

June 5, 2003

To: Metropolitan Policy Committee

From: Paul Thompson

Subject: Item 4a: Adoption of Amendments to FY2002-04 TIP

Background

Federal regulations require that transportation projects using several categories of federal funds and projects that are regionally significant for air quality purposes be included in the metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The adoption and updating of the TIP also serves as the Metropolitan Policy Committee's (MPC) mechanism for setting priorities for the programming of local discretion Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds allocated for the Eugene-Springfield urbanized area.

While a full update to the TIP is adopted at least every two years, amendments to the adopted TIP may occur at any time due to the ongoing nature of transportation funding. Examples of the reasons for such amendments are: (1) LTD's transit funds are allocated annually in a grant process, (2) new funding sources can become available for projects such as the Oregon Transportation Investment Act (HB2142), (3) the final amount of available local discretion STP funds is determined by Federal and ODOT authorities, and (4) other project changes.

At its May 8, 2003 meeting, MPC opened a public comment period on six proposed amendments to the FY2002-2004 TIP. Five of the six amendments are related to Lane Transit District (LTD) projects, the sixth amendment is to program the Central Lane MPO's Urban Planning Work Program (UPWP) funding as adopted by MPC in April. Additional details on the six amendments are again presented below. Also attached, and described below, are Tables 1 through 4 from the TIP reflecting the proposed amendments. The remainder of the TIP text and appendices are unaffected by these amendments.

Table 1 of the TIP lists all projects for which use of federal funds is proposed. Table 2 presents the proposed expenditure of local discretionary STP funds. The projected funding for local STP funds in FY2002-2004 is based on the anticipated federal revenues expected to be available in each year. ODOT provides information on the exact level of funding available each year.

Table 3 lists the year of expenditure for both locally funded and federally funded projects. Table 3 lists the local projects that are consistent with *TransPlan* policy and local projects that implement *TransPlan*. Table 3 also indicates if the project is included in the regional emissions analysis for purposes of air quality conformity.

Table 4 provides the financial analysis of the TIP as required by the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21). It demonstrates that the TIP is financially constrained.

Proposed Amendments

LTD Amendments

Fairgrounds – \$500,000 is listed in the TIP for improvements and expansion of the Fairgrounds Park and Ride. This item was included during the early planning phases of BRT, which envisioned extension of the Phase 1 line to the Fairgrounds. Due to the terminus of the Phase 1 project at the Eugene Station, this project is no longer being pursued. Expansion of the Fairgrounds Park & Ride may be revisited as part of future BRT corridor planning.

Springfield Station – This project was included in the 2002-2003 STIP, and the money was obligated in 2002, but the project was omitted from the TIP. This project is being included in the TIP during the actual construction year, and the project amount is being increased by \$150,000 to reflect the actual construction cost (the earlier STIP amount reflected a construction cost estimate, and was made prior to the design phase).

Bus Rapid Transit Vehicles – This project is being moved out a year to FY2003-2004 to reflect the year in which the vehicles will be purchased. The TIP reflects 5309 discretionary funds as the funding source. 5307 formula funds are being added to the funding source.

Bus Rapid Transit – Bus Rapid Transit is included in the FY2003 TIP in the amount of \$6,285,000. At the time of the last TIP adoption, BRT was still in a preliminary engineering phase, and the actual project cost was unknown. At the time, LTD had already received \$8.8 million in federal 5309 funds for the Phase 1 project. The amount listed in the FY03 TIP was estimated to be the approximate amount spent in the first construction year of the project. The balance of the amount would be determined following the 95% engineering phase. LTD is now at 95% engineering, and is adding \$10 million of combined 5309 discretionary and 5307 formula funds to complete the project funding package.

RideSource Maintenance and Operations Facility – LTD is requesting a TIP amendment for the inclusion of a RideSource Maintenance and Operations Facility for the federal share of \$1.78 million dollars. Grants for \$1.78 million dollars have been awarded through the Oregon Public Transit Division. These grant funds are from the 5310 federal program, which provides capital assistance for

transportation for elderly and persons with disabilities. These funds are allocated to the state on a formula basis using census population data for persons 65 and over, and for persons with disabilities. Local matching resources from LTD have been secured to match the grant.

The project includes the construction and operation of a RideSource facility on a 6.86 acre site. The facility will accommodate the current fleet of 28 RideSource small buses as well as the number of needed buses projected through 2020 at 42 buses.

Central Lane MPO Amendment

UPWP Funding – Upon adoption of the Central Lane MPO FY2003-2004 UPWP by MPC in April, it became necessary to program the \$250,000 of STP funds allocated to MPO activities. This amendment programs those funds in order to make them available for MPO work activities at the start of the 2003-2004 fiscal year on July 1.

As of the date of this memo, MPO staff has not received any public comment on the proposed TIP amendments. Public comment received after June 5 will be provided to MPC at the June 12 meeting. A public hearing needs to be held by MPC prior to the time of adoption of amendments to the TIP. A public hearing has been scheduled to coincide with MPC's June 12 meeting.

Action Requested: Review proposed amendments. Conduct Public Hearing and adopt requested amendments.

Attachments: Amended TIP Tables