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To: Metropolitan Planning Committee (MPC)  
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Subject: Item 4.d.1.iv – ITS Innovation Projects Awards

**Action Recommended: None. Information only.**

In July 2008, Lane County, Lane Transit District, LCOG/LTD and ODOT Area 5 submitted project proposals to ODOT's Transportation Operations Innovation and Demonstration Program.

This program provides \$8 million in state and/or federal highway funds for projects that reduce congestion and/or improve freight mobility on the Oregon State Highway System through use of systems operations and management strategies and technologies. It is aimed at projects that improve the national state of the practice for transportation operations and/or that demonstrate a concept or technology that is either new to Oregon or that is being expanded into a new area of the state. Eligible projects can be on local roads but must benefit the state system. Selected projects are not required to provide local match, and funds are now available for programming.

In October, OTC met and approved the projects to be funded. Attachment 1 ranks and describes each of the submitted projects. Of the four submitted from this MPO area, two were selected for funding:

- Probe Data for Traveler Information (ODOT) -- purchase and use real-time data from vehicle probes operating within the MPO area to provide traveler data and performance data for characterizing system operations.
- Delta Highway Intelligent Transportation System (Lane County) – install a queue warning system on Delta Highway to improve safety at the Beltline interchange, and to augment traveler information on Beltline Hwy variable message signs.

Both projects will be added to the MTIP so they can proceed. Neither project triggers the need for an air quality conformity determination and fiscal constraint is not affected as these are new funds from ODOT.

**Attachment:** 1. Project Selection Results.