



February 10, 2009

To: Citizen Advisory Committee
From: Paul Thompson
Subject: Item 7: Economic Stimulus Package

Action Recommended: Information briefing. Provide feedback.

As of the writing of this memo, the U.S. Congress is considering legislation commonly referred to as the economic stimulus package. This complex legislation contains multiple provisions for expenditure programs, tax adjustments and other components. Included is approximately \$30 billion for Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) "Investment Funding."

The final details of the FHWA funding that will be allocated to the MPO as a result of this legislation are still uncertain. Attachment 1 presents the information provided to the Metropolitan Policy Committee for their February 12 meeting. That information, in the memo dated February 4, is still current as of the writing of this memo. The MPC memo contains an overview of the FHWA funding, and the staff draft proposal for use of the MPO's portion.

A public comment period is currently open through March 9 on the funding proposal. MPC will hold a public hearing on the proposal at their February 12 meeting. Staff will provide the CAC an update on the legislation, all MPC and public feedback, and other details at the CAC's February 18 meeting. Staff is seeking feedback from the CAC, and a possible recommendation or endorsement regarding the funding proposal.

Attachment

1. MPC Cover Memo & Attachment: *Economic Stimulus: Highway Investment Funding in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009*