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To: Metropolitan Policy Committee

From: Paul Thompson

Subject: Item 4.d: Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) 2031 Update: Draft Environmental Maps

Action Recommended: None. Information and discussion only.

Background

The Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) was last adopted in December, 2004. As part of the update of the long-range RTP under new regulations arising from the SAFETEA-LU transportation bill, the MPO must consult and coordinate with regulatory agencies responsible for social, cultural and environmental resources within the MPO area.

Discussion

FHWA and ODOT have convened representatives of these regulatory agencies under an agreement known as CETAS: Collaborative Environmental and Transportation Agreement for Streamlining. MPO staff have been working with CETAS members over the past four months to acquire data and other information on existing plans. Staff will be meeting with CETAS on June 19 to fulfill the coordination requirement. Draft maps have been prepared for this meeting. These have been posted to the MPO's web site and can be viewed by visiting <http://www.lcog.org/mpo/rtp.html> and clicking on the link "Environmental Coordination".

A subset of the RTP projects are shown on the maps. These are projects that are expected to have construction or right of way phases.

Staff is presenting the draft maps to the MPC for information and review. In addition to the maps posted on the MPO web site, staff will have the maps available for projection and discussion at the June 14th MPC meeting.

Follow-on work may be required as a result of the consultation with CETAS. It is anticipated that these draft materials will be presented as part of the full draft 2031 RTP in July or August, 2007.

Attachments:

Attachment 1: List of maps developed for environmental coordination requirements of SAFETEA-LU Section 6001.