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To: Metropolitan Policy Committee
From: Paul Thompson
Subject: Item 4.a: OTIA Bridge Bundle MTIP Amendment

Action Recommended: Discuss ODOT request for MTIP amendment. Approve Resolution 2005-02.

Background

On April 14th, MPC will be asked to amend the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) to add a new Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) project to reflect the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) inclusion of an Oregon Transportation Investment Act III (OTIA III) bridge construction “bundle” for bridge work on the state highway system in the Central Lane MPO area. Attachment 1 to this memo presents the amendment package, with detailed information on the specific bridge work.

This project is funded entirely by state funds through the OTIA III bond program passed by the State Legislature in 2003. ODOT is preparing for the flexibility to use federal funds on this and other bridge bundles to potentially pay debt service on OTIA III bonds or to 'federalize' the project in some other way that benefits the OTIA program. Should that occur, use of federal funding would require that the project be included in the MTIP. Thus, this MTIP amendment is “housekeeping” in nature. The bridge bundle project is already funded and programmed in the STIP, and amending the project into the Central Lane MTIP does not involve any policy or funding decision on the part of the MPO.

Staff has brought this item to the Citizen Advisory Committee as an information item to assist the Committee members in learning about the various processes by which projects move forward.

The Transportation Planning Committee (TPC) and the TPC Technical Advisory Subcommittee (TASC) reviewed this ODOT MTIP amendment request over the course of several meetings. TPC voted unanimously on March 31, 2005 to recommend that MPC adopt the amendment to the FY05-07 MTIP.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of Resolution 2005-02, adopting MTIP Amendment #2005-03, as shown in the attached amendment package.

Attachments:

Attachment 1 – Resolution 2005-02

Attachment 2 – MTIP Amendment #2005-03 – OTIA Bridge Bundle