



February 10, 2010

To: Citizen Advisory Committee
From: Andrea Riner
Subject: Item 7: FFY 2011-2013 Surface Transportation Program—Urban
STP-U Framework and Metrics

Action Recommended: None. For Information Only.

Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to provide an update to the CAC regarding the STP-U Framework and changes to the STP-U project application and selection process and schedule.

Background

At their January meeting, staff requested approval of an updated STP-U Framework based on the recommendations of an MPC Subcommittee that met in November, and recommendations of the MPO Citizen Advisory Committee. The motion to approve the Framework did not pass and staff was asked to develop criteria and measures that better describe how individual projects to be funded might address the regional priorities. The MPC STP-U Subcommittee was reconvened on Thursday, January 28th to review and discuss strategies for developing project metrics and evaluation criteria for the FY 2011-2013 STP-U funding allocation process.

On Thursday, February 11, the MPC will again consider approval of the STP-U Framework based on the revised project metrics and evaluation criteria developed by the MPC Subcommittee.

Next Steps and Timeline

Once an STP-U Framework and process is approved by the MPC, the MPO will engage in project solicitation, evaluation, and selection for funding to cover the three-year STP-U period (2011-2013). The goal is to have project funding requests approved by April, 2010 in order to ensure that MPO projects are included in the Final 2010-2013 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

Based on this revised schedule, the CAC will have only one opportunity to review the project applications and to make a recommendation to the MPC. Staff will make every effort to provide the CAC with information as soon as it is available, including a preliminary project list, TPC recommendations, projects submitted for public comments, and/or projects presented to the MPC for public hearing in March.

February 2010	Initiate solicitation for project applications.
	Agencies prepare and submit applications.
March 2010	Staff presents projects and applications to MPC and requests a public hearing. (A minimum 30-day public comment period will be initiated in early March.)
	CAC develops formal recommendation to MPC (MARCH 18) TPC develops formal recommendation to MPC.
April 2010	MPC approves final funding allocations.

Recommended Action

None. For Information only.

Attachments

1. MPC Cover Memo regarding STP-U Framework and Metrics dated 2/3/2010
2. Draft Application for STP-U Funds FY 2011-2013 (Project Development, Preservation, and Modernization)