

April 7, 2004

TO: Central Lane Transportation Planning Committee

FR: Tom Boyatt, ODOT Senior Region Planner

RE: M-TIP Amendment Request to include I-5 Willamette River Replacement Structure EIS Funding in 2004

CC: Debby Corey, ODOT Region 2 STIP Coordinator

The OTIA III Bridge Oversight Committee recently approved \$2,750,000 to fund EIS work for the planned replacement structure on I-5 which will cross over the Willamette River, McKenzie Highway (Franklin Blvd.), OR 99, and the UPRR rail tracks.

ODOT has elected to list all OTIA III projects in the STIP. As you are aware, the MPO M-TIP and the State STIP must be consistent per federal requirements.

For this reason, ODOT requests that TPC forward to MPC an approval recommendation for an M-TIP amendment to list the identified environmental work in 2004, in the amount of \$2.75m. Our goal is to have the amendment in place as soon as possible in order to avoid any consistency problems between the STIP and M-TIP. Ideally, MPC would open the public comment period at the May 13th meeting and adopt the requested M-TIP amendment at the June meeting.