



October 5, 2011

To: Metropolitan Policy Committee

From: Paul Thompson

Subject: Item 5.c: Letters of Support for ODOT Flexible Funds Program Funding Applications

**Action Recommended:** Approve letters of support.

### **Background**

In August, 2010, the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) approved the Flexible Funds Program Purpose Statement, Vision and Criteria and directed that staff initiate a project solicitation process immediately and return to the Commission in January of 2011 with Transit, Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Transportation Demand Management (TDM) projects for the OTC to consider for funding. The OTC considered those projects in January 2011 and approved the project list in February 2011.

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Flexible Funds Program has \$21 million available to fund eligible projects in a second funding cycle. Additional details on the Flexible Funds Program and the project funding process are provided in Attachment 1 to this memo and are available at the Flexible Funds Program web site at <http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/TD/TP/FlexFunds.shtml>.

### **Applications**

Shortly after the announcement of the second Flexible Funds application cycle in early September, regional Transportation Planning Committee (TPC) staff developed a list of potential project applications. The full list of projects under initial consideration by jurisdictions within the MPO was:

- Coburg – Coburg Loop Path/North Coburg/School Access Improvements
- Eugene -- Blair/Van Buren Active Transportation Corridor
- Eugene -- West Bank Bike Path completion
- Eugene/Springfield -- Regional Bicycle Wayfinding/Signage/Shared Lane Markings
- Eugene/Springfield -- Franklin Multiway Boulevard NEPA
- Springfield -- Centennial Bicycle/Pedestrian Improvements
- Lane County – Bob Straub Parkway/Mt. Vernon Road Pedestrian Improvements
- point2point Solutions/Eugene -- Bikeshare Feasibility Study

- **point2point Solutions/Eugene/Springfield – Regional SmartTrips Program**
- point2point Solutions/Safe Routes to School – Springfield Main St. Corridor Safety Program
- **Willamalane Park and Recreation District -- Middle Fork Path Phase 2b**
- **ODOT/Eugene – Highway 99/Roosevelt Pedestrian Improvements**
- **ODOT/Springfield – Main Street Safety Improvements**

Applications for this funding cycle are due by October 20, 2011. As of the date of this memo, MPO staff understands that from the list above, nine applications (shown in bold above) are being developed by jurisdictions within the MPO. Staff from each of the jurisdictions developing applications will be present at the October 13 MPC meeting to answer questions regarding the projects and funding applications.

Descriptions of each of the nine project applications are contained in the draft Letters of Support included with this memo as Attachment 2. Please note that due to the short time frame for development of this agenda item, and considering that the jurisdictions are still working on the specifics of the funding applications, jurisdictions may choose to provide updated draft Letters of Support at the October 13 MPC meeting.

MPC is requested to approve Letters of Support for the nine projects. These letters will be submitted in the final Flexible Funds Program application packets.

**Action Recommended:** Approve Letters of Support.

#### **Attachments**

1. Flexible Funds Program Description – Fall 2011
2. Draft Letters of Support