

The Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board (FMSIB) is charged by the Washington State Legislature to develop a Six-Year Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Program of the highest priority freight mobility projects for the state. FMSIB will recommend funding for the program using the eligibility and prioritization criteria in this application (See page 4 for eligibility and prioritization criteria). The Legislature fully funded the \$28.5 million in project recommendations submitted by FMSIB for the current biennium. Freight projects should support a competitive, resilient, sustainable and equitable freight system that grows jobs and the economy, bolsters Washington's role as a leader in international trade, and mitigates the impacts of freight on communities.

This application is a request for agencies to submit information identifying freight projects to be funded by the Washington State Legislature for the next three biennia (FY July 2025 - June 2027; FY July 2027 - June 2029; FY July 2029 - June 2031). This funding program will be updated each biennium. The FMSIB Board Members will use the information collected through this funding request to prioritize a list of freight investments. To the extent possible, FMSIB will balance the prioritized list to achieve geographic representation across the state. FMSIB may reach out to agencies for additional information.

The FMSIB Six-Year Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Program builds on the 2022 Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Freight Investment Plan. Unfunded phases of projects that are included in the WSDOT Freight Investment Plan are eligible for FMSIB consideration and prioritization as described on page 4 of this application.

Please fill out this form with as much detail as possible for each project and/or project phase that you would like to be considered for the Six-Year Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Program, noting the biennium for which funding is being requested. To be eligible for consideration, the proposed project or project phase(s) must be located on or directly connect to a <u>Designated Strategic Freight Corridor</u>, which 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. Projects must also be ready for construction within six years. Projects that are awarded funding must be included in a regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to proceed. Please coordinate with your Metropolitan Planning Organization or Regional Transportation Planning Organization for inclusion.

### Please submit applications to Sally See (Sees@fmsib.wa.gov) by 5:00 p.m. on April 19, 2024.

CONTACT INFORMATION		
Lead Agency	Contact Person	
Phone Number	Email Address	
GENERAL PROJECT INFORMATION		
Project Title		

## **Project Location\***

\*Please include a map showing the project boundaries and location if available.

Begin Termini MP or major cross streets	MP	End or major cross	<b>Termini</b> s streets		
Legislative District	Construc	tion within	6 years	Yes	No
Located on Designated Strategic Freight Corridor*	Yes	No		for link to info	
*If no, does it directly connect to a Designated Strategic Freight Corrido	r? Yes	No	regarding Corridors	Designated St	trategic Freight

## **Project Type\***

\*FMSIB has set the following categories for preferred funding outcomes, indicated in bolded text below. FMSIB's goal investment targets for project categories is indicated in percentages. Please select the project type that best fits your project based on the example descriptions below.

## **Asset Preservation and Safety**

- Bridge Preservation (20%): projects that prevent, delay, or reduce deterioration of bridges or bridge elements and extend their service life; or restore the function of existing bridges.
- Road Preservation (15%): surface treatments or overlays.
- Bridge and Road Replacement (15%): complete road or bridge replacement.

Improving Operations of Existing System (5%)

• Transportation Systems Management and Operations (TSMO): improve the quality, effectiveness, resilience, and efficiency of the current system without adding capacity (e.g., more pavement).

#### Expanding the Existing System

- Grade Separations (15%): conversion of at-grade railroad crossings.
- Expansion of Freight Corridors (15%): improve first and last mile connections and parallel routes to increase capacity of freight corridors, reducing congestion and emissions.

#### Achieving the Freight System of the Future (15%)

- Truck Parking: construction of or improvements to truck parking.
- Land Banks: Land acquisitions that border waterways and airways that will help mitigate impacts of future projects on a particular area.
- Zero Emissions: construction of hydrogen fueling station, electrification, or other zero emissions improvements.

Project Description Describe the geographic boundary and improvements the project includes.

# **Project Importance** Describe how this project supports the preferred funding outcomes (noted in the gray box on page 1). If applicable, include information on how this project supports a larger freight investment priority (i.e. is this a component of a larger freight investment or project).

## **PROJECT COST AND FUNDING** Please complete the table below.

PE RW		Requested	Secured	Requested	Secured	Requested	Secured	
RW								
CN								
Total								
nding Sour	r <b>ce(s):</b> Please list al	l secured funding	sources.					

Have you previously received FMSIB funding for this project?	Yes	No	
Other			
State			
Federal			

If yes, what amount, when, and for which phase (if applicable)?

requests.

