



January 2, 2007

To: Metropolitan Policy Committee
From: Susan Payne
Subject: Item 5.d: Redeployment of West Eugene Parkway Funds

Action Recommended: Review. Approve letter to Region 2 commenting on funds reallocation.

At their November 2006 meeting, the Oregon Transportation Commission approved an amendment to the FY06-09 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) that cancelled two projects in the MPO area:

OR126: West Eugene Parkway, Unit 1, Part A (\$17.737 million)
OR126: West Eugene Parkway Wetland Mitigation, Unit 2 (\$1.0 million)

Of the total funding, \$11.7 million in STIP Modernization funds were made available for reprogramming. OTC instructed ODOT staff to bring back a proposal for redeploying these funds within Region 2 on modernization projects currently in construction or scheduled for construction by 2011. MPC was informed of this action at their December 14 meeting.

On December 21, a recommendation (Attachment 1) was made by ODOT and was distributed for comment to the Region 2 ACT chairs and Lane Co. commissioners. Within the Eugene/Springfield area (Area 5), \$3.5 million is proposed for redirection to the I-5: Beltline Phase 2 project.

Following receipt of comments and final discussions between Region 2 and county representatives, as outlined in Attachment 1, final recommendation is expected to go to OTC in March.

Upon review of this issue, MPC may decide to submit a letter to Region 2 commenting on the reallocation. Staff have provided a draft letter that can serve at least as a starting point for this purpose (Attachment 2).

Attachment 1. Letter from Jeff Scheick, ODOT Region 2 Manager.
Attachment 2. Draft letter