



June 1, 2011

To: Metropolitan Policy Committee  
From: Paul Thompson  
Subject: Item 5.c: FFY11 Surface Transportation Program – Urban (STP-U)  
Funding Recommendation

**Action Recommended:** Hold public hearing; review recommendation and provide feedback to staff.

### **Purpose**

This agenda item continues the supplemental FFY2011 STP-U funding process described to MPC at the May 2011 meeting. Following the recent authorization of Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funding for the entire current federal fiscal year (FFY2011), the MPO has approximately \$1.5 million of funding to allocate and program beyond the amount programmed in April, 2010.

Following the scheduled public hearing, the MPC discussion will review the project applications and funding recommendation and provide feedback to staff and to the MPO Citizen Advisory Committee.

### **Background**

In April, 2010, MPC approved the MPO's discretionary FHWA Surface Transportation Program – Urban (STP-U) funds for federal fiscal years (FFY) 2011, 2012, and 2013. At that time, due to the lack of action on federal funding legislation, the programming of funds for FFY 2011-2013 was based on a conservative forecast of the amount of STP-U revenue the MPO would receive for those three fiscal years.

Within the Central Lane MPO, programming of STP-U funds since 2003 has been accomplished under a model that targets portions of the funds to broad purposes, within which priorities are then determined. The current framework was initially approved by the MPC in 2006. Of the STP-U funds available to the MPO in a single FFY, the structure sets the following targets:

- 10% Transportation Options/Transportation Demand Management (TO/TDM) activities
- 25% Planning activities
- 65% Project Development, Preservation, and Modernization (PPM) activities across all transportation modes within the MPO

In 2010, the MPC reaffirmed the STP-U framework, while refining the regional priorities and the project application and evaluation process for the PPM funding.

In April, 2010, the programming of ~\$2.7 million of FFY2011 STP-U funds included programming \$300,000 (~11%) for TO/TDM activities, \$595,000 (~22%) for the core planning funding distributed to the MPO jurisdictions, and approximately \$1.8 million (~67%) for PPM activities.

The table below provides a breakdown by jurisdiction of STP-U funds programmed in April 2010 for all three fiscal years (FFY11-13) in the current funding cycle. This excludes funds for TO/TDM activities and the core planning funding.

Coburg	\$0	0%
Eugene	\$1,382,840	27%
Lane County	\$1,178,154	23%
LTD	\$1,500,000	29%
Springfield	\$949,246	18%
Willamalane	\$0	0%
Other	\$175,000	3%
Total	\$5,185,240	

Notes: Does not include proposed \$171,542 supplemental FFY13 STP-U funding for Lane County Hyacinth Road sidewalk project, which would increase Lane County to 25% of total and reduce Eugene to 26% and LTD to 28%. "Other" includes both Eugene 4J and Regional Safe Routes to School funding.

The same summary for the period covering FFY2003-2013 is:

Coburg	\$26,494	0%
Eugene	\$6,535,461	33%
Lane County	\$2,997,137	15%
LTD	\$3,447,709	17%
Springfield	\$6,051,201	31%
Willamalane	\$320,000	2%
Other	\$400,000	2%
Total	\$19,778,002	

### Applications for Supplemental FFY2011 STP-U Funding

Attachment 1 provides a summary of the eight applications received for funding. All eight applications are included in full as Attachment 2.

The MPO's Transportation Planning Committee (TPC) considered all of the applications and reached a draft recommended funding proposal. That proposal is reflected in the two right-most columns of Attachment 1, showing the recommended funding amount and the considerations discussed for each project. The proposal recommends funding all or part of five out of the eight projects. All eight applications are summarized below.

- The City of **Coburg** submitted one application to fund construction of two segments of the Coburg Multi-Use Loop Path.

- The City of **Eugene** submitted two applications. The Hilyard Street project would fund pavement preservation on Hilyard from Broadway to 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The North Bank Path project would fund reconstruction or preservation of 3,450 linear feet of the path from the DeFazio Bridge to Leisure Lane, including widening and partial realignment of the path. The project also would add or improve pathway lighting from the DeFazio Bridge to the boat ramp.
- **Lane County** submitted one new FFY2011 application. The Maxwell Road preservation project would fund preservation on Maxwell from River Road to Prairie Road, except for a 0.2 mile city section.
- **Lane County** also submitted one application for funding from the available FFY2011 funds to be added to the 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue preservation project funded in FFY2013.
- **Point2point Solutions** submitted two applications. The Regional Bicycle Facilities study would inventory existing bicycle parking facilities throughout the region, gather input and data from stakeholders and a formal bike count program, and identify new locations for bike facilities that would be best suited to increase multimodal connectivity and overall bike usage throughout the region. The second point2point application is to extend funding for the Eugene Safe Routes to Schools program beyond the current September 2012 end of funding.
- The City of **Springfield** submitted one application. The city is requesting additional funding for NEPA analysis work and preliminary design work along Franklin Boulevard in Glenwood.

The applications submitted total a request for approximately \$3.5 million in STP-U funding, compared to the \$1.58 million available.

At the June 9 MPC meeting, MPO staff will provide a presentation on all eight project applications and the funding recommendation. Staff from the participating jurisdictions and the MPO will be present to answer questions regarding individual applications.

### Public Involvement

The MPO will open a 30-day public comment period on the draft funding proposal on June 3 to run through July 5, and a public hearing on the proposal is scheduled for the June 9 MPC meeting. Notification of interested parties by email and a web posting will also occur on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The MPO Citizen Advisory Committee will discuss the funding proposal and provide comments or recommendations at their June 16 meeting. Final MPC action will be requested at the July 14 MPC meeting.

June 3	MPC Packet Released for June 9 Meeting containing Draft STP-U Funding Proposal and Public Comment Period Opens
June 9	MPC Conducts Public Hearing; Discusses Draft Funding Proposal and Provides Feedback to Staff
June 16	CAC Reviews Draft Funding Proposal and Develops Recommendation for MPC
June 23	TPC Develops Final Funding Recommendation for MPC
July 5	Public Comment Period Closes
July 14	MPC Action to Program Funds

## **Recommendations**

1. Hold public hearing.
2. Provide direction to staff.
3. Provide list of questions or concerns to help direct review by the MPO Citizen Advisory Committee.

## **Attachments**

1. FFY2011 Supplemental STP-U Funding Summary and Recommendation
2. Complete applications for supplemental FFY2011 funding