

June 3, 2004

To: Metropolitan Policy Committee  
From: Paul Thompson  
Subject: Item 4.e: Regional Transportation Plan Update Status

**Action Recommended:** None – information only.

### **Issue Summary**

At the October 9, 2003 MPC meeting, staff presented a memo providing an overview of the update of the Central Lane MPO's Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) currently under way. At the November 13, 2003 MPC meeting staff presented a schedule for the update. As indicated in that schedule, adoption of the update is planned for December 2004.

This update of the RTP is considered a "minor" update. As noted in the October memo:

Federal officials consider[ed] what is required to be a minor update and as part of the [Spring 2003] Certification Review, indicated that the scope of this region's RTP update could be limited to the following modifications to the existing plan:

1. Extend the planning horizon to 2025;
2. Update the financial constraint analysis;
3. Expand Boundary to include entire census-defined urbanized area (including Coburg)

Thus, there would be no changes made to the policy set. Most of the additions to the financially constrained project list would be drawn from the future list included in the current plan. The process used for the update would include public involvement as required in federal regulations.

This memo serves to update MPC members on the current status of work on the RTP update.

## Status of Current Update

Work on the update of the Regional Transportation Plan to date has focused primarily on developing the work program, the public involvement strategy, base and projected data, updates to the trip generation model, reviews of the project lists and a comprehensive review of the full text. The following points describe the work underway in each of these areas.

- The work program is fully developed and staff and timeframes have been assigned to tasks.
- With respect to the base data, staff reviewed the land use allocation model and identified enhancements. Staff conferred with Eugene, Springfield and Coburg planners to determine how to model nodal development and future year allocations. This information has been documented. In addition, trip generation data was updated using 2000 census data and 2002 covered employment data. This data was integrated into the trip generation model. To better model freight movements, freight facilities were identified and mapped.
- Work is also in progress on the development of future year projections. Draft 2025 and 2030 population and employment projections for the MPO modeling area have been developed and are currently under review.
- Progress has also been made on the public involvement tasks of the project. A public involvement strategy has been developed and a post card describing the update has been created for direct mailing to a list of interested parties in excess of 1,000 names.
- The statewide joint ODOT/MPO long-range financial assumptions committee is continuing its work to develop revenue and other financial assumptions for use by the MPOs in their RTPs. Federal regulations require that the state provide assistance and direction in the development of the long-range financial assumptions.
- The adopted RTP project lists are currently under review by staff from each jurisdiction. During this round of review, staff are identifying projects that have already been completed or are no longer planned, updating the scope and/or costs associated with projects and beginning the process of identifying additional projects that should be included on the long-range project lists.
- MPO staff is currently reviewing the full text of the RTP to make sure that it reflects the update as a whole, to update date and baseline/projection data and to facilitate the separation of the current combined RTP/TSP TransPlan document into a stand-alone updated RTP for adoption in December 2004.

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