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To: Citizen Advisory Committee

From: Paul Thompson

Subject: Item 8: Proposed Modifications to ODOT Regional Transportation Plan
Roadway Project Lists for 2031 RTP Update

Action Recommended: Review and discuss proposed project list changes.
Provide feedback to staff.

Background

The Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) was last adopted in December, 2004. As part of the long-range RTP, lists of transportation projects are included detailing the anticipated transportation improvements that will be required over the 20+ year horizon of the Plan. The MPO's RTP contains three sets of capital investment project lists: Roadway Projects, Transit Projects, and Bicycle projects. Each of these three sets is divided into two distinct lists, as required by federal regulations: a financially constrained list, and an illustrative list. The financially constrained list contains only those projects for which a reasonable expectation exists that there will be sufficient funding over the RTP planning horizon. The illustrative list contains the remaining projects. Furthermore, financial constraint for each project list is analyzed *per jurisdiction* – that is, ODOT's capital investments in Roadway Projects are financially constrained by reasonably expected revenues *for that purpose*, as are Eugene's, etc.

Discussion

A significant part of the 2031 update of the RTP involves updating the project lists and the financial constraint analysis. The current RTP adopted in 2004 has a planning horizon of 2004-2025. The RTP update will result in a planning horizon of 2007-2031. The project lists must be updated to reflect completed projects, projects no longer planned within the RTP horizon, new projects, modifications to existing project scopes, costs, etc., and other considerations. In addition, the financial constraint analysis must be updated to reflect reasonably expected revenue during the new planning horizon.

As part of the 2031 RTP update, all projects related to the West Eugene Parkway (WEP) are being removed from the financially constrained ODOT Roadway Projects list. This is the single most significant modification to the entire set of RTP project lists, and

results in freeing up approximately \$150 million in the ODOT Roadway financial constraint analysis.

Over the past several weeks, staff has been reviewing the initial ODOT proposal for modifications to the ODOT Roadway Projects Financially Constrained and Illustrative RTP project lists. Attachments 1 and 2 provide annotated copies of the two lists showing the proposed modifications.

Other than removing the WEP-related projects, and minor updated cost estimates and other adjustments for other projects, the significant modifications are the ODOT proposals to move three projects, with updated cost estimates, from the Illustrative list to the Financially Constrained list. These three projects are:

- RTP Project #30, Eugene-Springfield Highway at 52nd Street. Construct Interchange. Update cost estimate from \$11,144,000 to \$40,000,000
- RTP Project #27, Eugene-Springfield Highway at Main Street. Construct Interchange. Update cost estimate from \$11,144,000 to \$50,000,000
- RTP Project #506, Beltline Highway, River Road to Delta Highway. Widen to 6 lanes; construct new or widen existing Willamette River Bridges; revise Division/River Ave ramps; reconstruct/relocate Division Ave from Division Place to Beltline. Update cost estimate from \$16,581,000 to \$51,292,000 and redefine project description.

In addition, Eugene requested that moving the "W. 11th Avenue: Green Hill Road to Terry Street" arterial capacity improvement project from the Illustrative to Constrained list also be included in the proposal. This Eugene proposal fits within the financial constraint range (assuming draft dollar figures do not change significantly), and has been included in the attached tables.

Finally, the preliminary draft analysis of the amount of reasonably expected revenue for capital investments in ODOT Roadway Projects has been updated from the 2004 estimate of \$275-\$300 million to \$295-\$320 million.

The item was forwarded to the Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC) for its consideration at the March 8th MPC meeting. At that meeting, MPC indicated agreement with the proposed modifications, and also directed that a new study be added to the constrained list for *Beltline Highway*, and that a new project be added to the Illustrative list for *I-5 @ Coburg Interchange* (Phase 2 improvements).

Staff is asking for discussion and feedback. Staff will continue refinement of the proposal based on that feedback, including formal consideration of the proposal by TPC and MPC.

Attachments:

Attachment 1: Draft Proposed ODOT Financially Constrained RTP Roadway Projects List

Attachment 2: Draft Proposed ODOT Illustrative RTP Roadway Projects List