

# 2026 Funding Request Form

The Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board (FMSIB) is charged by the Washington State Legislature to develop a Six-Year Strategic Investment Program of the highest priority freight mobility projects. The projects selected by the FMSIB Board will be submitted to the legislature for recommendation of funding. Freight mobility investments should support a competitive, resilient, sustainable and equitable freight system that grows jobs, bolsters the economy, and mitigates community impacts.

This application is a request for agency sponsors to submit information identifying freight projects to be funded by the Washington State Legislature for each biennium on an ongoing basis. As such, this 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 that is geographically balanced across the state and that can proceed to construction in a timely manner (see page 4 for eligibility and prioritization criteria). FMSIB will review submissions and if necessary, may reach out for additional information. This prioritized list will be submitted to the Legislature for funding.

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 connect to a Designated Strategic Freight Corridor as shown here <https://www.arcgis.com/home/item.html?id=0e37044a459244d9b6414826b46e8c46> and be under 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. Projects must be included in order to use awarded FMSIB funds. Please submit applications to Fred Wenhardt (Fred.Wenhardt@fmsib.wa.gov).

## 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

End Termini

MP or major cross streets

Legislative District

Construction within 6 years

Yes

No

Located on Designated Strategic Freight Corridor\*

Yes

No

*Click here for link to information regarding Designated Strategic Freight Corridors*

*\*If no, does it directly connect to a Designated Strategic Freight Corridor?*

Yes

No

*\*If connected to a strategic corridor, please describe*

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

### Asset Preservation and Safety

- **Bridge Preservation:** 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:** surface treatments or overlays.
- **Bridge and Road Replacement:** complete road or bridge replacement.

### Improving Operations of Existing System

- **Transportation Systems Management and Operations (TSMO):** improve the quality, effectiveness, resilience, and efficiency of the current system without adding capacity (e.g., more pavement).
- **Intersection modifications and roadway restriping**
- **Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)**

### Expanding the Existing System

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

### Innovative Freight Solutions

- **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.
- **Inland Ports, Logistics Cluster, or Inland Intermodal Facilities**
- **Projects that limit GHG emissions in other ways**
- **Practical solutions that fall outside the parameters of preservation, maintenance, grade separation improving operations or expansion**

## GENERAL PROJECT INFORMATION, CONTINUED

**Project Type** Please describe how your project fits into one or more of the following project categories. In addition, please describe the regional impact of this project, the freight significance, and explicit benefit not prescribed within the project category.

**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.

| Phase | Est. Total Cost | Federal Funds |         | State Funds |         | Other Funds |         | Unfunded Amount |
|-------|-----------------|---------------|---------|-------------|---------|-------------|---------|-----------------|
|       |                 | Requested     | Secured | Requested   | Secured | Requested   | Secured |                 |
| PE    |                 |               |         |             |         |             |         |                 |
| RW    |                 |               |         |             |         |             |         |                 |
| CN    |                 |               |         |             |         |             |         |                 |
| Total |                 |               |         |             |         |             |         |                 |

**Funding Source(s):** Please list all secured funding sources.

Federal

State

Other

**Have you previously received FMSIB funding for this project?** Yes No

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

## FMSIB FUNDING REQUEST

FMSIB is requesting project applications for a Six-Year Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Program recommendation to the Legislature. Please indicate the amount of funding being requested from the Legislature as well as the timing for which funding is requested. Multiple applications can be submitted for multiple phases of one project. The Six-Year Freight Strategic Investment Program will fund projects for the following biennia:

FY July 2027-June 2029

FY July 2029-June 2031

FY July 2031-June 2033

**FMSIB Request Amount**

**Timing** When is funding needed?

**Phase(s)**

FMSIB will update the Six-Year Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Program during each biennium through additional calls for funding requests. The prioritization criteria included on page 4 may change during future calls. If the prioritization criteria is updated, FMSIB will communicate those changes during future calls for funding requests.

## 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. Where applicable, please describe any 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

10 points possible, each question worth up to 5 points.

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#### 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. If available, please list the tonnage and its source.*

**FGTS Truck Corridors**

**FGTS Rail Freight Corridors**

**FGTS Waterway Freight Corridors**

**Tonnage Source:**

**Up to 5 points**

#### 2. Other Strategic Benefit\*

*\*please indicate how this project illustrates statewide importance related to: mobility, preservation, stewardship, safety, system resiliency, emissions reductions, tonnage or another category not listed*

**Up to 5 points**

### Project Funding

8 points possible, each question worth between 3 and 5 points.

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#### 3. Percentage of funding committed

**Up to 5 points**

#### 4. Project listed in Regional Plan\*

**Yes**

**No**

**0 or 3 points**

*\*If yes, please list.*

## Overburdened Communities

8 points possible, each question worth up to 2 points.

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### 5. Engagement with Overburdened Communities

Up to 2 points

*Please describe any equity policies, outreach plans, outreach materials, translation into multiple languages, and/or other engagement work that has been done or that you anticipate to be done.*

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

Up to 2 points

*Please describe actions taken to address potential impacts to overburdened communities, including consideration of project alternatives and mitigation measures. Have mitigation measures been identified and alternatives implemented?*

### 7. Environmental project alternatives and measures that address impacts, particularly to overburdened communities

Up to 2 points

*How has this project properly considered the environmental impacts of the freight project, specifically as it relates to overburdened communities? Have mitigation measures been identified and alternatives implemented?*

### 8. Safety project alternatives and measures that address impacts, particularly to overburdened communities

Up to 2 points

*Has this project properly considered pedestrian, cyclist, and motorist safety as it relates to freight mobility and its impact on overburdened communities? Have mitigation measures been identified and alternatives implemented?*

## Project Status

5 points possible, each question worth between 2 and 3 points.

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#### Implementation:

- ✓ Design is at least 60% complete
- ✓ Significant progress has been made towards right-of-way
- ✓ Environmental approvals are underway
- ✓ Project is identified in a local, regional, and/or state plan

#### Development:

- ✓ Design is at least 30% complete
- ✓ Right-of-way needs are identified
- ✓ Environmental has been initiated
- ✓ Project is identified in a local, regional, and/or state plan

#### Initiation:

- ✓ Project has, at a minimum, been identified in a planning study
- ✓ Limited investment has been made towards further developing the project

### 9. Please describe your project status in terms of: Level of Design, ROW Progress, and Environmental Review

Up to 2 points

### 10. Please describe your project readiness

*Is the project ready to proceed within 6-12 months upon award of funding? Does this project offer resiliency in funding and staffing to proceed on the original timeline with reasonable variation?*

Up to 3 points

### Additional Questions

4 points possible, each question worth between 1 and 2 points.

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**11. What is the statewide significance of this project as it relates to freight mobility and economic development?**

**Up to 2 points**

**12. Do you have any letters of support, commitment of funding, inclusion in a regional plan, or other forms of support from a city, county, port, tribe, MPO/RTPO, or other community and agency partners? If yes, please describe and attach.**

**Up to 1 point**

**13. Have you completed module worksheets contained in the Toolkit and Best Practices for Integrating Community Considerations? If yes, please describe and attach.**

**Up to 1 point**

### OPTIONAL QUESTIONS

**14. Do you possess any media - in the forms of photographs, videos, drone footage, diagrams or similar showcasing the current state of the project as well as visual of completion? If so, please attach.**

**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.**

**15. Does your agency have any upcoming freight planning efforts or studies that need funding?\***

*\*If yes, please describe those planning efforts.*