

# PROGRAMMING STP-U FUNDS FOR PLANNING ACTIVITIES

## PLANNING ACTIVITIES (25%)

Planning activities would be funded in three categories:

### BASELINE FUNDING FOR UPWP ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED BY THE MPO

This category would provide funding for MPO staff activities as outlined in the UPWP and as required to meet the ongoing operational responsibilities of the MPO. In FY07, \$350,000 is adopted in the UPWP for this purpose and is recommended for programming in this category. This equals approximately 12 percent of the anticipated total STP-U funds for the fiscal year.

That level of support has been consistent over the four fiscal years that the MPO has programmed STP-U funds. Additional funds may be required in this category for unanticipated or one-time activities, for example:

- The funding for legal costs for LUBA review in FY05
- MPO participation in the statewide household travel behavior survey

### BASELINE FUNDING FOR PARTNER JURISDICTION PARTICIPATION IN MPO PLANNING & OTHER CORE MPO ACTIVITIES

This category would fund local jurisdiction staff participation in the core MPO functions, including, but not limited to, the following:

- > MPO meetings (MPC, TPC, CAC, Transportation Options, others)
- > Development and/or review of MPO materials (MTIP amendments, UPWP, etc.)
- > Briefing Policy Board members and other staff
- > Local consideration of MPO issues (e.g., taking items to Council)
- > Participation in public outreach (open houses, etc.)
- > Contract and billing management

Funding would be on an annual basis, programmed for each 2-4 year STP-U programming cycle. The level of funding for each of the five local MPO jurisdictions (ODOT would not utilize these funds) would be calculated starting with an estimate of the cost of staff participation in MPO meetings, and be "scaled" to the individual jurisdictions geographic size, level of internal process and staff participation, and other factors. TPC staff are currently in the process of analyzing this information and will propose funding levels in this category for FY07 at the June 2006 MPC meeting:

- > Eugene = \$40,000
- > Springfield = \$40,000
- > Lane County = \$25,000
- > Lane Transit District = \$25,000
- > Coburg = \$15,000

This totals \$145,000, or just under 5 percent of the \$3 million in STP-U funding anticipated for FY07.

### DISCRETIONARY FUNDING FOR LOCAL JURISDICTION PLANNING ACTIVITIES

After funding MPO and local jurisdiction staff for the core UPWP and MPO activities and processes in FY07, approximately 8 percent of the annual STP-U funding (or about \$240,000) will be available for funding local jurisdiction planning activities carried out in support of regional MPO priorities, including but not limited to:

- > MPO priorities, established in UPWP & federal requirements
  - > SAFETEA-LU compliance
  - > Congestion Management Process (CMP)
    - > Establishing CMP
    - > AMS process
    - > Study of needs for traffic counts
    - > Provision of traffic counts
- > e-MPO
  - > Development of e-MPO
  - > Coordination of project and other information
  - > Project data sheets and database/map information and development
- > Centerline coordination with e-MPO and Project Coordination efforts
- > RTP Update
- > Review of, and input to, planning/modeling assumptions
- > State system regional project planning & NEPA activities
  - > I-5/Franklin system planning
  - > Beltline system planning
  - > OR126 Expressway Management Plan (EMP)
  - > Coburg Interchange Area Management Plan
- > Public transit human services plan
- > Preparation for federal certification review
- > Transportation planning for RTP implementation (such as nodal planning (e.g., Walnut Node) & other activities
- > Local transportation planning and coordination as part of regional system

### DISCRETIONARY FUNDING FOR LOCAL JURISDICTION PLANNING ACTIVITIES — EVALUATION

As in past years, the evaluation of funding applications in the discretionary planning category will be initially evaluated by TPC staff with the goal of funding local jurisdiction activities that would best support the MPO's priorities (as shown above for the coming fiscal year) and the Urban Planning Work Program (UPWP) in any given fiscal year or STP-U funding cycle. TPC would recommend funding local jurisdiction planning activities that would program the remaining 8 percent (out of the 25%) of the annual STP-U funding, which equates to approximately \$240,000 for FY07.