



# RTC Board Sub-Committee: Member Dues Review

Presentation to: Clark County Council  
February 10, 2016

# Due Review Sub-committee

- Jeanne Stewart , Clark County (MPO County)
- Jack Burkman, City of Vancouver (MPO Large City)
- Melissa Smith, City of Camas (MPO Small City)
- Jeff Hamm, C-TRAN (Special District)
- Doug McKenzie, Skamania County (RTPO County)
- Nancy Baker, Port of Vancouver (Port Districts)
- Four Meetings
  - August 27, 2015
  - September 17, 2015
  - October 15, 2015
  - December 10, 2015

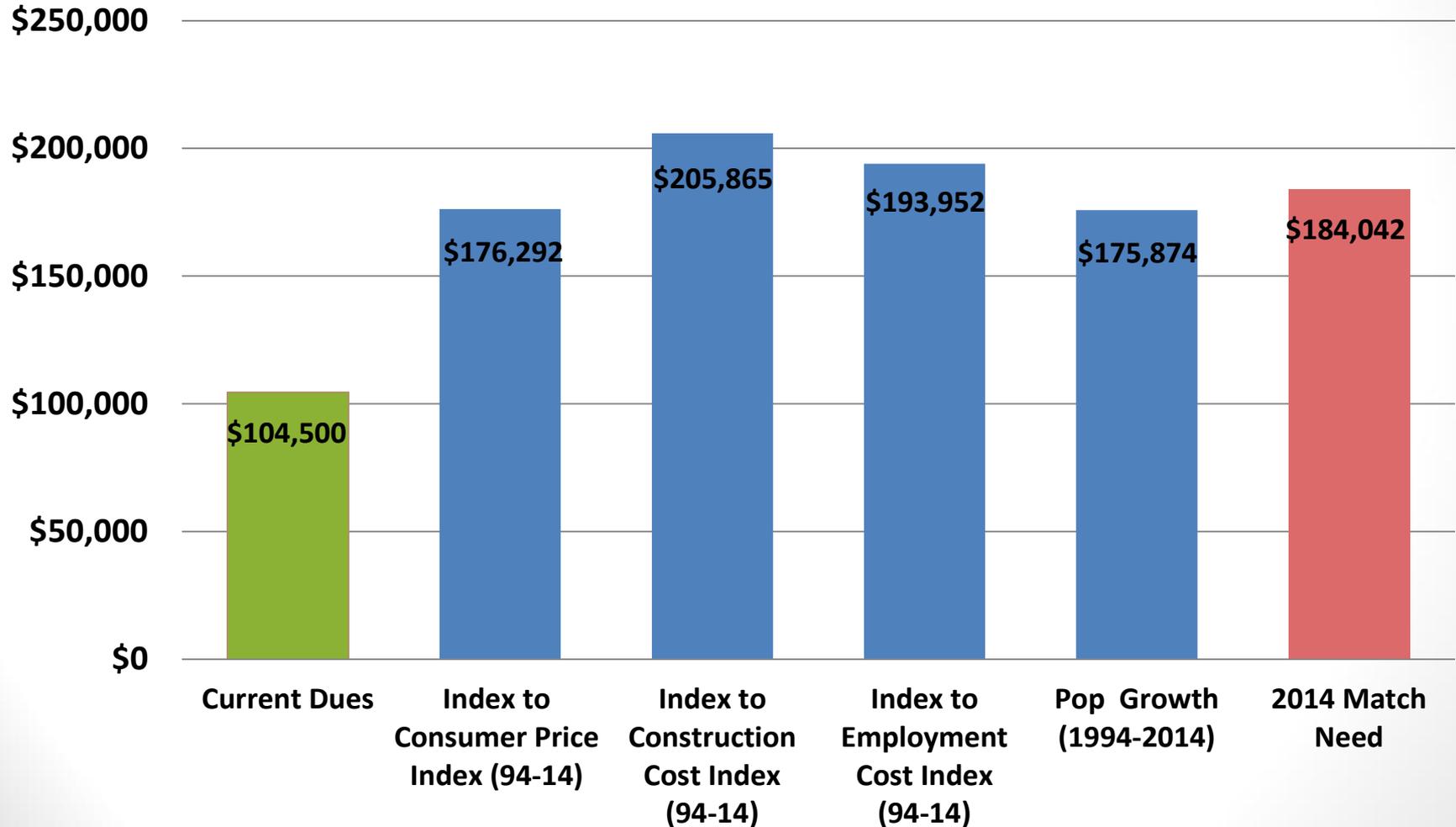
# 1994 to 2014 Changes

- The MPO/RTPO area population has grown from 282,390 to 477,034
  - An increase of 68.3%
- The Consumer Price Index has increased from 140.3 to 236.7
  - An increase of 68.7%
- RTC's average annual expenditures have increased 68.1%
  - 1994 – 98 average annual expenditure of \$929,993
  - 2010 – 14 average annual expenditure of \$1,562,930

