

February 5, 2004

To: Metropolitan Policy Committee

From: Tom Schwetz

Subject: Item 4a: FY05 Unified Planning Work Program Overview

Attached is a draft of the FY05 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). At the February MPC meeting staff will review the draft FY05 UPWP for MPC members and requesting that the draft be released for public review. Adoption of the FY05 UPWP will be requested at the March 11th MPC meeting following a public hearing.

One of the fundamental products of the MPO process is the development of an annual UPWP. The UPWP lists the transportation studies and tasks to be performed by the MPO staff and local agencies during a given fiscal year. Because the UPWP reflects local priorities, the content differs from one metropolitan area to another. The UPWP contains several elements:

- The planning tasks and studies that will be conducted over a one- to two-year period;
- All federally funded studies as well as all relevant state and local planning activities conducted without federal funds (e.g., TGM funded projects, LTD BRT planning, etc.);
- Funding sources identified for each project;
- A schedule of activities; and
- The agency responsible for each task or study.

Development of the UPWP

As with the UPWP adopted by MPC for FY04, the work elements outlined in the FY05 UPWP support:

- maintaining the transportation model and the underlying GIS and demographic data,
- updating the regional transportation plan,
- various programming and implementation tasks including updating the Transportation Improvement Program, development of revenue forecasts, allocating MPO discretionary STP funds, and providing ODOT with MPO STIP priorities,
- conducting air quality conformity determinations and other air quality planning needs (the MPO is the cognizant local agency for attainment of federal Carbon Monoxide standards),
- maintaining a public involvement program,
- providing technical assistance to local agencies, consultants, and developers
- providing staff support fro MPC, TPC, the LCOG Board and various ad-hoc groups as needed
- Coordination with federal, state and local agencies regarding regional transportation issues

The final figures for several UPWP funding sources for FY05 were still unknown at the time this memo and draft UPWP were prepared. For that reason, all figures shown in the draft are unchanged from FY04 levels. Staff is assuming FY05 funding levels will be very similar to what the MPO received in FY04. It is expected that the funding levels will be available in time to be incorporated into the Adoption Draft scheduled to go to MPC on March 11th.

Key Issues to be addressed in FY05 UPWP

With the adoption of TransPlan (the Regional Transportation Plan, or RTP) in FY01-02, and subsequent amendments to TransPlan during FY02-03, the focus of the UPWP for FY04-05 has shifted to other key tasks, as well as continuation of the work program for the review and update of the RTP. In FY03 the MPO successfully completed its first federal Certification Review as a TMA. This review outlined several tasks to be undertaken in subsequent years which were included in the FY04 UPWP. These tasks include an update to the STP-U project selection process, a TIP Update and Air Quality Conformity Determination, an update of the Public Involvement Plan, development of an Environmental Justice baseline analysis, development of a Congestion Management System, revising the MPO planning boundary, and updating the functional classification map for the MPO.

Several of these tasks will be completed during FY04. Key issues for FY05 include:

- RTP Implementation – with adoption of TransPlan, there is a focus on implementing key strategies in the plan including nodal development, BRT, and TDM. In addition, corridor studies and facility plans will be underway in certain areas.
- Update of RTP – to meet the federal requirement for a triennial update of, and a 20-year planning horizon in, the RTP, work will continue to incorporate new census data, updated forecasts of regional land use allocations and revenue, and revised priorities for projects affecting the regional transportation system with MPC adoption required by December, 2004.
- Continued enhancement of MPO public involvement process
- Reauthorization – federal reauthorization of TEA-21 is expected in FY04. There will be a need to address likely changes in both funding levels and MPO process brought about by this legislation.

Participating Agencies

Staff from the following agencies participate in the development of the UPWP:

- Lane Council of Governments (LCOG)
- City of Eugene
- City of Springfield
- Lane County
- Lane Transit District (LTD)
- Lane Regional Air Pollution Authority (LRAPA)
- Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT)

- Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
- Federal Transit Administration (FTA)
- City of Coburg

Action Requested: Release draft FY05 UPWP for public review.

Attachment: Draft FY2004-2005 Unified Planning Work Program

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