



December 29, 2016

To: Metropolitan Policy Committee
From: Paul Thompson
Subject: Item 7.c: City of Eugene Request to Reprogram STP-U Funds

Action Recommended: Conduct public hearing. Provide feedback to staff.

Purpose

This agenda item requests a public hearing and MPC feedback on a proposal to amend the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) to move \$943,000 in FFY2017 STP-U funds from the *City of Eugene Riverfront Path Reconstruction* project to the City of Eugene Project Development phase for *Seismic Strengthening of Thirteen Eugene Bridges on Major and Minor Arterials* (Bridge project).

Background and Discussion

The MPC previously programmed MPO discretionary STP-U funds for the City of Eugene Riverfront Path Reconstruction project to reconstruct the section of the Ruth Bascom Riverfront Path on the EWEB redevelopment site to be consistent with the Riverfront Master Plan. The City of Eugene is now proposing to fund the Riverfront Path project using City revenue and would like to request the STP-U funds be transferred to the Project Development phase for seismic strengthening of thirteenn Eugene bridges on major and minor arterial streets. The City has submitted the STP-U funding request included as Attachment 1 to this memo.

The Bridge project will include the preliminary design to seismically strengthen thirteen City of Eugene bridges. The preliminary design will include geotechnical investigations, seismic evaluation of bridge elements, future EmX loading where appropriate, and preliminary design and cost estimates for the seismic retrofits. The work will be documented in a preliminary design report for all thirteen bridges. The thirteen bridges were identified in a seismic vulnerability assessment of thirty-one City bridges conducted by OBEC Consulting Engineers and documented in a report titled – a *Final Vulnerability Assessment and Recommendation Report*, January 29, 2016 (see Attachment 1 for list of bridges).

Public Involvement

A public comment period on the proposed amendment is open from December 29, 2016 through January 28, 2017. A public hearing is scheduled for the January 5, 2017 MPC meeting, with action on the request scheduled for the February 2, 2017 meeting.

Recommendation

At its December 14, 2016 meeting, the MPO's Transportation Planning Committee (TPC) discussed the proposal to re-program the STP-U funds, and unanimously recommended consideration of the proposal.

Attachments

1. City of Eugene MTIP Application to Reprogram STP-U Funds