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To: Metropolitan Policy Committee

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Subject: Item 4.d: FY08-11 MPO-Specific STIP Prioritization Factors & Evaluation Process

Action Recommended: Review TPC recommendation for MPO-specific prioritization factors and evaluation process.

Issue Summary

At the July 14, 2005 joint meeting of the MPC and the MPO's Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) staff presented a schedule for the FY08-11 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) process. The MPC and the CAC reviewed the schedule and indicated acceptance of the statewide eligibility criteria and prioritization factors as proposed by the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC).

At the August 11th MPC meeting, staff presented a revised FY08-11 STIP schedule reflecting minor adjustments to meeting dates and allowing additional time at several points in the process. At that meeting, staff also presented background information on the MPO-specific factors and evaluation process used in the FY06-09 STIP process two years ago and answered questions on the process and criteria. Attachments 2 and 3 to the August 11th MPC memo presented information on that prior process.

The MPO's Transportation Planning Committee (TPC) and the TPC Technical Advisory Subcommittee (TASC) discussed possible modifications to the MPO-specific criteria and process over the course of several meetings in August. The TPC's consensus recommendation on August 29, 2005 is to retain the MPO-specific evaluation criteria and process utilized during the FY06-09 STIP process for use in the FY08-11 STIP process. Two main factors influenced this recommendation:

1. The MPO is currently in the midst of an extensive process to analyze and overhaul the MPO's prioritization criteria and process for programming STP-U funds. This process is expected to result in a completely new approach to establishing MPO priorities for the use of STP-U funds. It is anticipated that the new approach will rely more on objective measures – such as the transportation system's (or an individual component thereof) condition, the functional classification or volume on individual facilities, safety

improvements, etc. – as compared to the current criteria that rely heavily on support for the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) policy set. Complete implementation of the new STP-U process will take six to eight months. While it is also anticipated that the new STP-U evaluation criteria and process will set the stage for the MPO's overall efforts at setting priorities, the timeline for establishing priorities for the FY08-11 STIP is much shorter, occurring prior to the end of 2006. The existing FY06-09 STIP evaluation criteria and process are still valid for establishing the MPO FY08-11 STIP priorities, especially given the second factor.

2. The high-priority projects identified within the Central Lane MPO for the FY06-09 STIP process remain as viable projects requiring additional funding for the FY08-11 STIP process. Attachments 1 and 2 show the MPO's FY06-09 Development STIP (D-STIP) and Construction STIP (C-STIP) priorities. Attachment 3 shows the countywide modernization priorities for large roadway projects, smaller roadway projects and large DSTIP projects as adopted in April, 2004 and update in August, 2005. This recent countywide priority list also shows the "Metro" (MPO) priorities in each category. Attachments 4 and 5 show the current draft recommendations for the Lane County FY08-11 large project Development and Construction priorities. The two lists reflect essentially the same top priorities.

MPO staff is requesting MPC agreement with the TPC recommendation to retain the current evaluation criteria and process for use over the next four months in reviewing and establishing priorities for the FY08-11 STIP.

Attachments:

- Attachment 1 – FY06-09 Development STIP (D-STIP) Priorities
- Attachment 2 – FY06-09 Construction STIP (C-STIP) Priorities
- Attachment 3 – Countywide Modernization Priorities (Large Roadway Projects, Smaller Roadway Projects, DSTIP Large Projects) for FY06-09 STIP (Adopted April, 2004 and updated August, 2005)
- Attachment 4 – Lane County Draft FY08-11 Large Project Development Priorities
- Attachment 5 – Lane County Draft FY08-11 Large Project Construction Priorities