



April 4, 2007

To: Metropolitan Policy Committee

From: Petra Schuetz

Subject: Item 4.c - DLCD/ODOT Transportation Growth Management (TGM)
– Letter of Endorsement for Local Application

Action Requested: Approve letter of support for local TGM application.

For the last fourteen years, the TGM program has provided resources to help Oregon communities prepare transportation and land use plans to respond to pressing transportation-related growth management issues. Pending legislative approval, up to \$5 million will be available for grants to local jurisdictions for the 2007-2009 biennium. The TGM Program is a joint program of the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) and the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD). It is funded with federal Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) and State funds.

TGM grants support integrated transportation and land-use plans, Transportation System Plans (TSPs), TSP updates, and other planning activities that yield improved pedestrian, bicycle, transit, and multi-modal street improvements that give people more transportation choices.

March 9, 2007 was the deadline for local governments in Oregon to file applications with the TGM Program. Letters of endorsement are encouraged from local and regional elected officials to supplement applications.

One project was submitted from the Central Lane MPO area:

- **Coburg Multimodal Loop Implementation Strategy**

Project Description

The purpose of this project proposal is to design a project-level implementation strategy for a hard-surface, multimodal, 'loop' facility in and around the City of Coburg. Currently, Coburg has no hard-surface

trails, no sidewalks or bike paths on local streets, and several areas where transportation challenges exist for bicyclists and pedestrians, including the elementary school. In a largely auto-dominated small town, connectivity between residential and employment districts, school access and safety issues, and limited recreational amenities contribute to the need for a more balanced transportation infrastructure system. Designing an implementation strategy to assist the community in moving toward this goal is timely. State, regional, and local plans are consistent and provide a solid foundation for the context of this project proposal. Part of the project scope will be to formalize the project proposal with regional processes. The Coburg community is enthusiastic about the opportunity to receive funding and move forward.

On March 22, 2007 the Transportation Options Advisory Committee (TOAC) discussed the project and there was consensus that the Coburg Multimodal Loop concept was a worthy one. A draft letter of endorsement is included as Attachment 1 for submittal with this application.

Attachments:

Attachment 1 – Letter of Endorsement