FMSIB FUNDING REQUEST					
FMSIB is requesting project applications for a S of funding being requested from the Legislature project. The Six-Year Freight Strategic Investme	e as well as the timir	ng for which funding is requeste	ed. Multiple applications	0	
FY July 2	2025-June 2027	FY July 2027-June 2029	FY July 2029-June	2031	
FMSIB Request Amount		<b>Timing</b> When is funding r	eeded?	Phase(s)	
FMSIB will update the Six-Year Freight Mobility criteria included on page 4 may change during	0	0 0	0	0	

# **Project Status Category\***

*Examples of projects that fit within ea	ach categor	y is provided bel	0 <i>W.</i>	
<ul> <li>Implementation:</li> <li>Design is at least 60% complete</li> <li>Significant progress has been made towar of-way</li> <li>Environmental approvals are underway</li> <li>Project is identified in a local, regional, are state plan</li> </ul>	0	✓ Right-of-way	least 30% complete needs are identified al has been initiated entified in a local, regional, and/or	<ul> <li>Initiation:</li> <li>Project has, at a minimum, been identified in a planning study</li> <li>Limited investment has been made towards further developing the project</li> </ul>
<b>Construction Start Year</b>			Design Status	
<b>Right-of-Way Required?</b>	Yes	No	<b>Right-of-Way Status</b>	
			# of Remaining Parcels to be Acquired	
			Timing for when Right-of- Way will be complete?* *please indicate when a	
Environmental Review Type		En	vironmental Review Status *please indicate where	the project is in the environmental review process.
Is the project included in any local, *If yes, please list any plans or studies th				Νο

# **PROJECT BENEFITS AND IMPACTS**

Project Benefits Please describe how this project will advance freight mobility and support the Washington State economy.

**Project Impacts** Please describe potential project impacts, such as impacts to the built and natural environments, that could influence obtaining permits or that pose a schedule risk. Examples include potential impacts to floodplains, wetlands, geological hazards, forest/agricultural lands, transportation impacts to other modes, construction impacts, business and/or residential displacements, etc. Please also describe impacts to overburdened communities.

# **PROJECT EVALUATION CRITERIA**

The following criteria will be used to prioritize projects and determine alignment with FMSIB's mission to identify the highest priority freight investments for the state. The legislature has identified approximately \$30 million for each biennium but FMSIB is building an unconstrained plan for statewide freight needs. The Six-Year Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Program may identify more projects than can be funded during the next three biennia.

Eligibility criteria includes projects that are 1) on or connects to a Designated Strategic Freight Corridor and 2) under construction within six years. Projects will be prioritized to ensure the plan is geographically balanced across the state.

Statewide Freight Importance 8 points possible, each question worth between 3 and 5 points.	Scoring Guide
<ul> <li>1. Tonnage (based on FGTS Classification)*         *if project is located on facility directly connecting to a designated strategic freight corridor, please indicate the FGTS classification of the facility to which the project connects.     </li> <li>FGTS Truck Corridors</li> </ul>	Up to 5 points
FGTS Rail Freight Corridors	
FGTS Waterway Freight Corridors	
<b>2. Truck Percentage or Volume*</b> *please include medium (Class 4-6) and heavy (Class 7-13) freight truck volumes separately when reporting truck percentage. Also indicate when counts were collected.	Up to 3 points
Project Funding 11 points possible, each question worth between 3 and 5 points.	Scoring Guide
3. Non-state match (% of total cost)	Up to 3 points
4. Percentage of funding 'committed'	Up to 5 points
5. Project listed in Regional Plan*     Yes     No       *If yes, please list.	Up to 3 points
Cost Considerations	

<b>2</b> points possi	ble.

#### 6. Cost effectiveness

Please provide information on how least cost solutions were considered.

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### 7b. Project alternatives and measures that address impacts, particularly to overburdened communities

Please describe actions taken to address potential impacts to overburdened communities, including consideration of project alternatives and mitigation measures.

Scoring Guide

Up to 2 points

9. Has this application been reviewed by the sponsoring Yes agency's project manager or project development team for the proposed project?	No
10. Do you have a team in place to implement the project?*       Yes	No
i.e. engineering staff to finalize design, construction management staff to build the project, etc.	

FMSIB is interested in learning from our partners if they are considering conducting any planning studies or research related to the freight system that could be considered for FMSIB funding in the future. If you would like to provide any information related to this, please answer the optional question below. This information will be used by FMSIB to identify needs for future funding opportunities.

**11. OPTIONAL:** Does your agency have any upcoming freightYesNoplanning efforts or studies that need funding?\*

\*If yes, please describe those planning efforts.