

April 1, 2004

To: Metropolitan Policy Committee

From: Paul Thompson

Subject: Item 4.b: RTP Amendment for Courthouse District Project

Action Recommended: Review and Discuss. Open Public Comment Period.

Issue Summary:

At the October 9, 2003 MPC meeting MPC adopted the FY2004-06 Central Lane Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP). The MTIP lists transportation projects using federal funds programmed for fiscal years 2004-2006. The MTIP also lists all non-federal funding sources for individual projects. Included in the FY2004-06 MTIP is a City of Eugene project for *Courthouse District Transportation Improvements* (Key #13378, 13379). Subsequently, at the December 18, 2003 Transportation Planning Committee (TPC) meeting, an administrative amendment to the MTIP was adopted reflecting a modification to the anticipated funding for the Courthouse District project. MPC was informed of this amendment at its January 8, 2004 meeting.

The regional significance of the proposed Courthouse District transportation project, plus the potential for the use of federal revenues to partially fund the project, dictate that the project must be included in the Central Lane MPO's financially constrained Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

Draft RTP Amendment:

The inclusion of the Courthouse District project in the Central Lane RTP requires adoption of the following amendment to the RTP by the MPO Policy Board (MPC):

- Amend *Chapter 3: Table 1a-Financially Constrained 20-Year Capital Investment Actions: Roadway Projects* to include the following project in the *Arterial Capacity Improvements* project category.

Name	Geographic Limits	Description	Jurisdiction	Estimated Cost	Length	Number
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Project Category: Arterial Capacity Improvements

Status: Programmed

Courthouse District Transportation Improvements	8 th Avenue (Mill Street to Ferry Street (8 th Avenue to 6 th Avenue); 6 th Avenue (Hilyard Street to High Street)	Reconstruct 8 th Avenue to 2-lane urban standards. Extend Ferry Street, 2-lane urban standards. Construct realigned 6 th Avenue, 2-lane urban standards. New signal At 8 th Avenue and Mill Street. Improvements to Mill Street, Broadway and Ferry Street.	Eugene, ODOT	\$7,600,000	NA	TBD
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This project is already programmed in the MPO’s MTIP, reflecting a commitment of City of Eugene and Lane County funds that were not anticipated at the time of the last financial constraint analysis for the RTP. Specifically, the Eugene City Council (as the Eugene Urban Renewal Agency) took action to:

include in the next draft of the Urban Renewal Riverfront Plan the transportation infrastructure to support the development of the federal courthouse project and the redevelopment of the courthouse district, including the use of the urban renewal tax increment revenues and other revenues received by the district, such as State or County road funds, as well as the use of bonds, such sources of revenue to be used only in the event that federal funding through transportation reauthorization is insufficient.

The Eugene Council’s action serves as the basis for identifying a new source of reasonably expected revenue for this project. Thus, a review of the RTP’s overall financial constraint is not required as a result of the proposed amendment. Note that a comprehensive review of the RTP’s financial constraint is currently underway as part of the RTP update.

Public Comment Period, Air Quality Conformity Determination and RTP Amendment Schedule:

Staff recommends that MPC open a public comment period on the proposed draft RTP amendment at the April 8, 2004 meeting. This public comment period would remain open until the June 10, 2004 MPC meeting. Staff will conduct public outreach on the proposed amendment primarily through the use of the MPO’s interested parties notification list.

At its April 22, 2004 meeting, TPC will commence its review of the draft air quality conformity determination analysis required as part of this RTP amendment process.

Legal notice of the proposed air quality conformity determination (AQCD) will be provided to the public at least 30 days prior to May 27, 2004. On May 27th, 2004 TPC will formally consider both the draft RTP amendment and the AQCD and make recommendations to MPC.

MPC adoption of the RTP amendment and the AQCD is scheduled for June 10, 2004. A public hearing on both matters will be scheduled for that meeting.