



July 3, 2007

To: Metropolitan Policy Committee
From: Paul Thompson
Subject: Item 4.d: Draft FY08-11 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program

Action Recommended: Hold public hearing for draft FY08-11 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program.
Discuss draft document and provide feedback to staff.

Background

The Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) was last adopted in July, 2006. It describes short term transportation priorities funded and to be undertaken in FY06-09. The list of transportation projects included in the MTIP details project phases, funding and timelines within the MPO over the four year horizon of the Program.

Under Federal law, the MTIP must be updated to be consistent with the planning period for the State's TIP (STIP). On October 1, the FY08-11 STIP will be put in place, and the FY06-09 STIP will be retired. Once the FY08-11 STIP is adopted, only those project phases that are included in this STIP will be able to receive federal funding. The MPO must therefore develop a new four year MTIP covering federal fiscal years 2008-2011, and must ensure that the project list is provided to ODOT for inclusion in the new STIP. Project phases that are under contract by September 30, 2007, do not have to be included in the new MTIP or STIP.

In June, MPC reviewed the draft MTIP project list and the proposed language describing an updated amendment process.

A public comment period on the draft MTIP will be open from July 6 through August 6. A public hearing will be held on July 12, and an open house is planned for late July. At the MPC meeting on August 9, the FY08-11 MTIP will be presented for adoption.

Discussion

The draft FY08-11 MTIP is provided here as Attachment 1.

A significant part of the update of the MTIP involves developing the new project list. It must be updated to reflect completed projects, projects no longer programmed within

the MTIP horizon, new projects funded and programmed within the planning horizon, modifications to existing programmed project scopes, costs, etc., and other considerations. MPC was provided with the initial draft project list in June. The only change since then has been the addition of the projects that are the pending FY06-09 MTIP amendments (item 4c in the July, 2007 MPC packet), and a slippage of the Diamond/Locust repaving project in Coburg from FY08 to FY10. The intent is to freeze the project list following any updates coming out of this meeting. Any further changes will be addressed after October 1, once the new FY08-11 STIP is operative.

The status of projects from the FY06-09 MTIP is included in the Draft FY08-11 MTIP. In a few cases, a project phase may not yet be under contract but is expected to be so by September 30, 2007, the end of federal FY07. Any corrections to what is shown in this draft MTIP will be made in the final document.

The MTIP financial constraint analysis must be updated to reflect committed revenue during the first two years of the new planning horizon, and reasonably expected revenue during the third and fourth years of the MTIP. The Draft MTIP contains a table that lists the expenditures expected by each jurisdiction over the four years of the MTIP.

Since the MPO area is a maintenance area for carbon monoxide (CO), a new MTIP must be shown to be in conformity with the CO budget applicable to this area. The air quality conformity determination for the FY08-11 MTIP will be made concurrently with the conformity determination for the 2031 RTP. This is expected to be completed by September. Based on prior analyses and measured data, it is certain that the FY08-11 MTIP will be shown to be in conformity and the estimated CO emissions will be well below the allowable budget set by USEPA.

ODOT is preparing the FY08-11 STIP for printing. Since the deadline for including projects in the printed STIP is July 13, the MPO's draft list must be provided to ODOT immediately after discussion and review at, and the inclusion of any required modifications resulting from, the July 12 MPC meeting. This will not preclude any project list changes that may occur between July 12 and the MTIP adoption date. Any such changes will be implemented via an amendment that will be applied to the STIP immediately after it is put into force on October 1.

In August, MPC will be asked to approve and adopt the FY08-11 MTIP subject to the demonstration of air quality conformity. This will enable the MTIP to be forwarded, along with the TIPs from all other Oregon MPOs, to USDOT to facilitate their review of the STIP, and for subsequent forwarding to the Governor for his signature.

Attachment: Attachment 1: Draft FY08-11 MTIP