

# Western Road Usage Charge Consortium (WRUCC)



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# WRUCC is a multi-state research consortium of western state DOTs

## MEMBER STATES

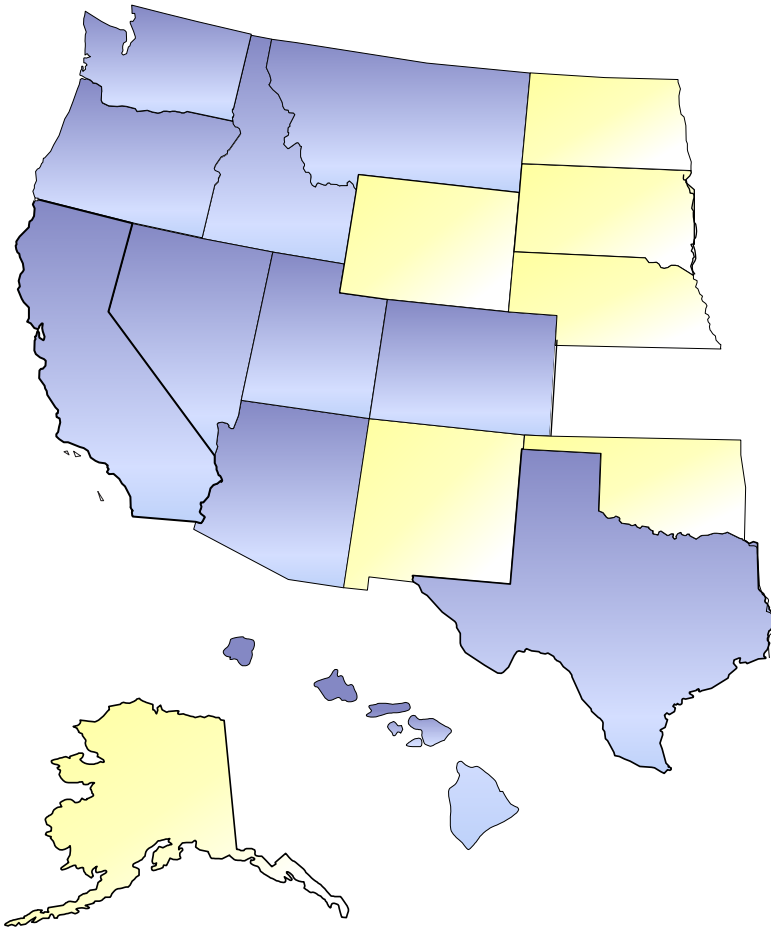


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Oregon  
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Washington

## ELIGIBLE STATES



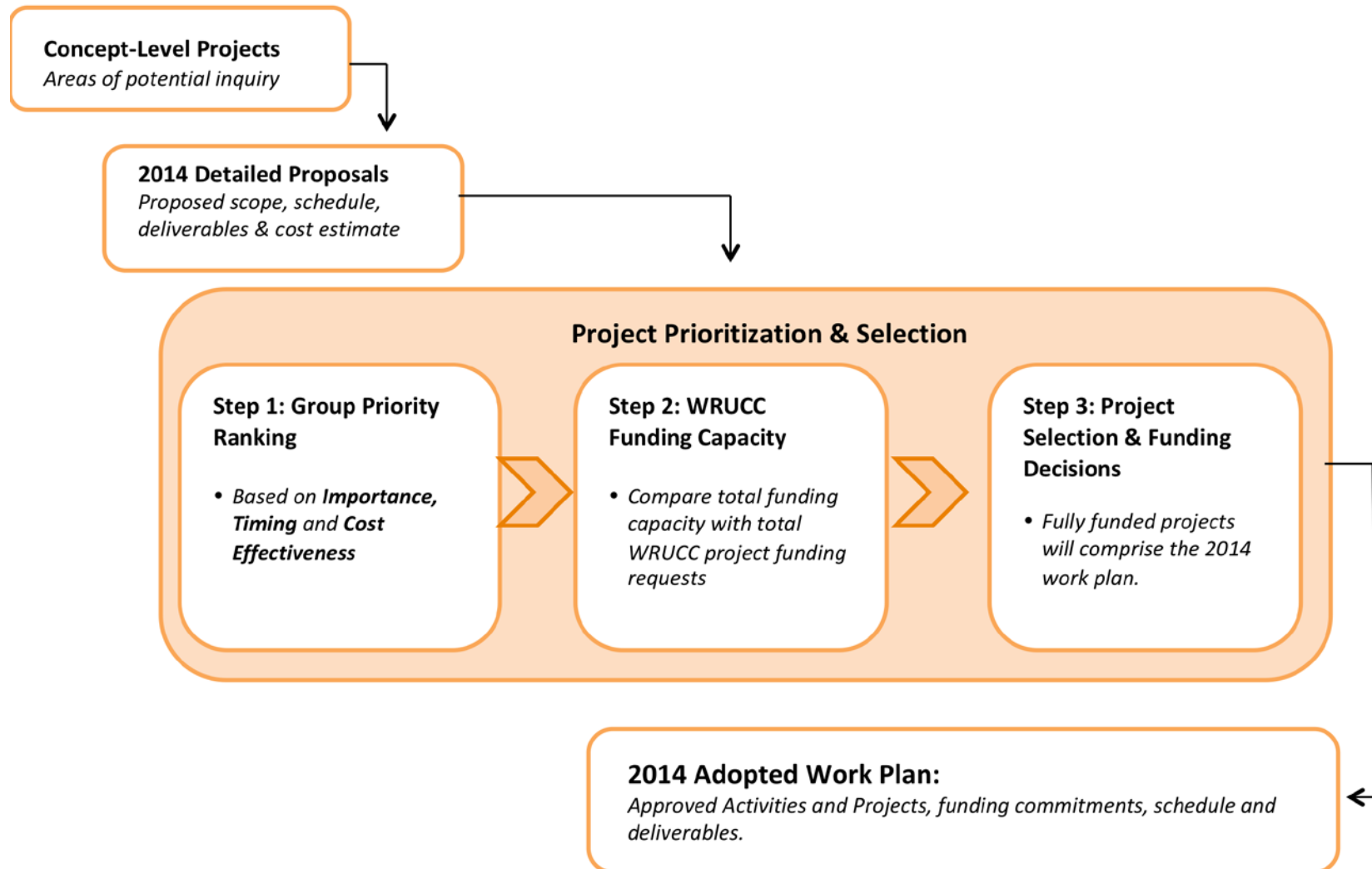
Alaska  
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New Mexico  
North Dakota  
Oklahoma  
South Dakota  
Wyoming