# Peer Review Findings

- Most MPO dues shares are based on population
- Non-municipal members (such as DOTs, transit agencies and ports) are most often assessed a flat amount or fixed percentage as determined by the MPO policy board
- A few agencies assess based on a combined formula of regional share of population and assessed property values.

# Options for Dues Baseline Adjustment



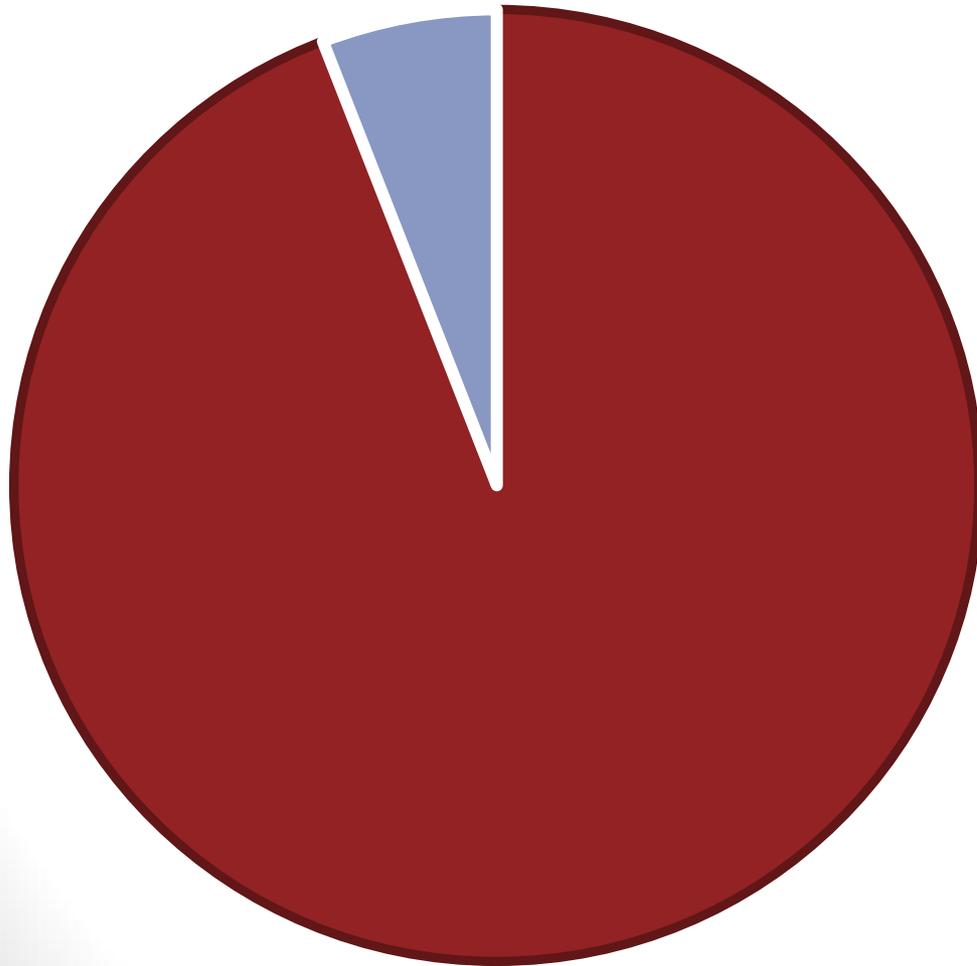
