



June 4, 2008

To: Metropolitan Policy Committee  
From: Paul Thompson  
Subject: MPC 4.b: Programming FFY09 STP-U Funds for Commuter Solutions  
Transportation Demand Management Activities

**Action Recommended:** Approve Resolution 2008-03 Programming FFY09 STP-U Funds in Support of Commuter Solutions Program

### **Background**

At the April 10, 2008 MPC meeting, MPC discussed programming the MPO's federal STP-U funds for Federal Fiscal Year 2009 (FFY09) for Planning and Transportation Demand Management (TDM) activities. At that meeting MPC approved the programming of the STP-U funds for Planning activities.

As of April, the MPO's Transportation Planning Committee (TPC) had not yet had the opportunity to consider a recommendation regarding programming FFY09 funding for TDM activities as carried out by the region's Commuter Solutions program. As a result, although information regarding programming these funds was considered at the April MPC meeting, programming of the funds was deferred pending the TPC recommendation.

### **Public Comment Period**

On April 24, 2008 the MPO opened a public comment period on the proposed STP-U funding for TDM activities. The public comment period was posted on the MPO web site and notice was sent to the MPO's interested parties distribution list. The public comment period closed at 5:00 PM on May 30, 2008. A copy of the notice, and copies of the two public comments received, are included as Attachment 1 to this memo. One of the public comments, received via email, was in support of the proposed funding. The second comment, a letter from the *Oregon State Transportation Alternate Resource*, did not directly comment on the proposed funding. Both public comments were provided to the Transportation Planning Committee.

### **Recommendation**

The Transportation Demand Management regional program "Commuter Solutions" has requested \$240,000 for FFY09. The Commuter Solutions program manager has

indicated that with this amount and the carry-over from the previous year, the program will be fully staffed and funded. Additional information on the proposed funding was provided to the MPC at the April 10, 2008 MPC meeting. This proposal was thoroughly discussed at the Transportation Options subcommittee to TPC, and approved and forwarded to TPC. At the May 22, 2008 TPC meeting, TPC unanimously recommended programming the STP-U funding for Commuter Solutions.

**Action Recommended:** Approve Resolution 2008-02 programming FFY09 STP-U funds in support of Unified Planning Work Program

Attachment 1 – Public Comment Notice, and Public Comments Received

Attachment 2 – Resolution 2008-03 with Exhibit A