



January 3, 2008

To: Metropolitan Policy Committee
From: Paul Thompson
Subject: Item 5.c: FY10-13 STIP Modernization Priorities

Action Recommended: Address Task 2 in ODOT Memo (see previous agenda item) – review and approve draft recommendations for MPO Modernization funding priorities for FY10-13 STIP.

Background

Attachment 1 to the previous item (5.b) in this MPC packet presents a memo from ODOT Region 2 regarding “*STIP Process and Program Funding Update.*” The memo includes four tasks related to ODOT STIP modernization project priorities. This MPC agenda item addresses the second of the four tasks.

Discussion

As outlined in the included ODOT memo and previously discussed with MPC, ODOT is currently in the process of establishing project priorities for potential modernization funding in the upcoming FY10-13 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

Modernization project priorities are currently under consideration for the last two years (2012 & 2013) of the FY10-13 STIP (the first two years are already funded in the current, overlapping FY08-11 STIP). ODOT Region 2’s latest estimate of available funding for Area 5 (Lane County) for the two years is approximately \$6 million. ODOT has requested input from the MPO and the Lane County Board of Commissioners regarding modernization project priorities for the use of that funding. Region 2 staff has indicated that providing information on potential funding priorities for approximately 150 percent of the estimated \$6 million in available funding is appropriate.

In light of probable funding reductions to ODOT Area 5 modernization projects in the current FY08-11 STIP, staff considered “backfilling” the funding for the already established priorities as the top priority for the next available round of STIP modernization funding.

On December 18, 2007, the MPO's Transportation Planning Committee unanimously voted to recommend the following 2010-2013 STIP ODOT modernization project priorities:

- #1 Backfill the Beltline Road preliminary engineering development work for \$2.5 million
- #2a Backfill the Interstate 5 at Coburg interchange project for the acquisition of right-of-way or other project needs as scoped in an adopted phased strategy for \$3.4 million
- #2b Provide funding for discrete improvements for the Interstate 5 at Beltline project during Phase II for \$3.4 million*

*Coburg staff supported the motion with the comment that they believed only priorities 1 and 2a needed to be put forth since the I-5/Coburg project would be able to make use of any available funding in the 2010-13 STIP cycle.

Due to ODOT's deadlines and local meeting dates, the MPO's Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) will receive a report on January 16 at their evening meeting, but will not be able to make a recommendation prior to the Metropolitan Policy Committee's January 10 meeting. At the January 10 MPC meeting, in order to meet the first ODOT deadlines, MPO staff will ask the MPC to take action on initial recommendations under ODOT's Tasks 1 & 2, and will then hold a public hearing at the February MPC meeting on ODOT's Tasks 3 & 4, prior to the ODOT deadlines for those tasks.

In keeping with the established process for considering STIP priorities within Lane County, MPC's priorities for projects within the MPO/metropolitan area will be forwarded to the Lane County Board of Commissioners. The Board is scheduled to consider the FY10-13 STIP modernization priorities later in January and will incorporate the MPO's priorities with possible STIP priorities in other areas of the county and then provide input to ODOT Region 2.

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