

June 3, 2004

To: Metropolitan Policy Committee
From: Paul Thompson
Subject: Item 4.a: Regional Transportation Plan Amendment

Action Recommended: Hold Public Hearing. Adopt Resolution 2004-05 amending RTP to add Federal Courthouse Transportation Improvements.

Issue Summary

At the October 9, 2003 MPC meeting MPC adopted the FY2004-06 Central Lane Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP). The MTIP lists transportation projects using federal funds programmed for fiscal years 2004-2006. The MTIP also lists all non-federal funding sources for individual projects. Included in the FY2004-06 MTIP is a City of Eugene project for *Courthouse District Transportation Improvements* (Key #13378, 13379). Subsequently, at the December 18, 2003 Transportation Planning Committee (TPC) meeting, an administrative amendment to the MTIP was adopted reflecting a modification to the anticipated funding for the Courthouse District project. MPC was informed of this amendment at its January 8, 2004 meeting.

The regional significance of the proposed Courthouse District transportation project, plus the potential for the use of federal revenues to partially fund the project, dictate that the project must be included in the Central Lane MPO's financially constrained Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

At the April 8, 2004 MPC meeting the following proposed amendment to the RTP was presented:

- Amend *Chapter 3: Table 1a-Financially Constrained 20-Year Capital Investment Actions: Roadway Projects* to include the following project in the *Arterial Capacity Improvements* project category.

Name	Geographic Limits	Description	Jurisdiction	Estimated Cost	Length	Number
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Project Category: Arterial Capacity Improvements

Status: Programmed

Courthouse District Transportation Improvements	8 th Avenue (Mill Street to Hilyard Street); Ferry Street (8 th Avenue to 6 th Avenue); 6 th Avenue (Hilyard Street to High Street)	Reconstruct 8 th Avenue to 2-lane urban standards. Extend Ferry Street, 2-lane urban standards. Construct realigned 6 th Avenue, 2-lane urban standards. New signal At 8 th Avenue and Mill Street. Improvements to Mill Street, Broadway and Ferry Street.	Eugene, ODOT	\$7,600,000	NA	TBD
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As stated in the April staff memo, this project is already programmed in the MPO’s MTIP, reflecting a commitment of City of Eugene and Lane County funds that were not anticipated at the time of the last financial constraint analysis for the RTP. Specifically, the Eugene City Council (as the Eugene Urban Renewal Agency) took action to:

include in the next draft of the Urban Renewal Riverfront Plan the transportation infrastructure to support the development of the federal courthouse project and the redevelopment of the courthouse district, including the use of the urban renewal tax increment revenues and other revenues received by the district, such as State or County road funds, as well as the use of bonds, such sources of revenue to be used only in the event that federal funding through transportation reauthorization is insufficient.

The Eugene Council’s action serves as the basis for identifying a new source of reasonably expected revenue for this project. Thus, a review of the RTP’s overall financial constraint is not required as a result of the proposed amendment. Note that a comprehensive review of the RTP’s financial constraint is currently underway as part of the RTP update.

MPC opened a public comment period on the proposed RTP amendment at the April 8, 2004 meeting. The public comment period will remain open until the June 10, 2004 MPC meeting. As of the date of this memo, staff has not received any public comment on the proposed amendment.

At its May 27, 2004 meeting, TPC unanimously recommended, pending public input and a public hearing before MPC on June 10, that MPC adopt the RTP amendment on June 10, 2004.

Attachments:

Attachment 1: Resolution 2004-05 adopting an amendment to the RTP

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