



March 1, 2006

To: Metropolitan Policy Committee

From: Tom Schwetz

Subject: Item 4j(1)ii – ConnectOregon Status

Action Recommended: None. Information Only

Issue Summary:

As noted at MPC's February 9 meeting, applications for ConnectOregon grants were due February 17th. ODOT received 103 applications for funds from the program. Applicants requested a total of \$238 million for a variety of projects including air freight, business aviation, passenger air, marine, rail freight, bus and/or rail transit, and multiple mode projects. (See attached table showing the breakdown of project requests)

Over the next few weeks, the applications will be screened for completeness and technical feasibility. They will then be reviewed by four advisory committees (air, rail, freight and public transit) and the Area Commissions on Transportation to ensure a wide and comprehensive discussion of which projects to recommend to the Oregon Transportation Commission.

Applications will be evaluated on specific considerations as defined in the legislation (SB71):

- Whether the project reduces transportation costs for Oregon businesses;
- Whether it benefits or connects two or more modes;
- Whether it is a critical link in a statewide or regional transportation system;
- How much of the cost can be borne by applicants;
- Whether the project creates construction and permanent jobs in the state; and
- Whether the project is ready for construction.

The evaluation process is scheduled to conclude with OTC selection of projects in mid-July 2006.

The applications submitted from Lane County include:

- Creswell Airport Fire Suppression Project
- Port of Siuslaw Maple Street Landing and Transient Dock Project
- Eugene Airport Air Cargo Project
- Eugene Depot Passenger Improvements
- Lane Transit District BRT Project

ConnectOregon Applications Received pre-technical review version February 27, 2006												
Connect Oregon Region	Mode(s)						Total Grant Requests ¹		Total Loan Requests ²		Total Applications (Grant and Loan Requests)	
	Multiple modes	Freight Rail	Air Freight & Biz Av	Air Passenger	Marine	Bus & or Rail Transit	(incl. 7 combination grant and loan requests)					
							#	\$	#	\$	#	\$
1	\$ 5,141,000	\$19,043,798	\$0	\$0	\$16,523,100	\$8,114,853	20	\$46,181,751	3	\$2,641,000	22	\$ 48,822,751
2	\$ 5,664,000	\$18,062,568	\$5,836,261	\$ 5,879,600	\$3,119,200	\$13,665,200	24	\$52,140,829	1	\$86,000	26	\$ 52,226,829
3	\$ 5,461,400	\$13,107,108	\$3,536,000	\$0	\$532,000	\$4,200,000	13	\$25,836,508	1	\$1,000,000	14	\$ 26,836,508
4	\$ 1,894,000	\$9,464,450	\$21,191,360	\$ 7,500,000	\$0	\$4,125,000	16	\$32,274,810	3	\$11,900,000	19	\$ 44,174,810
5	\$ 9,095,200	\$21,832,186	\$5,823,768	\$ 1,135,000	\$ 1,549,000	\$9,512,014	25	\$48,947,168	0	\$ -	25	\$ 48,947,168
multi-region	\$0	\$7,533,683	\$8,907,681	\$0	\$1,226,667	\$0	4	\$17,668,031	0	\$ -	4	\$ 17,668,031
STATE-WIDE	\$27,255,600	\$89,043,793	\$45,295,070	\$14,514,600	\$22,949,967	\$39,617,067	102	\$223,049,097	8	\$15,627,000	110	\$238,676,097

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