



# Lane Council of Governments

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To: Metropolitan Policy Committee

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Subject: Item 4.e: Review of Draft FY08-11 STIP Region 2 Large Project Priority List

**Action Recommended:** Provide comment for ODOT Region 2/ACT/MPO review of large project priority list.

## Issue Summary

On July 21, 2005 the ODOT Region 2 Manager sent out a request (Attachment 1) to the Areas in ODOT Region 2 to review a draft Region 2 Large Project List (Attachment 2) and asked for two things:

- A review for completeness to see if local agencies or the public want to add projects to the list.
- To rank the projects according to criteria based on the STIP Modernization Program criteria

There are five large projects in the Central Lane MPO on the draft list sent out by Region 2. Four of these projects reflect the current MPO priorities as established through the FY06-09 STIP prioritization process and the OTIA III prioritization process. The additional project is the listing of the *I-5/Franklin Proposed Interchange* project in recognition of the current ODOT planning work underway for the potential "large project" at that location.

MPO and partner jurisdiction staff have reviewed the list and determined that the list correctly represents the MPO's large projects. Lane County is preparing one addition to the list, Hwy 126, Poterf Creek-Noti. The Lane County process involves review by the County Roads Advisory Committee as well as a public hearing before the County Board on September 21, 2005.

As has been the practice, the MPO Policy Board will establish the MPO's priorities and forward that information to the Lane County Board of Commissioners for inclusion in their consideration of county-wide priorities. The County Board does not change the order of the MPO priorities, while melding the non-MPO priorities in the remainder of the county into a county-wide list.

MPO and partner jurisdiction staff have also reviewed the list and, given that the list of large projects within the MPO remains the same as the one established during the prior process, recommends that the priorities from that prior process remain the same also. Staff has not identified anything that would modify the relative priorities on the list, as

evaluated by the criteria used during the prior process. The attachments to MPC item 4.d in this September 15, 2005 meeting packet illustrate the MPO's FY06-09 STIP priorities and the County's draft FY08-11 large project priorities. The County's draft priorities (as shown on those attachments) reflect the MPO's existing (FY06-09) priorities for large projects.

### Summary of Criteria and Rankings

The ODOT eligibility criteria for Modernization projects are:

- Consistency with adopted Transportation System Plans (TSPs) or comprehensive plans
- Consistency with OHP policy on Major Transportation Improvements (Policy 1G, Action 1.G.1)

ODOT prioritizing factors are:

- Project Readiness
- Projects that best support policies of the Oregon Highway Plan
- Projects that support freight mobility
- Projects that leverage other funds and public benefits
- Projects that have a completed environmental milestone

The following information provides a summary of the status of the MPO large projects.

#### Construction Projects

1. I-5/Beltline Interchange (Completed environmental process, \$72.5 million to contract in 2006)
2. West Eugene Parkway (Environmental process to be complete Spring 2006, \$17.7 million programmed in 2006)
3. I-5/Coburg Interchange (IAMP underway, environmental funded, \$14.5 million funded)

#### Development Projects

1. Beltline, River Road to Coburg Road (System Planning 2006, DSTIP \$1 million programmed)
2. I-5/Franklin Blvd Interchange (System Planning underway, environmental funded contingent upon project planning decisions)

MPO staff is requesting MPC agreement with the TPC recommendation to forward the MPO's established large project priorities to the Lane County Board for their consideration while establishing the county-wide priorities for the September 29, 2005 ODOT Region 2 meeting. Note that forwarding these priorities for this specific process is only one step in the overall STIP process – the FY08-11 STIP schedule provides other opportunities over the next several months to provide input on STIP priorities in general.

**Attachments:** Attachment 1 – Letter from ODOT Region 2 Manager  
Attachment 2 – Draft Region 2 Large Project List