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To: Metropolitan Policy Committee  
From: Tom Schwetz  
Subject: Item 5.f: Transportation Cost Trends

**Action Recommended:** None. Information and Discussion

### **Discussion**

At MPC's August 10<sup>th</sup> meeting a news article was attached to the packet discussing the issue of rising materials costs affecting ODOT's ability to meet modernization and maintenance goals ("*Soaring costs throw Oregon road projects a curve - Rough road - Officials are facing steep price increases for asphalt and other materials*", Oregonian, July 31, 2006). The article mentions a presentation made to the Oregon Transportation Commission in July. This same presentation will be delivered to MPC at its October meeting. As part of the presentation, local agencies will also be discussing their cost trend issues. For convenience, the Oregonian article is attached to this memo.

**Attachments:** Attachment 1 – July 31 Oregonian Article