



August 3, 2011

To: Metropolitan Policy Committee
From: Paul Thompson
Subject: Item 5.b: Preliminary Draft 2035 Regional Transportation Plan

Action Recommended: Review & Discuss Preliminary Draft RTP; Provide Feedback to Staff.

Background

The Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) was last adopted in November, 2007. The RTP provides the policy and planning framework for long-term regional transportation planning and contains the financially-constrained long-term transportation priorities over a twenty-plus-year planning horizon. Under Federal law, the RTP must be updated at least every four years, and must contain at least a 20-year planning horizon.

The current update of the RTP extends the planning horizon to 2035, updating the Roadway, Transit and Bicycle/Pedestrian project lists, financial forecasts and other elements.

In early 2010, MPC began a review of the Goals, Objectives, and Policies contained in the RTP.

In September 2010, MPC began a review of the RTP project lists, over several months reviewing both the entire currently adopted project lists, as well as a list of new projects proposed for addition to the RTP.

Over the past several months the MPC has been kept apprised of progress in updating and preparing other elements of the RTP, including the financial constraint analysis, the land use assumptions, the environmental coordination material, the regional transportation and air quality models, and more.

Discussion

Chapters 1-4 of the preliminary draft 2035 RTP are included with this memo as Attachment 1.

Due to no changes to the RTP Appendices being ready at this time, the Appendices are not included with this memo. The status of the individual Appendices is summarized below:

- Appendix A. Maps – *Updated maps are in development*
- Appendix B. Level of Service Standards – *No change to appendix proposed*
- Appendix C. List of Supporting Documents – *No change to appendix proposed*
- Appendix D. Glossary and Acronyms – *No change to appendix proposed*
- Appendix E. Executive Summary: Regional ITS Operations & Implementation Plan – *No change to appendix proposed*
- Appendix F. Environmental Consultation Materials and Maps – *Updated materials and maps are in development*
- Appendix G. Central Lane MPO Congestion Management Process – *New appendix as approved by the MPC in May, 2011; no change to appendix proposed*

The current adopted RTP appendices are available at http://www.thempo.org/what_we_do/planning/rtp.cfm

Attachment 1 (Chapters 1 through 4 of the preliminary draft 2035 RTP) is presented, where possible, in legislative format showing proposed modifications to the RTP. In addition:

- Updated “Trends and Issues” numbers shown primarily on page 2 of Chapter 1 (and scattered elsewhere throughout the document) are still in development.
- The Goals and Objectives language in Chapter 2 has not been updated in Attachment 1. This language is still under development, and is the subject of the separate agenda item 5.c at the August 11th MPC meeting.
- The RTP project lists in Chapter 3 (Tables 1 a & b, 2 a & b, and 3 a & b) are not included in their final RTP format. The previously-reviewed proposed revisions and additions to the existing project lists are included as Attachment 2 to this memo.
- Tables 4 & 5, illustrating the overall un-constrained and constrained financial analysis of the RTP, are still in development, as minor revisions to the final numbers are still coming in.
- The modeling work necessary to update the remaining performance measures in Chapter 4, and certain other numbers throughout the chapters, is still in development, so these numbers are not yet available.

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Attachments:

Attachment 1: Chapters 1-4 of the Preliminary Draft 2035 Regional Transportation Plan
Attachment 2: Proposed revisions and additions to RTP project lists.