

June 5, 2003

To: Metropolitan Policy Committee  
From: Tom Schwetz  
Subject: Item 4b: Review of FY04-06 TIP Update Development Schedule

## **Overview of TIP Process**

### TIP Requirements

The MPO is required, under federal regulations, to develop a transportation improvement program (TIP) in cooperation with the State and public transit operators. Specific requirements and conditions, as specified in the regulations, include:

- An update every two years compatible with the STIP development schedule
- An air quality conformity determination
- Reasonable opportunity for public comment in accordance with federal regulations
- A program period of at least 3 years
- The TIP needs to be financially constrained by year and include a financial plan identifying projects that can be implemented using current revenue sources and projects requiring proposed additional sources.
- All projects using federal funds (except for certain safety and emergency relief projects) need to be included in the TIP
- Projects in the TIP need to be either in the regional plan or consistent with the plan;
- The approved TIP needs to be included in the STIP without modification.

### Types of TIP Actions

There are three basic categories of TIP Actions:

- *Update* – A TIP Update occurs when additional years are added to the TIP in conformance with the federal requirements listed above. For example, the current TIP goes out to FY04. In order to maintain compliance with federal regulations, two additional years (FY05 and 06) need to be added as part of an Update. During these updates, the TIP is also changed to reflect changes in local CIPs.
- *Amendment* – Amendments include any changes to a TIP within the existing program period. The series of TIP changes MPC made in April and those proposed for June fall into the amendment category.

- *Administrative Adjustments* – Minor adjustments to project dollar amounts and movement of projects between years within the program period can be made administratively.

This memo describes the process and schedule for the TIP Update taking place over the next several months.

### **Factors Affecting Update Schedule**

There are several factors affecting the schedule for the pending update.

- Status of current TIP – the current TIP program period only extends to FY04. The TIP needs to be extended to FY06 at a minimum in order to maintain compliance with federal regulations.
- Change to TMA status – The change to TMA status has resulted in an increase in the amount of STP funds available to the MPO beginning in FY04. These additional funds can be accessed as soon as the TIP Update can be adopted.
- Federal Certification Review – the federal certification review indicated that the MPO needs to revise the process by which the MPO's STP funds are allocated. This change needs to occur prior to being able to access the additional STP funds for FY04.
- FY04-07 STIP Schedule – The FY04-07 STIP is currently being developed. To meet the current STIP schedule, the MPO needs to update the TIP by at least October.
- Eugene and Springfield Road Fund needs – there are several uncertainties currently facing the road funds of Eugene and Springfield. Programming STP funds into the TIP for preservation projects could address some of the two cities' highest priority needs.

At the same time there are several changes occurring locally as well as at the state and federal level which will result in the need to update the TIP again within approximately a year and a half (late 2004 to early 2005):

- Pending Federal Legislation – as mentioned at previous MPC meetings, the current federal transportation policy embodied in TEA-21 is set to expire at the end of September 2003. Congress is currently working to develop a new six-year bill. While the new bill would cover the six-year period beginning in October 2003, it is not expected to be enacted until mid-2004. This new bill may include additional revenues (including possible earmarks) which would need to be programmed in the TIP.
- Pending State Legislation – It is expected that the state legislature will approve a transportation finance package during the current session. This package could include funding for state and county bridges as well as approximately \$370 million available for city and county maintenance and preservation. This package could trigger the need to either amend or update the TIP.

- MPC Subcommittee Recommendations – the MPC subcommittee on ACT Public Involvement Guidelines is currently developing recommendations for changes to the MPO’s public involvement process. Upon MPC’s approval, these recommended changes would be implemented and be in affect for future TIP amendments and updates.

Thus, while there are several factors which require that the update be completed as expeditiously as possible, there are several factors which will provide the region with the opportunity to refine the TIP process further in time to incorporate changes happening at state and federal level as well as the revised public involvement process being developed by MPC.

### Schedule Options for TIP Update

Staff is proposing two options for development of the TIP Update. The first option targets MPC’s September 11<sup>th</sup> meeting for adoption as originally scheduled. This was meant to coincide with the STIP development schedule. The recommended schedule would move that adoption date to the October 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. The schedule for these options is laid out in the table below.

<b>Schedule Options for FY04-06 TIP Update</b>				
<b>TIP Update Task</b>	<b>Original Schedule</b>		<b>Recommended Schedule</b>	
	<b>Public Involvement</b>	<b>MPC Action</b>	<b>Public Involvement (1)</b>	<b>MPC Action</b>
1. Develop proposed set of criteria and evaluation process for MPC Review and adoption	One week of review prior to action on <b>July 10<sup>th</sup></b> ; run display ad on comment opportunity; MPC public hearing prior to action;	Adopt Criteria and Evaluation Process at <b>July 10<sup>th</sup></b> meeting	One month review period beginning <b>July 10<sup>th</sup></b> , run display ad, hold public workshop on criteria and process, MPC public hearing prior to action	Review criteria and process at <b>July 10<sup>th</sup></b> meeting, open month-long public review period. Adopt criteria and process at <b>August 14<sup>th</sup></b> meeting
2. Apply new criteria; establish proposed STP-L priorities; Draft TIP Update; Adopt TIP Update	One month public review period for draft TIP update beginning <b>August 14<sup>th</sup></b> ; run additional display ad on opportunity to comment on draft TIP; public workshop on TIP Update, MPC public hearing prior to action on <b>September 11<sup>th</sup></b> .	Open public review period for draft TIP at <b>August 14<sup>th</sup></b> meeting, hold public hearing and adopt Draft TIP at <b>September 11<sup>th</sup></b> meeting.	One month public review period for draft TIP update beginning <b>September 11<sup>th</sup></b> ; run additional display ad on opportunity to comment on draft TIP; public workshop on TIP Update; MPC public hearing prior to action on <b>October 9<sup>th</sup></b> .	Open public review period for draft TIP at <b>September 11<sup>th</sup></b> meeting, hold public hearing and adopt Draft TIP at <b>October 9<sup>th</sup></b> meeting.

(1) – Note that the public involvement process for future TIP Updates will be revised based on the work of the MPC Subcommittee.

The primary difference between the two options is that the second option provides additional time for public involvement, particularly in the development of the criteria.

Staff recommends adjusting the schedule out to October to allow time for this involvement.

**Action Requested:** Review development schedule options for FY04-06 TIP. Discuss options and possible revisions. Approve development schedule.

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