

January 6, 2005

To: Metropolitan Policy Committee
From: Paul Thompson
Subject: Item 5.e: Status of Oregon MPO Summit III

Action Recommended: Review and discuss JPACT proposal for legislative priorities.

Background:

At the second Oregon MPO Summit on October 15, 2004 one of the key outcomes was an agreement to consider adoption of a common resolution outlining key funding priorities for the 2005 Oregon legislative session and development of a joint letter to the Governor, the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) and the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) outlining key issues for the MPOs.

Toward that end, a draft resolution developed by the Portland Metro Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) for adoption by the Metro Council was attached to the November 12, 2004 *MPO Summit II Outcomes* memo included in the November MPC meeting packet.

Issue Summary:

The third MPO summit is slated to occur in February in Salem (a specific date is not yet set). This summit will coincide with the beginning of the legislative session and will potentially include a joint appearance of MPO officials before legislative transportation committees. As part of the preparations for MPO Summit III, JPACT has prepared a Metro resolution (included as Attachments 1 and 2, with exhibit) putting forth a state legislative funding proposal for a multi-modal transportation program. At this time, Central Lane MPO staff is aware that the Rogue Valley MPO (RVMPO) has also prepared a resolution, based on the Metro model, for consideration by the RVMPO Policy Committee.

The proposed Metro resolution and *Multi-Modal Transportation Funding Concept* focuses on three key ideas:

1. A funding package for road operations, maintenance and modernization.
2. A funding package for transit, freight and passenger rail, marine and aviation projects.

3. Funding through the ODOT budget for elderly and disabled transit service, bus replacement and transportation demand management.

Central Lane MPO staff recommends that the MPC members review and discuss the Metro proposal as a model for joint endorsement by the Oregon MPOs. If MPC indicates support for this legislative priorities framework, staff will prepare a Central Lane MPO resolution for the February 2005 MPC meeting which can indicate support going into the third MPO Summit later in February.

Attachments:

Attachment 1: Metro Resolution No. 04-3498A: For the Purpose of Endorsing Regional Priorities for a State Transportation Funding Package

Attachment 2: Metro Exhibit A to Resolution No. 04-3498A: State Legislative Funding Proposal for a Multi-Modal Transportation Program