



March 3, 2010

To: Metropolitan Policy Committee
From: Paul Thompson
Subject: MPC 5.c. Requests for Funding

Action Recommended:

1. Approve Resolution 2010-02 amending the FFY08-11 MTIP for the Regional Transportation Options Plan

Purpose

The purpose of this agenda item is to request MPC approval regarding two requests for STP-U funds. These relate to previous or current Fiscal Year funds—not for FY 2011-2013 STP-U project funding requests that will be considered at the March 11th meeting (MPC Agenda Item 5.b). The following funding requests have been reviewed and approved by TPC for consideration by the MPC:

1. **Regional Transportation Options Plan:** point2point Solutions is requesting MPC approval to program \$20,000 in STP-U funds to initiate work on a Regional Transportation Options Plan and to develop grant applications for full project funding. This request for funding is in addition to the FFY 2010 funding for Transportation Demand Management, received by point2point in the amount of \$248,000 approved by the MPC in June 2009. This proposal is described further in Attachment 1.
2. **Eugene Regional Transportation Planning – 2010:** The City of Eugene is requesting MPC approval to reprogram previously allocated STP-U funds from Eugene’s West 11th Corridor Study project to Eugene’s regional transportation planning program as described in the 2010-2011 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). This proposal is described further in Attachment 2.

Public Input

The MPC-approved Public Participation Plan recommends a 30-day public comment period prior to the approval of STP-U funding, as well as an MPC public hearing, notice to interested parties, and a web notice. In compliance with this direction a public hearing was held on February 11th. No one spoke at the public hearing addressing these two funding requests. The projects have been noticed to the public via the MPO’s [website](#) and interested parties distribution list.

The public comment period on the proposed funding began on Friday, February 5th and will end on Monday, March 8th at 5:00 pm. As of March 1st, three public comments have been received addressing the Eugene Regional Transportation Planning – 2010 funding request and are provided as Attachment 3. Any additional comments received between this date and the MPC meeting on March 11 will be carried into the meeting.

Comment 1: Nancy Ellen Locke

Ms. Locke expressed support for the funding adjustment.

Comment 2: Nancy Ellen Locke

Ms. Locke expressed support for the proposed adjustment in funding. Ms. Locke also commented on the need to provide infill sidewalks in Eugene and Springfield where there are currently gaps in sidewalk infrastructure. Ms. Locke recommended that these current gaps be first addressed on busy streets, working to achieve an all encompassing sidewalk system of connectivity within the next 20 years.

Comment 3: Carl Sundberg

Mr. Sundberg expressed concern about the language used in the public notice. Mr. Sundberg indicated that the notice was ambiguous and was not targeted for many users of the transportation system.

Staff acknowledges Mr. Sundberg's comments and is continually seeking ways to improve outreach and communication with area residents.

Recommendations

TPC reviewed these requests for STP-U funding at their January 28, 2010 meeting. TPC unanimously recommended the requests, pending the results of the public comment and MPC review.

Attachments

1. Regional Transportation Options Plan – Description of Request
2. Eugene Regional Transportation Planning 2010 – Description of Request
3. Public Comments Received
4. Resolution 2010-02 and Exhibit A