

November 12, 2004

To: Metropolitan Policy Committee

From: Tom Schwetz

Subject: Item 4f (1)(iii) – Status of Section 115 Surface Transportation Projects

Action Recommended: None. Information Only.

Issue Summary:

Back in July, MPOs in Oregon received information that certain federal earmark projects had been passed by congress as part of the FY04 Omnibus appropriations bill, but had no funding attached to them. At that time, various agencies in the state who had received these earmarks were working to find a means to fund these projects. The only project in the Central Lane MPO area was an LTD project. An earmark for \$750,000 was provided as partial funding for the Ride Source Operations and Maintenance Facility to supplement other state funds used for the project.

As a result of recent congressional action releasing the remaining 2004 funding that was set aside in the latest extension of TEA-21, all of the Section 115 earmark projects in Oregon will receive the full amount earmarked in the Omnibus bill.

Attached is a memo from ODOT Director Bruce Warner announcing this news.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Memo from Bruce Warner regarding Section 115 Surface Transportation Projects