# Dues Amount

**(1) - How big a pie?**

**\$180,000**

2014 match need  
72% increase

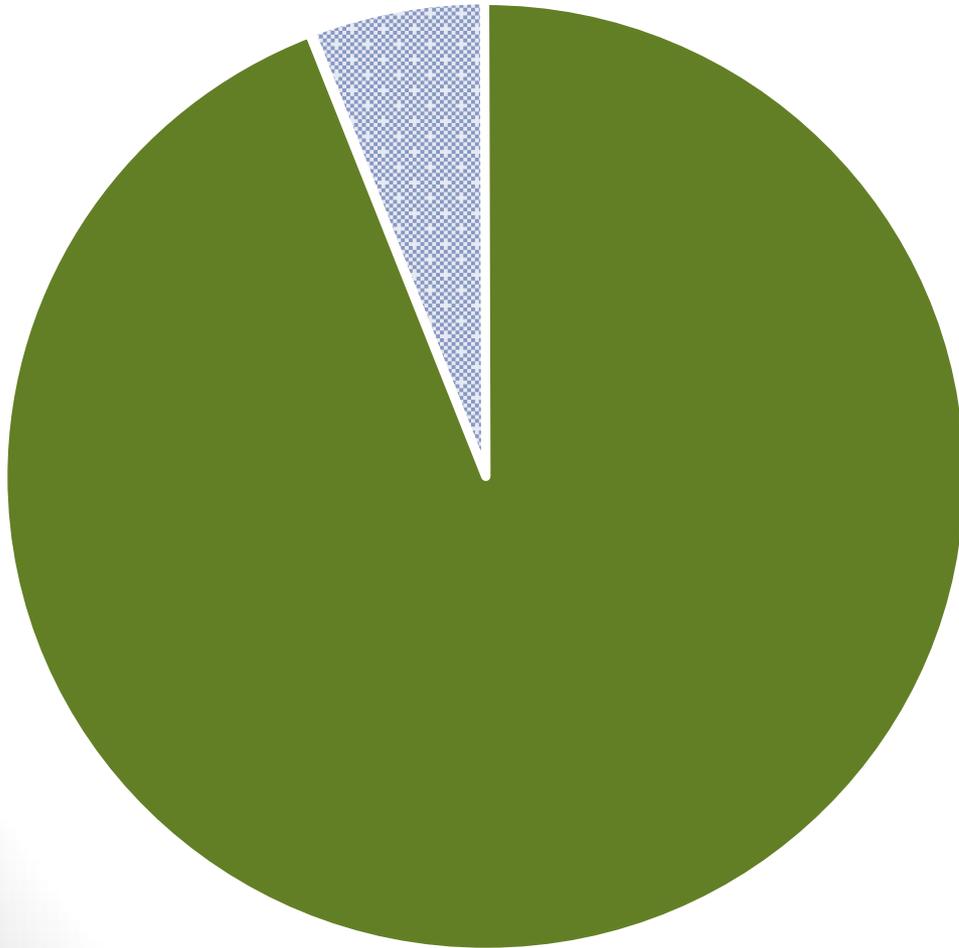
# Dues For the Gorge Communities



**Gorge / RTPO Members**  
4.2% share of total  
\$ 7,600

- Current dues: \$4,500 or 4.3% of total dues
- 2014 RTPO portion of total staff hours = 4.9%
- 2014 RTPO portion of total costs = 4.5%

