



June 30, 2006

To: Metropolitan Policy Committee
From: Tom Schwetz
Subject: Item 4.c: FY06-09 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program

Action Recommended: Approve Resolution 2006-11 Adopting a Fiscal Year 06-09 MTIP.

Background

At its June 8 meeting, the MPC considered several proposals to resolve issues concerning the West Eugene Parkway (WEP) project and the adoption of an FY06-09 MTIP. These alternatives included a resolution proposed by the City of Eugene, and a proposed southern realignment of the WEP presented by David Cox of FHWA.

The MPC had a lively and productive discussion of various alternatives and directed staff to focus the July 13 MPC meeting on these issues. A facilitator will be available to allow all MPC members to fully participate in the discussion.

All transportation projects within the State of Oregon funded under Federal Title 23 (Highways) and the Federal Transit Act must be listed in the current Oregon Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) in order to receive federal funds.

Projects within a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) region cannot be programmed in the STIP *until* they are included in the MPO's Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP). All projects must also be in or must be consistent with the long range Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Further, since Eugene/Springfield is designated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) as an air quality maintenance area for carbon monoxide (CO), the MTIP must first be found by the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) and USEPA to conform to air quality regulations before it can be approved.

In August-November 2005, a draft FY06-09 MTIP and associated air quality conformity determination (AQCD) were completed by staff. Analysis of CO emissions from the transportation network showed that CO emissions are expected to remain easily within the

established CO budget for this area through the year 2025. All requirements for adopting the MTIP and AQCD were met.

However, the FY06-09 MTIP and AQCD have not been adopted by MPC, and thus, the FY05-07 MTIP has continued to serve as the MTIP for the area. Since November 2005, amendments have been made to this MTIP to ensure projects could move forward. None of these amendments have triggered the need for a new air quality conformity determination, and have been approved by USDOT. New projects or project phases scheduled for years beyond FY07 have not been programmed since these years are beyond the horizon of the current MTIP.

Adoption of the FY06-09 MTIP will ensure consistency with the current FY06-09 Oregon STIP, as required under federal law, and will allow federal funds to be programmed for FY08 and FY09. Adoption at this time will ensure that advance planning for FY08 projects can proceed. If the existing draft FY06-09 MTIP is not adopted by August, it will become obsolete and a new MTIP (FY07-11) and associated air quality conformity determination will need to be developed.

Attachments:

Attachment 1: Resolution 2006-11

Attachment 2: Exhibit A – Air Quality Conformity Determination

(For Appendices and Maps, see <http://www.lcog.org/aqc/default.htm>)

Attachment 3: Exhibit B – FY06-09 MTIP, November 2, 2005

Attachment 4: Exhibit C – Amendments to FY05-07 MTIP after November 10, 2005

Attachment 5: City of Eugene Proposed Resolution