



March 5, 2008

To: Metropolitan Policy Committee

From: Paul Thompson

Subject: MPC 5.f – ODOT/MPO/LTD Transportation Planning
Intergovernmental Agreement

Action Recommended: Approve intergovernmental agreement.

Issue Summary:

On April 25, 2007, the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) approved the FY08 federal funding to be passed through to the MPOs and the continuation of state match funds for a portion of the federal funds, for the time frame covered by the MPO's FY08 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

As part of that action, the OTC also noted that recent SAFETEA-LU planning regulations led to a need to revisit planning roles and responsibilities agreements. The OTC motion that day stated:

Whereas the Federal Transportation Reauthorization legislation (Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users) was approved; and whereas the law establishes the expectation that each transportation agency's roles and responsibilities in carrying out metropolitan transportation planning process be clearly identified in written agreements.

OTC approves the MPO transportation planning funds for Fiscal Year 2008 with the stipulation that the roles and responsibilities between ODOT and the MPO shall be clearly defined prior to request for approval for Fiscal Year 2009 funds. Further the current Unified Planning Work Program shall be amended to include this commitment.

Development of Intergovernmental Agreement

In response to SAFETEA-LU requirements, the Central Lane MPO had started to draft a transportation planning responsibilities agreement prior to the OTC action. That draft served to inform a statewide cooperative effort started in 2007 by ODOT and all six Oregon MPOs to develop a uniform template for the agreement. Attachment 1 presents the Central Lane MPO-specific draft of the intergovernmental agreement (IGA). This draft follows the statewide template, and has been reviewed by ODOT Region 2 staff.

Overall, the IGA does not cover new ground, it formalizes existing understandings and practices.

Staff is requesting that the MPC approve the IGA at their March, 2008 meeting. This will ensure that the IGA can be processed in a timely manner prior to the OTC approval of the FY09 federal funding. The Lane Transit District Board has placed the IGA on their March 19 agenda's consent calendar.

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Attachments:

Attachment 1 – Draft Intergovernmental Agreement