

February 12, 2004

To: Metropolitan Policy Committee
From: Tom Schwetz
Subject: MPC Letters of Support for United Front Reauthorization Earmark Requests

Several transportation projects have been put forward through the United Front effort for consideration in the upcoming federal reauthorization of TEA-21. As part of the process for requesting authorization for these projects, the House Committee On Transportation And Infrastructure, Subcommittee On Highways And Transit has requested that each project sponsor provide information on those projects. One of the items requested by the subcommittee is a letter of support for each earmark request from the MPO. These letters were approved by MPC and sent to the Oregon Congressional Delegation last year at this time. Given the delay in the process of reauthorizing TEA-21, an updated set of letters is being requested.

Attached as Attachment 2 A-I, are support letters for the following projects:

- A. I-5/Beltline Interchange**
- B. Courthouse District Transportation Improvements**
- C. I-5/Franklin & Glenwood Interchange Study**
- D. Beltline Road Corridor Study**
- E. I-5 Interchange at the City of Coburg**
- F. Bus Rapid Transit: Pioneer Parkway Corridor Construction**
- G. Bus Rapid Transit Vehicles**
- H. Rivers to Ridges Bicycle and Pedestrian Paths**
 - **Delta Ponds Path**
 - **South Bank Trail Extension**
 - **Middle Fork, Willamette Path**
 - **McKenzie River Multi-Use Path Design**
- I. Eugene Depot**

Attachment 1 provides a brief description of each project.

Action Requested: Review and discuss letters of support. Approve for signature by MPC Chair.

Attachments: Attachment 1: Project Descriptions – Excerpt from United Front Executive Summary

Attachment 2: Letters of Support