



August 1, 2007

To: Metropolitan Policy Committee

From: Paul Thompson

Subject: Item 4.b: FFY08-11 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program

Action Recommended: Adopt FFY08-11 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP).

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 FFY06-09. 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). Once the FFY08-11 STIP is approved, the FFY06-09 STIP will be retired, and 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. The public comment period for the FFY08-11 MTIP was opened on July 6 and will close on August 6. On July 12, MPC held a public hearing concerning the MTIP. A public open house was held on July 30 and twelve citizens attended. Of the comments received during the public house, none directly reflected on any material contained within the draft MTIP. Attachment 3 summarizes the comments received at the open house. If additional comments are received between the writing of this memo and the close of the public comment period, they will be conveyed to MPC at the August 9 meeting.

The draft MTIP document with track changes was provided in the July 12 packet.

Discussion

The print-ready draft FFY08-11 MTIP is provided here as Attachment 2. Some additional edits were made to the track-changes July 12 draft version to clarify the Federal regulations, and to correct formatting. Other than these editorial changes, it is identical in substance to the July 12 draft with the following exceptions which are necessary to meet federal regulations concerning the representation of the projects included in the MTIP.

- (1) Project List:
 - a. Due to FTA rules, the federal funds programmed in Pioneer Parkway BRT Project 2008 (key 15516) and Pioneer Parkway BRT Vehicles (Key 15517) had to be removed until the FFY08 FTA Allocations and Operations funds are appropriated by Congress. The project list for the MTIP now shows only local funds in the FFY08 year of these two projects.
 - b. Following the completion of the project development phase, Willamalane has had to reduce the scope of the Middle Fork Willamette Path project due to costs. Construction will fully build the Clearwater Park to Quarry Creek section, but only minimal upgrades will be made to the section between Quarry Creek and Dorris Ranch.
- (2) Financial Tables
 - a. The total project costs in Table 2 and 3 were reduced to reflect the removal of the FTA Pioneer Parkway FFY08 funds.

As discussed in July, any further changes will be addressed after the new FFY08-11 STIP is operative.

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 FFY08-11 MTIP is expected to be completed and ready for adoption shortly. Based on prior analyses and measured data, it is certain that the FFY08-11 MTIP will be shown to be in conformity and the estimated CO emissions will be well below the allowable budget set by USEPA.

On July 26, the Transportation Planning Committee unanimously recommended approval of the FFY08-11 MTIP contingent upon demonstration of air quality conformity, and contingent upon no substantive public comment being received.

Approval and adoption of the FFY08-11 MTIP subject to the demonstration of air quality conformity will enable the MTIP to be forwarded, along with the TIPs from all other Oregon MPOs, to USDOT to facilitate their review of the new STIP, and for subsequent forwarding to the Governor for his signature concurrent with his signing of the new STIP.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of Resolution 2007-07 (Attachment 1), adopting the Central Lane MPO FFY08-11 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program as shown in Exhibit A to the Resolution.

Attachments:

- Attachment 1: Resolution 2007-07
- Attachment 2: Exhibit A: Central Lane FFY08-11 MTIP
- Attachment 3: Summary of comments received