



August 2, 2006

To: Metropolitan Policy Committee  
From: Paul Thompson  
Subject: Item 5.d: Status Report on Programming STP-U Funds

**Action Recommended: None. Information only.**

**Status Report**

At the July 2006 MPC meeting, staff was directed to proceed with the process for programming the MPO's STP-U funds for FY07, FY08 and FY09. That overall process can be broken down into the following discrete processes:

- Program planning funds above the already programmed baseline amount for FY07
- Program funds for the Transportation Demand Management/Transportation Options (TDM/TO) program for FY08 and FY09
- Program all planning funds (baseline and additional) for FY08 and FY09
- Program funds for all other purposes – Preservation, Project Development and Modernization – for FY08 and FY09

The remainder of this memo provides separate status reports for each of the four bullets above.

**FY07 Planning Funds**

At the June 8, 2006 MPC meeting, MPC programmed STP-U funds to cover baseline planning activities for the MPO jurisdictions. The next step is to program additional STP-U funds, up to the overall 25 percent annual target for planning, based on applications submitted by the jurisdictions. There is approximately \$180,000 available to program for this purpose. Over the next one to two months MPO staff will solicit applications (one from each jurisdiction) for the use of these planning funds in FY07 to support the MPO's planning priorities as shown in Attachment 1 to item 4.e in the July, 2006 MPC packet. Staff will conduct a technical evaluation of the applications and anticipates a staff and TPC recommendation to MPC for programming these funds at the October, 2006 MPC meeting.

**FY08-09 TDM/TO Funds**

The MPO has established an annual target of using 10 percent of the STP-U funds for TDM/TO activities. At this time, projections of STP-U revenues for FY08 and FY09 are approximately \$2.8 million per year, thus targeting \$280,000 per year for these activities. FY08-09 STP-U funding for TDM/TO activities will not require a competitive

application (historically, there has only been one application for these funds). The Transportation Options program shall submit a plan detailing the activities that will be funded with the annual programming of STP-U funds. Both the TPC and the MPC shall review and provide direction on that plan. Again, the October, 2006 MPC meeting is the target for presenting this plan and a recommendation to program the FY08-09 STP-U funds for TDM/TO activities.

### **FY08-09 Planning Funds**

In the same time frame as the two items above, MPO staff will work with local jurisdiction staff to prepare recommendations for programming STP-U funds for the baseline core planning activities and additional planning activities in FY08 and FY09. The process for allocating baseline and additional planning funding will follow the same process that resulted in the June 8, 2006 programming of the baseline funds for FY07 and as shown in Attachment 1 to item 4.e in the July, 2006 MPC packet. Staff anticipates bringing recommendations for programming these funds to the October MPC meeting.

### **FY08-09 Preservation, Project Development & Modernization (PPM) Funds**

The first step in the process to program STP-U funds for PPM activities in FY08-09 is to engage in a discussion about the MPO's regional priorities for the use of those funds – currently targeted at 65% of the annual STP-U revenues, or about \$1.8 million per year. Staff discussions have led to the Eugene and Springfield City Councils scheduling individual work sessions on this topic in October. An MPC discussion of regional priorities is also scheduled for MPC's October meeting.