



November 30, 2005

To: Metropolitan Policy Committee

From: Paul Thompson

Subject: Item 4.a: Central Lane MPO FY08-11 STIP Modernization Priorities

**Action Recommended:** Discuss TPC recommendation and consider forwarding to the Oregon Department of Transportation and the Lane County Board of Commissioners the MPO priorities for funding modernization projects in the FY08-11 STIP.

**Background:**

Starting with the July 14, 2005 MPC meeting staff has presented materials related to the current ODOT process under way for the FY2008-2011 STIP. One of the significant parts of the process for the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is the development of the MPO's priorities for funding for modernization projects on the ODOT state system in the FY08-11 STIP. This current agenda item builds on the background provided over the past several months by presenting the Transportation Planning Committee's (TPC) recommended FY08-11 STIP modernization priorities and asking for MPC's approval of those recommended priorities.

**Issue Summary:**

The MPO's Transportation Planning Committee considered the MPO's FY08-11 STIP modernization priorities at its meeting on November 28, 2005. Attachment 1 shows the full list of *potential* STIP projects under consideration for prioritization. At that meeting, TPC developed a recommendation for a set of five projects to adopt as the MPO's priorities for modernization funding on the ODOT state system in the FY08-11 STIP. Staff will provide a brief oral presentation on the current status of the STIP process and on TPC's recommendation(s) at the December MPC meeting. Attachment 2 shows TPC's recommended modernization funding priorities for the FY08-11 STIP. In summary, the five recommended priority projects are, in no particular order:

- **Beltline Highway at Coburg Road Interchange:** Construct ramp and signal improvements. Increase funding to fully fund updated cost estimate.
- **Interstate 5/Beltline, I-5 to Gateway/Beltline:** Reconstruct interchange. Funding for next phase of construction/right-of-way acquisition.
- **Interstate 5 at Coburg:** Reconstruct interchange. Funding required to fully fund project.
- **West Eugene Parkway, Garfield to Seneca:** Phase 1 construction of new four lane arterial. Fund next phase of connection to Garfield/Hwy 99.
- **Beltline Highway, River Road to Coburg Road:** Fully fund completion of environmental process.

It is important to note that TPC's recommendation does not rank the five projects in priority order. At this point ODOT has indicated that forwarding the MPO's set of priority projects is sufficient to provide the information required at this stage of the STIP process. Over the next several months, by April 2006 at the latest, the MPO will need to take the next step of ranking the priority projects from the highest to the lowest priority.

The MPO's Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) will review this same information at their December 7, 2005 meeting. Staff will report on any recommendation or other information from the CAC at the MPC meeting.

Staff is requesting that the MPC review and approve TPC's recommended STIP modernization project priorities. Upon approval of a set of MPO modernization project priorities for the FY08-11 STIP, the MPO will forward those priorities to the Lane County Board of Commissioners (BCC) and ODOT. The BCC is scheduled to hold a public hearing and consider county-wide priorities on December 14, 2005. The BCC will incorporate the MPO's priorities into their development of the county-wide set of priorities and also forward that set to ODOT.

**Attachments:** Attachment 1 – Central Lane MPO Potential FY08-11 STIP Projects  
Attachment 2 – Central Lane MPO Proposed Modernization Funding  
Priorities for the FY08-11 STIP