



August 30, 2011

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

Action Recommended: Hold Public Hearing; 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

The Draft 2025 2035 RTP is included with this memo as Attachment 1.

A few elements of the Draft RTP are still in final development. Some of the "Trends and Issues" numbers shown primarily on page 2 of Chapter 1 (and scattered elsewhere

throughout the document) are still awaiting completion of the modeling of the Draft 2035 RTP transportation system and the associated 2035 base land use scenarios in collaboration with the local jurisdictions. Similarly, the modeling work is also necessary to update the performance measures in Chapter 4, and certain other numbers throughout the chapters, so these numbers are not yet available. It is anticipated that these numbers will be available prior to the two RTP Open Houses and the October MPC meeting.

Approximately half of the maps contained in Appendix F (Environmental Coordination) are still under development as of the writing of this memo. It is anticipated that these maps will be complete in early September, and the web posting of the Draft RTP will be updated as the maps are completed.

The Congestion Management System map in Appendix A is still under development, also awaiting completion of the modeling of the Draft 2035 RTP transportation system.

It should be noted that in all of the cases above where data and maps are still in development, it is not anticipated that the updated information will be significantly different than that in the adopted 2031 RTP. Overall, the changes to the project lists from the adopted 2031 RTP to the Draft 2035 RTP, and, especially, the changes in demographics and other underlying assumptions related to the 2031 and 2035 horizon years, are not expected to significantly change the trends shown in the adopted 2031 RTP.

Action Requested

- Hold Public Hearing
- Review and Discuss Draft RTP
- Provide Feedback to Staff

Attachments:

Attachment 1: Draft 2035 Regional Transportation Plan