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To: Metropolitan Policy Committee

From: Tom Schwetz

Subject: Item 4.c –ConnectOregon

Action Recommended: None. Information and Discussion Only.

Issue Summary:

ConnectOregon is a lottery-bond-based initiative (\$100 million) approved by the Oregon Legislative Assembly (SB71) to invest in air, rail, marine and transit infrastructure to ensure Oregon's transportation system is strong, diverse, and efficient. It is focused on improving the connections between the highway system and the other modes of transportation to better integrate the components of the system, improve flow of commerce and remove delays.

It is the first major funding initiative targeted at multimodal or non-highway transportation in Oregon. This effort will leverage the significant investments in the highway network, (from OTIA I, II and III) and the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

Julie Rodwell, ODOT's Freight Mobility Section Manager, will provide an overview of the ConnectOregon program at MPC's October 20th meeting. Attachment 1 provides a copy of ConnectOregon PowerPoint slides. Attachment 2 provides a Fact Sheet on the program.

Attachments:

Attachment 1 – ConnectOregon Presentation PowerPoint Slides

Attachment 2 – ConnectOregon Fact Sheet