

RESOLUTION 2006-__

**APPROVING THE FY 06-09 MTIP AS MODIFIED AND
ENDORSING A COLLABORATIVE PROCESS FOR
ADDRESSING TRANSPORTATION ISSUES IN WEST EUGENE**

WHEREAS, the Lane Council of Governments (LCOG) Board has been designated by the State of Oregon as the official Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Central Lane region; and

WHEREAS, the LCOG Board has delegated responsibility for MPO policy functions to the Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC), a committee of officials from Eugene, Springfield, Coburg, Lane County, Lane Transit District, and ODOT; and

WHEREAS, members of MPC, along with many other interested persons, participated in a Conflict Assessment prepared by The Osprey Group concerning the West Eugene Parkway (WEP); and

WHEREAS, The Osprey Group presented its assessment in May of 2006 in which it concluded, in part:

“We believe that if the agencies and the community can rise to the challenge, the collaborative process, Option II, can best address the current challenge of ‘getting to a transportation solution for West Eugene that has widespread understanding and acceptability.’ The hurdles, however, are serious. Several are cited in the text that describes this option. It is clear, for example, that without willing and active ODOT participation, such a process should not be pursued.”

WHEREAS, MPC agrees a collaborative process as described in Option II of The Osprey Group’s Conflict Assessment should be undertaken as the next step in addressing the transportation issues in West Eugene, and that MPC members, including ODOT, intend to participate in such a process with the understanding that the process would not exceed 18 months in duration or \$200,000; and

WHEREAS, until that collaborative process is completed, the NEPA process for the WEP should not be concluded, in order that the results of the collaborative process can be considered as part of the NEPA process; and

WHEREAS, the FY06-09 MTIP was submitted in November 2005 and further, that amendments to the FY05-07 MTIP have made subsequent to November 2005; and

WHEREAS, an Air Quality Conformity Determination for the FY06-09 MTIP was prepared; and

WHEREAS, the above-described amendments do not affect the air quality conformity determination or trigger the need for a new air quality conformity determination; and

WHEREAS, public comment has been provided for the 06-09 MTIP as submitted in November 2005 and the subsequent amendments to FY05-07 MTIP; and

WHEREAS, the FY 06 – 09 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Plan (MTIP) should be approved as drafted, except that in light of the collaborative process noted above (which is expected to take approximately 18 months), funds for the WEP should be reprogrammed to FY 09;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (1) The FY06-09 MTIP air quality conformity, Exhibit A, is adopted;
- (2) The FY06-09 MTIP, Exhibit B, as modified by the reprogramming of the WEP to FY09 and by the FY05-07 MTIP amendments, Exhibit C, adopted subsequent to November 2005, is hereby approved;
- (3) MPC endorses and agrees to participate in a collaborative process as outlined in Option II of The Osprey Group's May 2006 Conflict Assessment; and
- (4) ODOT is requested to delay conclusion of the NEPA process on the WEP until after completion of the collaborative process and ODOT's consideration of the product of that collaborative process.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS ___ DAY OF _____, 2006, BY THE METROPOLITAN POLICY COMMITTEE.

ATTEST:

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Executive Director
Lane Council of Governments

Bobby Green, Sr.
Chair
Metropolitan Policy Committee