# How are research projects selected?

## WRUCC Project Selection Process

**Purpose:** to ensure the adopted WRUCC annual work plan reflects Members' highest priorities, addresses the most time-sensitive topics, and is properly scaled to match the available resources.

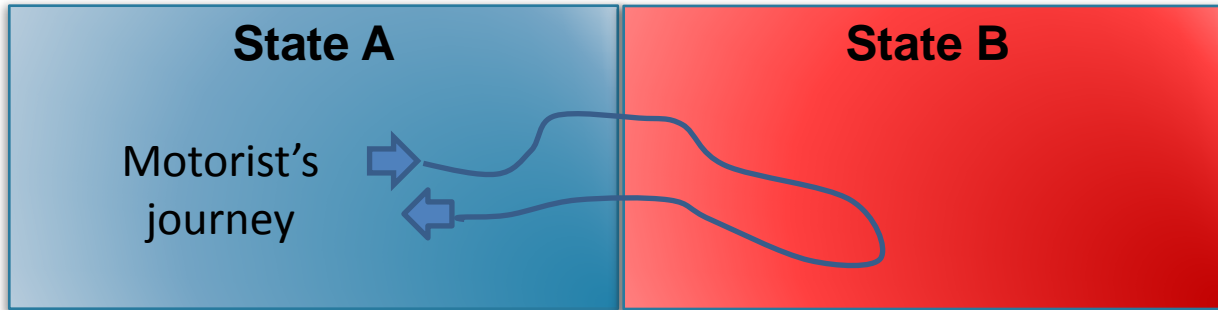


# WRUCC potential projects for 2014-15

- Peer review of Oregon DOT's Road Usage Charge program
- Public communications coordination among state DOTs
- ✓ *How to address out-of-state (and international) drivers in a RUC system*
- Impacts of changing fleet fuel economy on state DOT revenue sources
- Online calculator to allow consumers to estimate household impacts of a RUC
- Effects of a RUC system on rural residents
- Compilation of best practices to create a “roadmap” for DOT consideration of a RUC system
- Identifying information gaps and research needs related to RUC systems

# WRUCC Project Highlight:

*Addressing Out-of-State Drivers in a RUC System (Phase 1 of 2)*



## Issues to address:

- How does the **Motorist** interact with the RUC system?
- How does the RUC state deal with the out-of-state motorist?
- How do the states interact with each other (reconciliation of revenues, etc.)?
- How might private sector RUC service providers participate or assist?

## Initial policy options for states to handle out-of-state motorists:

- No charge
- Shadow charge (i.e., state-to-state transfers of revenue – not individuals)
- Fuel-based charge
- Time-based charge
- Distance-based charge

# WRUCC Project Highlight:

*Addressing Out-of-State Drivers in a RUC System (Phase 1 of 2), continued...*

- **Task 1:** Project Kickoff: July 3
  
- **Task 2.1:** Summarize approaches for accounting for out-of-state mileage, including unique issues for participating states:
  - Washington
  - Oregon
  - California
  - Texas
  - Montana
  - Colorado

*Deliverable:* Memo on approaches for imposing RUC for out-of-state driving

- **Task 2.2:** Summarize approaches for multi-state RUC reporting for individuals and for states. *Deliverable:* Memo on approaches for state reporting and tax reconciliation.
  
- **Task 3:** Document findings in a report and presentation: WRUCC Fall Quarterly Meeting.

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