

March 10, 2009

To: Citizen Advisory Committee

From: Andrea G. Riner

Subject: Draft FY2009-10/2010-11 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and FY2009-10 Surface Transportation Program Urban (STP-U) Operational Planning Funds

Actions Recommended:

1. Review and comment on the FY2010/FY2011 UPWP
2. Review and comment on staff recommendation for programming FY09-10 STP-U operational planning funds

Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Staff and the partner agencies have been developing the UPWP over the past few months. This work combined the results of ongoing MPO activities, discussions with partner agencies, and public feedback received regarding the previous year's UPWP process. Although relatively few public comments were received, one comment provided helpful feedback that the document was overly technical and difficult to read. This year a significant effort was made to reduce the amount of technical jargon and introduce key acronyms. A reader-friendly welcome statement was also provided as an improved public entryway into the document.

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and Oregon Department of Transportation staff provided their annual review of the draft UPWP on March 3rd at a meeting attended by local transportation planning staff. From the comments received at this review, staff prepared the Draft UPWP that is now undergoing public review and discussion by the Metropolitan Policy Committee. The Draft UPWP can be reviewed at the MPO website at http://www.lcog.org/documents/meetings/mpc/0309/MPC5.d-Attachment1-CentralLaneMPO_Draft2010-2011UPWP.pdf.

The MPC-approved Public Participation Plan recommends the following public involvement tools be utilized for the Unified Planning Work Program:

- A 30-day public comment period
- Notice to interested parties
- Web notice

A 30-day public comment period for the Draft UPWP and the accompanying recommended FY09-10 STP-U operational planning funding began on Friday March 6 and will run until Sunday, April 5 at 5:00 pm. The Draft UPWP was posted on the MPO's

website on March 6th and is also available as a link from the MPC meeting page on the LCOG website.

In addition to these required efforts, staff provided an overview of the draft UPWP to the CAC at the January meeting, and followed up at the February meeting with a request for feedback from the CAC. Staff was particularly interested in the readability of the document, as well as the Committee's feedback relating to the Public Participation program area tasks and products.

UPWP Funding

An adequately scoped and funded UPWP is critical to continued federal approval of all transportation funds, including surface transportation, transit, and other funds, and approval of planning and environmental processes involving all elements of the transportation system. All financial figures shown in the Funding section and Table 1 of the draft UPWP reflect the best available information at this time. A total funding amount of \$1,057,892 for the UPWP FY2010 is based on the assumption that funding levels will remain consistent with FY2009 levels. This funding is a combination of FTA funds, planning funds from FHWA, STP-U funds as discussed below, and local match. Additional transportation planning funding is anticipated as part of the state's Transportation Growth Management (TGM) grant process. A number of local agencies are preparing applications for submittal during the current grant cycle.

Surface Transportation-Urban (STP-U) Operational Planning Funds

When the MPO became a Transportation Management Area in 2003, it became a direct recipient of certain surface transportation program funds from the Federal Highway Administration: STP-U ("urban") funds. The expenditure of these funds is directed by MPC subject to federal rules. The amount received each year is specified by a formula based on population and miles of roads eligible for federal aid.

At this time, an estimated total of approximately \$2,475,000 in STP-U funds is expected to be available to the MPO for FFY2009-10. Under the process approved by MPC in July 2006, STP-U funds are targeted for division into three parts:

- 10% Transportation Demand Management (TDM) for *Point-2-Point Solutions* transportation options (TO) activities (previously referred to as *Commuter Solutions*)
- 25% Planning Activities, including ongoing baseline operational planning funding for MPO and MPO member jurisdiction staff to conduct MPO activities
- 65% Preservation, Project Development and Modernization projects

Recommendations

The Draft UPWP describes \$595,000 in STP-U funding to support the activities in the UPWP. These funds are distributed amongst the MPO and MPO partners as shown below. After reviewing the initial draft UPWP at their meeting on February 26, 2009, TPC unanimously recommended that STP-U baseline planning funds be programmed

as described below. Funding levels for this baseline level of regional transportation planning and for the operations of the MPO have been held constant from the amounts programmed for the current FFY2008-09 and represent approximately 24 percent of the anticipated total STP-U funds for FFY09-10.

Agency	STP-U	Local Match	TOTAL
City of Eugene Regional Transportation Planning	\$40,000	\$4,578	\$44,578
City of Springfield Regional Transportation Planning	\$40,000	\$4,578	\$44,578
City of Coburg Regional Transportation Planning	\$15,000	\$1,717	\$16,717
Lane County Regional Transportation Planning	\$25,000	\$2,861	\$27,861
Lane Transit District (LTD) Regional Transportation Planning	\$25,000	\$2,861	\$27,861
Central Lane MPO UPWP Planning & MPO Operations	\$450,000	\$51,505	\$501,505
TOTAL	\$595,000	\$68,100	\$663,100

As stated earlier, the public comment period for the UPWP will remain open through April 5, 2009. Staff anticipate requesting MPC adoption of the Final 2010/2011 UPWP at the April 9th MPC Meeting. MPC approval of a resolution for programming the STP-U planning funds will also be requested at the April meeting.

Attachments:

None. A copy of the Draft FY2009-10/2010-11 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) can be found at www.thempo.org.