

RTA Wildlife Linkage
Guidelines for Projected Funding Allocation (revised)

Total Funds Originally Allocated to RTA Wildlife Linkages		\$45,000,000
I. Priority Allocation for Restoring Regional Connectivity: This is defined as re-connecting and re-establishing connectivity between significant protected areas that provide high biological value for the overall region.		
	<u>Percentage of Total Amount (allocated)</u>	<u>Dollars</u>
<u>Areas considered eligible for investment</u>		
New Construction: Project Specific Research Activities, including pre-design and post-construction monitoring (these are specific to the individual projects identified by the various municipalities)		
Enhancements to New Construction Projects (these are the "add ons" that would restore wildlife connectivity and may be added to a new construction project. These are considered outside the realm of a normal feature i.e. additional fencing, addtl right of way, or special culvert modifications).	Approx. 50%-70%	\$22,500,000 to \$31,500,000
Retrofits to existing barriers: These are the projects where an existing barrier has been identified and reasonable/efficient solutions can be implemented. This total also includes the amount needed for pre- project data gathering, analysis, design and possibly right of way for the recommended mitigation, as well as post construction monitoring.		
II. Priority Allocation for Maintaining Permeability: This is defined as maintaining an existing ability for various wildlife to move back and forth between localized biological areas.		
	<u>Percentage of Total Amount (allocated)</u>	<u>Dollars</u>
<u>Areas considered eligible for investment</u>		
New Construction: Project Specific Research Activities, including pre-design and post-construction monitoring (these are specific to the individual projects identified by the various municipalities)		
Enhancements to New Construction Projects (these are the "add ons" that would enhance wildlife connectivity and permeability and may be added to a new construction project. These are considered outside the realm of a normal feature i.e. additional fencing, addtl right of way, or special culvert modifications).	Approx. 27.5% - 47.5%	\$12,375,000 to \$21,375,000
Retrofits to existing barriers: These are the projects where an existing barrier has been identified and reasonable/efficient solutions can be implemented. This total also includes the amount needed for pre- project data gathering, analysis, design and possibly right of way for the recommended mitigation, as well as post construction monitoring.		
III. Priority Allocation for General Research		
	<u>Percentage of Total Amount (allocated)</u>	<u>Dollars</u>
<u>Fund Categories and Allocated Amounts</u>		
Regional Research Priorities defined by the Committee to be beneficial for regional application, and which facilitates/enhances wildlife understanding and implementation capabilities.	2.5%	\$1,125,000
	Total	\$45,000,000