# Dues For the MPO Area

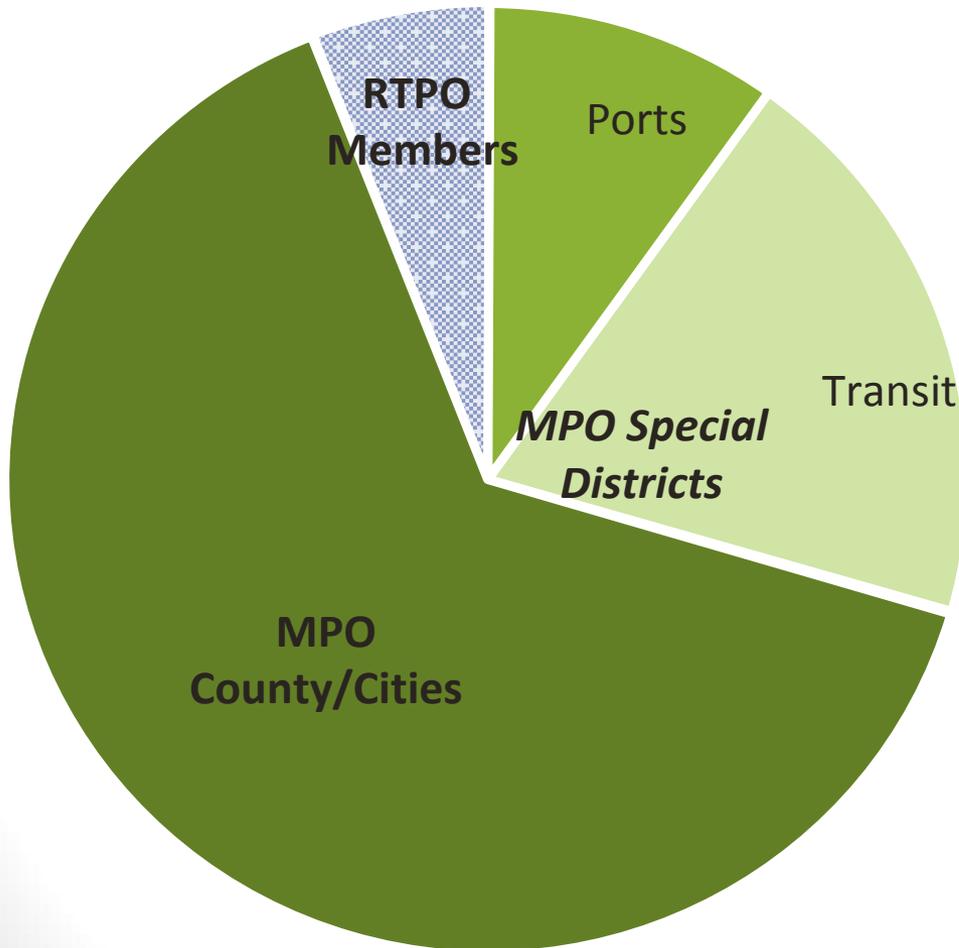


**Clark County / MPO  
Members**

**95.8% share of total**

**\$172,400**

# Dues Split – MPO Area Members



**10% Ports**

**20% C-TRAN**

**70% General Purpose Gov.**

# Summary of Proposed Dues

Total Dues				Jurisdiction	Population Share	Dues	Share of total		
\$ 180,000	RTPO @ 4.2%	\$ 7,600		Unincorporated Klickitat County	NA	\$ 1,000	0.6%		
				Bingen	NA	\$ 800	0.4%		
				Goldendale	NA	\$ 800	0.4%		
				White Salmon	NA	\$ 800	0.4%		
				Port of Klickitat	NA	\$ 800	0.4%		
				Unincorporated Skamania County	NA	\$ 1,000	0.6%		
				North Bonneville	NA	\$ 800	0.4%		
				Stevenson	NA	\$ 800	0.4%		
				Port of Skamania	NA	\$ 800	0.4%		
	MPO @ 95.8%	C-TRAN @ 20% of MPO	\$ 34,480	C-TRAN	100%	\$ 34,480	19.2%		
				Ports @ 10% of MPO	\$ 17,240	Port of Vancouver	84.3%	\$ 14,526	8.1%
						Port of Ridgefield	5.0%	\$ 870	0.5%
		Port of Camas/Washougal	10.7%			\$ 1,843	1.0%		
		General Purpose Govenemnts @ 70% of MPO	\$ 120,680	Unincorporated Clark County	47.5%	\$ 57,271	31.8%		
				Battle Ground	4.2%	\$ 5,091	2.8%		
				Camas	4.7%	\$ 5,691	3.2%		
				La Center	0.7%	\$ 831	0.5%		
Ridgefield				1.4%	\$ 1,645	0.9%			
Vancouver	37.8%			\$ 45,623	25.3%				
Washougal	3.4%	\$ 4,064	2.3%						
Yacolt	0.4%	\$ 442	0.2%						

# Future Dues Adjustment and Review

- Dues for MPO members recommended to be adjusted annually using a Bureau of Labor Statistics national cost index: Employment Cost Index - State and Local Government professional workers series.
- Establish a 5-year (interval) full dues review assessment cycle (Board sub-committee) to review and adjust the following:
  - Review total Dues assessment and current RTC budget needs
  - Adjust MPO population share distributions with then current OFM forecasts within general-purpose government and Port district categories
  - Review RTPO dues and adjust as needed a fixed dues share distribution among counties and cities / port districts.

# Next Steps

- RTC Board to review final Staff recommendation and request for action on April 5, 2016
- Dues Assessment to be effective January 1, 2017



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