization

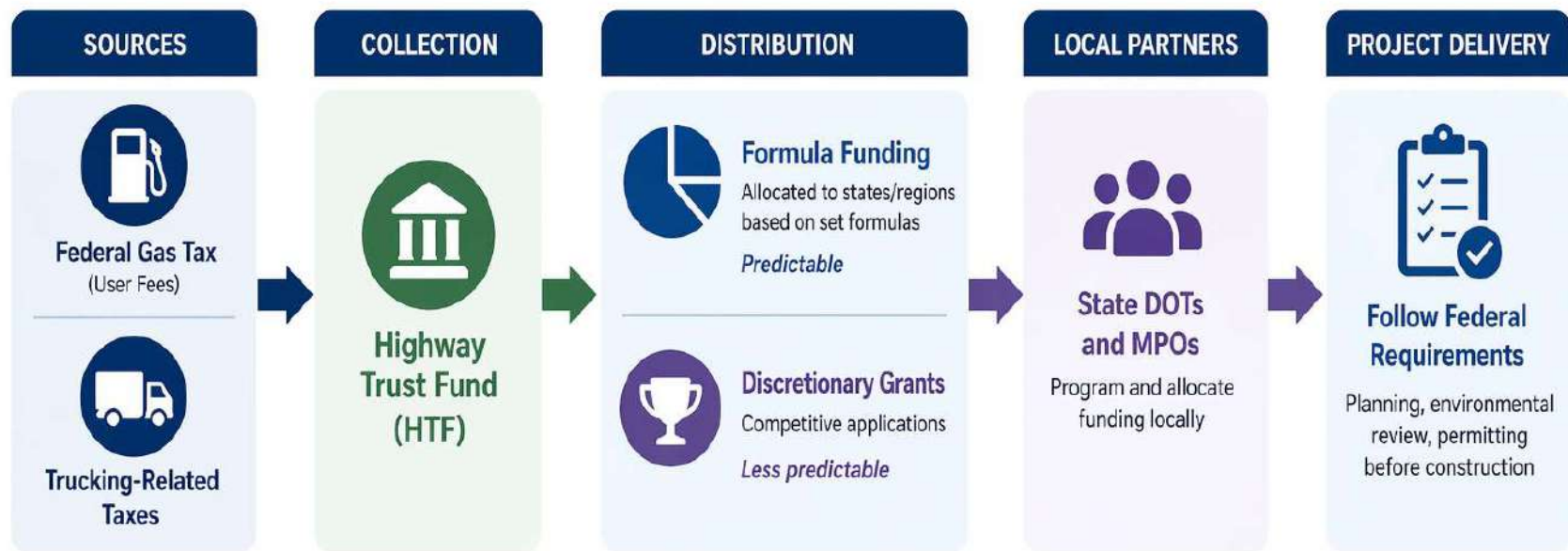
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Federal Transportation Funding – 101 Overview

From Federal Revenue to Better Communities



Federal rules ensure safe, efficient, and accountable use of transportation funds.



Investing today for a better transportation future.

Transportation Acts

Transportation Act	Enacted & Period	Key Features
Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) Public Law 109-59	Aug. 10, 2005 2006 - 2009 (10 extends)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishes Safety Programs (HSIP, SRTS) • Sets a floor to return Hwy Trust Fund \$'s to states
Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) Public Law 112-141	July 6, 2012 2013 - 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance Management • Enhances Safety Funding • Consolidated Programs
Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) Public Law 114-94	Dec. 4, 2015 2016 - 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enacted Long-term funding • Accelerate Project Delivery • Add'l Freight Programs

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Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act (IIJA)

Bill Details

- ▶ Enacted November 15, 2021
Public Law 117-58
- ▶ Covers a 5-year period from
Oct. 1, 2021 to Sept. 30, 2026
- ▶ Largest federal transportation
investment in history
- ▶ Used unspent COVID funding

Highlights

- ▶ Expanded Funding for Public Transit
- ▶ Added Funding to Address
Deteriorating Infrastructure
- ▶ New Programs include: Formula
Bridge Program, National Electric
Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI), Carbon
Reduction Program, and PROTECT

Expires on September 30, 2026

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Reauthorization Is Underway

Timing

House of Representatives

- ▶ Transportation & Infrastructure Committee - Sam Graves (R-MO)
- ▶ Met many times in 2025 (reviewed State of System, Highways, Freight & Psgr Rail Network, Safety, Transit, etc.)
- ▶ Wants to move a draft bill out of T&I to other committees in **Spring**

Senate

- ▶ Environment & Public Works Committee - Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV)
- ▶ Stated principles include: Safety & reliability; Reforming & modernizing fed programs & policies; and Addressing a variety of needs
- ▶ Expects to send a draft bill to other committees in **late Spring/Summer**

Topics

HIGHWAY TRUST FUND (HTF) SOLVENCY

FORMULA VS. DISCRETIONARY FUNDING

FEDERAL VS. STATE/LOCAL

FREIGHT, TRUCKING & SUPPLY CHAIN

TRANSIT & PROGRAMMATIC FUNDING

PERMITTING REFORM / STREAMLINING

SAFETY & INFRASTRUCTURE



Many Proposals & Positions

Emphasis Areas

- ▶ American Association of State Highway & Transportation Officials (AASHTO)
- ▶ Railway Safety Act of 2026 (H.R. 7748)
- ▶ Promoting Efficient Review for Modern Infrastructure Today (PERMIT Act)
- ▶ Bridges And Safety Infrastructure for Community Success Act (BASICS Act - H.R. 7437)



BASICS Act



- ▶ Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO)
- ▶ National Association of Counties (NACo)
- ▶ National Association of Development Organizations (NADO)
- ▶ National League of Cities (NLC)
- ▶ National Association of Regional Councils (NARC)
- ▶ The U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCM)



BASICS Act



There's a mismatch between responsibility and funding that has real consequences.

Regions and local governments plan for, own, and operate **more than 75% of the nation's roads.**

Locally owned roads make up **43% of the Federal-Aid Highway System.**

Locally owned roads **carry 34% of the vehicle miles traveled** in the United States of America.

Yet regions and local governments **receive only ~16% of federal transportation funding.**

- **INVESTS IN REPAIRING BRIDGES:** Builds on the Bridge Formula Program with a focus on both state- and locally owned infrastructure.
- **DELIVERS REGIONAL PRIORITY PROJECTS FASTER:** Increases Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) program funding and allows for direct allocation.
- **FOCUSES ON ROAD SAFETY:** Increases Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funding and ensures that 25% of HSIP funding is spent on projects in the MPO's TIP.
- **ENSURES TRANSPARENCY AND COLLABORATION:** Improves transparency around how funding flows, what resources are available to regions, and coordination regarding how projects advance from planning to delivery.
- **BUILDS STRONG PLANS FOR RURAL AND URBAN REGIONS:** Recommends base funding for Rural Transportation Planning Organizations (RTPOs) and increasing Metropolitan Planning (PL) funding.

Questions? Thoughts?

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Thank you...

