



August 1, 2007

To: Metropolitan Policy Committee
From: Susan Payne
Subject: Item 4.f: Amendments to Central Lane MPO FY06-09 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP)

Action Recommended: None. For information only.

Discussion

On July 12, 2007 MPC approved the addition of the Pioneer Parkway Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project to the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP). Federal funding shown for the project and associated BRT vehicles was from a grant awarded to LTD by the FTA Small Starts program and was split across two years – FFY07 and FFY08. Local required match was from LTD's Connect Oregon grant and general fund.

FTA has informed the MPO and LTD that the FFY08 funding will not be officially available until an announcement of the FFY08 appropriation is made in the federal register, expected around January 2008. Thus, due to the regulations governing the MTIP, these FFY08 funds cannot be programmed until appropriated.

MTIP amendments 2007-32 and 2007-33 correct the mistake that was made in programming these FY08 funds prior to the Federal Register "FTA Appropriations and Allocations" announcement. The two amendments remove the FFY08 Small Starts grant funds from the Pioneer Parkway BRT project and the BRT vehicle project. The programmed funds remaining in the MTIP are the FFY07 federal funds and the local funds originally designated as match. TPC, at their meeting on July 26, unanimously approved the two amendments.

FTA has given no indication that the promised FFY08 funds will not eventually be available. LTD has assured the MPO that they are committed to completion of the Pioneer Parkway project, and that should Congress not appropriate the funds, other sources will be tapped for the project.

These amendments thus temporarily "deprogram" funds which will be restored in early FFY08. Should this situation change, MPC will be informed.

2007-32: Pioneer Parkway EmX - 2008 (LTD)

Project development, final design and construction of Pioneer Parkway EmX Bus Rapid Transit. This amendment removes \$11.6M in federal Small Start grant funding for FFY08 construction. Following this amendment, project funding stands at \$14.8M in federal funds, with a total of \$21.4M.

2007-33: Pioneer Parkway Vehicles (LTD)

Purchase vehicles for Pioneer Parkway EmX BRT. This amendment removes \$3.2M in 2008 funds received from award of USDOT Small Starts grant. Following this amendment, total project funding stands at \$800,000.

Attachments:

Attachment 1 – Amendments 2007-32, 2007-33.