



Fix-IT & Enhance

STIP Program Categories

Changes in the 2015-2018 STIP Process

The Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) and ODOT have changed how the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) is developed. The STIP will no longer be developed as a collection of projects for specific pools of funding dedicated to specific transportation modes or specialty programs. Beginning in the summer of 2012, the whole STIP will be divided into two broad categories: **Fix-It** and **Enhance**.

Enhance: Activities that enhance, expand, or improve the transportation system

Fix-It: Activities that fix or preserve the transportation system

The **Fix-It** project selection process is similar to prior STIPs, as these projects are developed mainly from management systems that help identify needs based on technical information for things like pavement and bridges. The **Enhance** process is the significant change for the future and reflects ODOT's goal to become a more multimodal agency and make investment decisions based on the system as a whole, not for each mode or project type separately. This new process has a variety of benefits:

- Local governments and ODOT Regions can submit one type of application for a variety of Enhance projects
- ACTs and others can more fully participate in the STIP development process by helping to select all Enhance projects
- The same information is now available for all kinds of Enhance projects, including anticipated benefits
- Different investments and modes can be compared and considered all together
- ACTs can prioritize all Enhance projects important to the area

ODOT is looking forward to this new process helping the agency and its partners to better look across the system and across modes and individual needs to better support an integrated statewide transportation system. The new process also better reflects Oregon Transportation Plan policy and helps to better meet direction from the OTC, the Governor and Legislature, and from federal agencies and legislation.

NOTE: These changes are not reflected in the blue STIP Primer booklet, which was printed before the changes were introduced.

For more information about these changes, visit the STIP Web site at <http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/TD/STIP/Pages/WhatsChanged.aspx>