

November 10, 2004

To: Metropolitan Policy Committee

From: Paul Thompson

Subject: Item 4b: Draft FY05-07 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP)

Background

At the October 9, 2003 MPC meeting MPC adopted the FY2004-06 Central Lane MTIP. The MTIP lists transportation projects using federal funds programmed for fiscal years 2004-2006. The MTIP also lists all non-federal funding sources for individual projects. Since that adoption, both the Transportation Planning Committee and MPC have adopted a number of administrative and non-administrative amendments to the MTIP.

Federal legislation requires that Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), in cooperation with the state and transit operators, develop an MTIP that is updated and approved at least every two years by MPC and the Governor. Copies of the MTIP are provided to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). Specific requirements for the MTIP are outlined in various implementation rules developed by FHWA, FTA, and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). In summary, the MTIP must cover a period of not less than three years, must include all federally funded projects and regionally significant projects, must be consistent with funding that is expected to be available during the relevant period and must be consistent with the long-range transportation plan. There also must be reasonable opportunity for public comment prior to approval. Further details on these requirements are provided in the MTIP itself.

Draft FY05-07 Transportation Improvement Program

Attachment 1 is a copy of the draft Central Lane MPO FY2005-2007 MTIP. The MTIP contains a three-year listing of anticipated expenditures for funded projects drawn from the capital improvement programs of Eugene, Springfield, Coburg, Lane County, Lane Transit District, and ODOT. In addition, the MTIP lists projects for which application of specific federal funds will be made in the next three years, to the extent that is known at this point. Priorities for the use of federal Surface Transportation Program—Urban (STP-U) funds as allocated by MPC in October 2003 are shown for the

first two fiscal years (FY05 & FY06) of the MTIP. Due to the delay in the reauthorization of the federal surface transportation act, the amount of STP-U funds available for programming in FY07 is still unknown.

The MTIP document itself contains additional details on its purpose and function. Furthermore, staff has prepared a presentation on the MTIP for the December 9th MPC meeting.

Public Comment

A Preliminary Draft FY05-07 MTIP was available to the public at the time of the November 4, 2004 public open house. In addition, MPO staff sent email and postal mail notices of the public comment period, the public workshop and the public hearing scheduled for December 9th to a distribution list of interested parties.

At the open house, approximately fourteen citizens participated in discussions of the MTIP, the RTP and air quality, as well as other regional transportation issues. To date, MPO staff has not received any specific comments from the public regarding the draft MTIP. Any comments provided between the date of this memo and the date of the MPC meeting will be handed out at the meeting.

Next Steps

In this memo, TPC staff has provided recommendations for the MPO's FY05-07 MTIP. The schedule calls for a public review and comment period running through a public hearing on these matters scheduled for MPC's meeting on December 9, 2004. During this public comment period, staff will conduct a public information open house on the draft MTIP on December 1, 2004 as well as other public outreach activities.

Action Requested: Review Draft MTIP. Open Public Review Period for Draft MTIP to extend to December 9th MPC meeting.

Attachments:

Attachment 1: Draft Central Lane TMA FY2005-2007 MTIP