

December 30, 2003

To: Metropolitan Policy Committee

From: Paul Thompson

Subject: Item 5.f.1.b: Administrative Amendment to FY04-06 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP)

At the October 9, 2003 MPC meeting MPC adopted the FY04-06 Central Lane MTIP. The MTIP lists transportation projects using federal funds programmed for fiscal years 2004-2006. The MTIP also lists all non-federal funding sources for individual projects.

One of the projects programmed in the adopted FY04-06 MTIP is the Eugene *Courthouse District Transportation Improvements* modernization project programmed for FY04 and FY06 using a combination of federal and Lane County funds. The federal funds programmed for this project reflect an anticipated federal "earmark" appropriation. However, since the federal reauthorization of transportation legislation (including earmark funds) has not occurred to date, the Oregon Department of Transportation has requested that the listing of federal funds for this project be withdrawn until such time as those funds are formally allocated.

As a result of this request, the Transportation Planning Committee (TPC) acted unanimously on December 18, 2003 to adopt an administrative amendment to the MTIP to identify all funding for this project in the "Other" (non-federal) category, as a mix of City of Eugene and Lane County funding. This amendment is also consistent with the Eugene City Council's action (as the Eugene Urban Renewal Agency) to:

include in the next draft of the Urban Renewal Riverfront Plan the transportation infrastructure to support the development of the federal courthouse project and the redevelopment of the courthouse district, including the use of the urban renewal tax increment revenues and other revenues received by the district, such as State or County road funds, as well as the use of bonds, such sources of revenue to be used only in the event that federal funding through transportation reauthorization is insufficient.

Should the federal funds be authorized for these improvements as anticipated, another MTIP amendment would be required to reflect the federal funding for the project.

Action Requested: None. Information only.