



January 31, 2007

To: Metropolitan Policy Committee
From: Susan Payne
Subject: Item 4.d.1.i: Administrative Amendments to Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP)

Action Recommended: None. For information only.

Background:

Two administrative amendments to the FY06-09 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) were approved unanimously by the Transportation Planning Committee at their meeting on January 25. Incorporation into the MTIP allows access to the funds and permits the projects to proceed. The amendments do not affect fiscal constraint, and do not trigger the need for a new air quality conformity determination as concurred to by Federal Highways in their early review of these amendments.

Amendment 2007-01:

Monroe/Friendly St: Willamette River – 28th St.(Eugene) – enhance the corridor to make it a “bike arterial” including traffic calming techniques, signage, striping, etc.

This project is already in the MTIP. The amendment increases funding to ensure that the full scope of the project developed through an extensive public outreach process can be achieved. An extra \$124K in federal funds is added, increasing the total federal funding to \$348K with \$40K in local match. \$224K of this project is from the MPO’s discretionary STP-U funds; the additional funds are from the close-out of federal funds dedicated to Eugene in the late 1990s. The project is underway.

Amendment 2007-02:

Marcola Rd 0.1 mi east of N.31st St: Rail Crossing Safety Project (ODOT) –place train activated flashing lights and auto gate signals at the railroad crossing.

This is a new project added into the MTIP for 2008 at ODOT’s request due to its location on a minor arterial road within the MPO planning area. This safety project uses State funds with costs estimated at \$100K; the money is not available for any other use. The project is exempt from air quality conformity, and has no significant effect on traffic volumes.

Full details of these amendments are posted on the TPC meeting materials web site: <http://www.lcog.org/meetings/tpc.html>. Staff will be available to answer questions.