



November 1, 2006

To: Metropolitan Policy Committee
From: Paul Thompson
Subject: Item 4.e: Status Report – Programming STP-U Funds for Preservation, Modernization and Project Development

Action Recommended: None. Information and discussion; provide direction to staff.

Background

At the July 13, 2006 MPC meeting, MPC provided direction to proceed with the STP-U programming process which had been under development and review for several months. At the October, 2006 MPC meeting, STP-U funds were programmed for Planning and TDM/TO (Transportation Demand Management/ Transportation Options) activities through FY08. The next phase of the STP-U programming process is to evaluate priorities and program STP-U funds for Preservation, Modernization and Project Development activities through FY09.

Discussion

Over the past several months, local jurisdiction staff and officials have worked to identify local priorities for the use of STP-U funds for Preservation, Modernization and Project Development activities. That work resulted in City of Eugene and City of Springfield Council work sessions on October 23, 2006. At the two separate work sessions, the City Councils each provided direction on City priorities for applications for the use of these STP-U funds. To summarize, the Eugene Council provided direction to staff that the City's priority is to apply for preservation funding for a set of specific preservation projects (see Attachment 1). The Springfield Council provided direction to staff that Springfield's highest priority for this phase of STP-U funding is to apply for funding for the Gateway/Beltline project – for construction, project development and possibly right-of-way acquisition. Springfield also identified a second funding priority – a preservation project on 21st street from D Street to Main Street.

In addition, during staff discussions both Lane County and Lane Transit District (LTD) staff have indicated that they are evaluating a small set of *project-specific* priorities to potentially submit STP-U funding requests for.

Staff will be available at the November 9, 2006 MPC meeting to provide additional details and answer questions regarding each jurisdiction's priorities.

Staff Recommendation

Given that the two cities have already identified specific projects to submit funding applications for, and the County and LTD are working to do the same shortly, and given that all jurisdictions have indicated an interest in starting the process to program and access these funds as soon as possible, staff is asking for direction from MPC to proceed with opening the application period for STP-U Preservation, Modernization and Project Development funding for FY07, FY08 and FY09. Attachment 2 provides a recommended timeline for this process.

Attachments: Attachment 1 – City of Eugene Priority Preservation
Projects for STP-U Funding
Attachment 2 – STP-U Preservation, Modernization &
Project Development Programming Timeline