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To: Metropolitan Policy Committee

From: Paul Thompson

Subject: Item 4.c: Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Amendment for I-5/Coburg Interchange

Action Recommended: Approve Resolution 2005-10 adopting an amendment to the Central Lane MPO Regional Transportation Plan.

Issue Summary

At the July 14, 2005 Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC) meeting, staff presented information regarding the funding and status of the project planned for the Interstate 5 (I-5) interchange at the City of Coburg. Staff requested direction from MPC on amending the Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) RTP to demonstrate that the MPO reasonably expects funding for the project.

The United States Congress recently approved federal legislation including \$8 million for the project, with \$2.5 million committed as local match by Lane County and an additional previous federal commitment of \$3 million. Although planning work for the project is currently under way and a final cost estimate is not complete, the best available information indicates that the project cost will range from \$15 to \$20 million. The current funding *commitment* of \$13.5 million exceeds the federal standard of "reasonably expected" funding in order to demonstrate financial constraint in the RTP. The MPO has also found that the \$6.5 million of additional funding potentially needed to fully fund the project is reasonably expected to be available to complete the project in the projected timeframe.

The project is an established high priority in several local, regional and state planning documents. At the July 14, 2005 MPC meeting, MPC unanimously passed a motion to direct staff to immediately proceed with amending the Regional Transportation Plan to move the Interstate 5/Coburg interchange project from the "Illustrative" project list to the Financially Constrained project list and present the amendment to the MPC at its August 2005 meeting.

On August 2, 2005 the MPO's Transportation Planning Committee (TPC) unanimously recommended amending the RTP to move the I-5/Coburg project from the RTP's Illustrative project list to the Financially Constrained project list and adjust the "Estimated Cost" of the project from \$12,500,000 to \$20,000,000.

Attachments: Attachment 1: Resolution 2005-10