

## FREIGHT MOBILITY STRATEGIC INVESTMENT BOARD

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March 6, 2024

RE: High Priority Freight Mobility Project Funding Needs Request for State of Washington Six-Year Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Program

To Washington MPO and RTPO Partners:

The State of Washington's Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board (FMSIB) is inviting you to submit your highest priority freight mobility project funding needs for consideration to be included in a Six-Year Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Program. The Washington State Legislature (Legislature) charged FMSIB to develop a Six-Year Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Program of the highest priority freight mobility projects for funding consideration by the state and to submit a proposal to the Legislature by December 1, 2024. The Legislature fully funded the \$28.5 million in project recommendations submitted by FMSIB for the current biennium. The proposed investment program is for the six-year period beginning July 2025 – June 2031. (Three biennia: FY July 2025 - June 2027; FY July 2027 - June 2029; FY July 2029 - June 2031).

Attached to this message is a short application form to participate in this program. To be eligible for consideration, the proposed project or project phase(s) must be located on or directly connected to a <u>Designated Strategic Freight Corridor</u> and ready for construction within six years. Designated Strategic Freight Corridors are high volume truck, rail, and waterway routes in the State's Freight Good and Transportation System: T-1 and T-2 truck routes, R-1 rail routes, and W-1, W-2, W-3, W-4 waterways. Page 4 of the attached application describes the prioritization criteria FMSIB will use to rank projects. Applications for multiple projects and/or project phases can be submitted for consideration.

FMSIB will hold a Question & Answer (Q&A) Session on Tuesday, March 26th at 1:30 PM to help agencies respond to this request. This will be an opportunity to ask questions regarding the application process and gather information needed to support submittal of projects. Please use the following link to access the Q&A Session: <u>https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4620605694317667416</u> We recommend that you sign in early as you will need to register.

Applications and supporting documentation must be submitted via email to Sally See (Sally.See@fmsib.wa.gov) by 5:00 p.m. on April 19, 2024. Please submit any questions to Sally See in advance of the March 26 Q&A Session.

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FMSIB's mission is to support a competitive, resilient, sustainable, and equitable freight system that grows jobs and the economy, bolters Washington's role as a leader in international trade, and mitigates the impacts of freight on communities.

We look forward to coordinating with your agency to develop the Six-Year Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Program to be submitted to the Legislature in December 2024.

Sincerely,

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Kjristine Lund Executive Director Washington State Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board

cc: All Washington Local Agencies and Partners