

PACTS

Portland Area Comprehensive Transportation System

funding. He recommended continuous monitoring and review of the framework to track performance.

Erin was supportive of the framework.

Robert Currie supported the framework. He asked whether anything would change for YCCAC and RTP and MaineDOT subrecipients. Kristina said that, even with MaineDOT as YCCAC and RTP's designated recipient, all applicable FTA funding would go through the framework, which would have an affect on paratransit providers.

Kristina summarized the main concerns raised and how they are addressed by the framework:

- *The 75/25 split could be too rigid.* The framework includes a flexible set-aside of at least 75 percent of FTA funding for operations and preventative maintenance.
- *The framework could open the door to consolidation.* The framework is designed to be more objective and less political. There is a change to the committee structure, but all transit agencies will be represented at the governing level.
- *The previous process was more effective.* The framework essentially subsumes the previous RAD process. Operations and preventative maintenance needs will still be met.
- *Smaller agencies may not be competitive for operations funding when they are incorporated into the framework.* The group will meet in 2022 to develop a comprehensive and balanced approach.

Final approval

- Matt was in favor.
- Erin was in favor.
- Tony was opposed.

Kristina noted that all designated recipients must be in agreement to move forward. Tony remained concerned about consolidation.

Staff will schedule another meeting with the group to discuss further. As the issue will not be resolved in time for the next Executive Committee meeting, there may be a delay in calling for projects. Kristina requested that any others with outstanding concerns alert staff and provide a recommended solution. She and Erin thanked staff for their work.

7. Adjourn