



July 23, 2018

To: Metropolitan Policy Committee
From: Dan Callister
Subject: Item 6.d: LTD Request to Program STBG-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 replace \$600,000 of CMAQ funds from LTD's Traffic Signal at Green Lane and River Road project (key# 20947) with \$600,000 STBG-U, with the CMAQ funds returning to the MPO discretionary fund pool for other projects.

Background and Discussion

MPC previously programmed \$600,000 in MPO discretionary CMAQ funds for a traffic signal at Green Lane and River Road as part of LTD' Santa Clara Community Transit Center project (key# 20947). The traffic signal will mitigate congestion and reduce bus idling at the new transit center. Since these funds were programmed, ODOT has questioned the eligibility of this use of CMAQ funds on the grounds that the congestion and emissions do not yet exist. While members of the Transportation Planning Committee disagree with the validity of ODOT's argument, it was proposed, for the sake of timeliness and helping LTD to keep their schedule, that the previously programmed \$600,000 CMAQ be returned to the MPO discretionary funding pool and that \$600,000 of un-programmed STBG-U be applied to this project instead, thus making ODOT's eligibility concerns moot. Match requirements for either fund source are equal, thus there is no change to the project total.

Public Involvement

A public comment period on the proposed amendment is open from August 1, 2018 through August 30, 2018. A public hearing is requested for the August 2, 2018 MPC meeting, with action on the request scheduled for the September 6, 2018 meeting.

Recommendation

At its June 20, 2018 meeting, the MPO's Transportation Planning Committee (TPC) discussed this proposal and unanimously recommended it for MPC consideration.

Attachments

1. LTD Request to Program STBG-U Funds
2. Original funding application for LTD Traffic Signal at Green Ln and River Rd