

September 2, 2004

To: Metropolitan Policy Committee

From: Paul Thompson

Subject: Item 4.e: RTP Update Status

Action Requested: None – Information Only

Issue Summary

At the July 3, 2004 MPC meeting staff presented a status report on the RTP update in progress and scheduled for adoption at the December, 2004 MPC meeting. That report stressed that this update of the RTP is a minor update, noting:

Federal officials consider[ed] what is required to be a minor update and as part of the [Spring 2003] Certification Review, indicated that the scope of this region's RTP update could be limited to the following modifications to the existing plan:

1. Extend the planning horizon to 2025;
2. Update the financial constraint analysis;
3. Expand Boundary to include entire census-defined urbanized area (including Coburg)

As a minor update, the work of staff and the Transportation Planning Committee (TPC) has focused almost exclusively on the three points listed above. A slightly expanded list of the major work tasks and elements of the update necessary to address those three points includes:

- Redefining the MPO boundary to coincide with the TMA boundary and implementing this new boundary in the transportation system model and elsewhere as needed. This task is complete.
- Modeling the transportation system within the expanded MPO boundary through 2025, including updated projections of growth. This task is nearing completion.
- Developing updated projections of ODOT modernization funds. This task has been hampered by the lack of a federal reauthorization of transportation funding. ODOT must coordinate with MPO's statewide and provide this updated revenue forecast. This task is nearing completion.
- Updating project lists to remove completed projects and bring cost estimates to current 2004 dollars. This task is nearing completion.

The schedule for adoption of the RTP over the next 3-plus months is as follows:

- September 17** Full draft RTP released to TPC for review (individual elements under constant review prior to this date)
- September 17 to 23** TPC comments on draft RTP
- September 23** TPC considers recommendation to MPC for MPC's adoption of RTP update, with revisions (if needed) as suggested by TPC
- September 23 to October 6** Staff incorporates TPC modifications, as needed
- October 14** Draft RTP presented to MPC, MPC releases for public review and opens public comment period
- October 14 to December 9** Public comment period on draft RTP
- Late October** Direct mailing, newspaper display ads and other public outreach to notify public of update, public comment period, public workshop and public hearings.
- November 4** Public Workshop on RTP update
- November 18** MPC holds first public hearing
- December 9** MPC holds second public hearing and adopts RTP

The necessary air quality conformity process will be conducted concurrent with the adoption of the RTP. The public notice, public workshop and public hearings will address both the RTP and the air quality conformity, providing the public with a coordinated one-stop process for learning about and providing comment on both elements of the update.