



March 3, 2010

To: Metropolitan Policy Committee  
From: Paul Thompson  
Subject: Item 5.b: FFY2011-2013 STP-U Funding Recommendations

**Action Recommended:** Hold public hearing; review recommendation and provide feedback to staff

### **Purpose**

This agenda item continues the FFY 2011-2013 STP-U funding process begun in Fall 2009. Following last month's approval of the Framework by MPC, agencies submitted applications for projects under the Preservation, Project Development and Modernization (PPM) category. Completed applications were reviewed at the February 25<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Transportation Planning Committee (TPC). At this meeting, the TPC developed a recommendation for funding in all STP-U categories, including **Planning, Transportation Options** and **PPM**.

Following the scheduled public hearing, the MPC discussion will review these recommendations and project applications and provide feedback to staff and to the MPO Citizens Advisory Committee.

### **Background**

In 2009, MPC approved the MPO's discretionary Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Surface Transportation Program – Urban (STP-U) funds for federal fiscal year (FFY) 2010. The programming of funds for FFY 2011-2013 was delayed due to a delay in the development of the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

Within the Central Lane MPO, programming of STP-U funds since 2003 has been accomplished under a model that targets portions of the funds to broad purposes, within which priorities are then determined. The current structure was approved by the MPC in 2006. Of the STP-U funds available to the MPO in a single FFY, the structure sets the following targets:

- 10% Transportation Options/Transportation Demand Management activities
- 25% Planning activities
- 65% Project Development, Preservation, and Modernization (PPM) activities across all transportation modes within the MPO

Within this model, applications are solicited for projects within the PPM category (65% of STP-U) and have been evaluated, to date, using criteria drawn from the Regional Transportation Plan.

## Regional Priorities

Over the past several months the MPC has worked to define regional priorities and to refine the project application and evaluation process for the PPM funding. At the February 2010 meeting the MPC approved the Framework, a new set of PPM evaluation criteria, and other aspects of the process for the FFY11-13 STP-U funding cycle.

Immediately following the February 11, 2010 MPC approval of the STP-U framework, the MPO opened the application process for the PPM funding category, utilizing the new application criteria and format. The application period was pre-noticed, and the MPO jurisdictions submitted eleven applications for PPM funding before the application period closed on February 23.

## PPM Applications for FFY2011 - 2013 Funding

Attachment 1 provides a summary of the eleven applications received for funding in the PPM category. All eleven applications are included in full as Attachment 2. The MPO's Transportation Planning Committee (TPC) has considered all of the applications and reached a unanimous draft recommended funding proposal. That proposal is reflected in the right-most column of Attachment 1, and proposes funding all or part of nine out of the eleven PPM projects, all of which are summarized below:

- Two applications were submitted by the City of Eugene, on Coburg Road and Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Both are primarily roadway preservation projects, with additional bicycle and pedestrian improvements.
- Two applications were submitted by the City of Springfield, on "A" Street and Thurston Road. Both are primarily roadway preservation projects, with pedestrian improvements included in one.
- Three were submitted by Lane County, on 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Game Farm Road, and Hyacinth Road. The first two are roadway preservation projects, and the third is a modernization project primarily addressing safety issues by the installation of a sidewalk, including a multi-use path treatment.

*The 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue roadway preservation project was submitted but not funded in the FFY2010 STP-U cycle. At that time, the MPC indicated support for the TPC recommendation that any additional STP-U funds that become available in FFY2010 should be directed to the Lane County 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue Overlay. The recommendation also stated that the 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue Overlay should be prioritized for future FFY2011-2013 STP-U funding.*

*The Game Farm Road project is not recommended for STP-U funding. However, Lane County and Springfield staff have agreed to jointly pursue other funding opportunities for the project, including potential funding from the ODOT bicycle and pedestrian program.*

- One application was submitted by Lane Transit District for transit service preservation.
- One application was submitted by point2point Solutions for expansion of the regional Safe Routes to School program.
- One application was submitted by Eugene School District 4J for continuation of the 4J Safe Routes to School program.
- One application was submitted jointly by the Cities of Springfield & Eugene and Lane County for a local contribution toward funding for the construction of the South Bank Path Extension.

### Planning and Transportation Options Funding

In addition to funding the priority PPM projects, TPC also developed recommendations for the two other funding categories. TPC recommends continuing the same level of baseline Planning funding over the three fiscal years. Transportation Options/Transportation Demand Management (TO/TDM) funding for point2point Solutions is recommended at \$300,000 per year, or 10 percent of the anticipated STP-U revenue per year, whichever is greater.

Staff from all of the participating jurisdictions and the MPO will be present at the March 11 MPC meeting to answer questions regarding the project applications.

### Public Involvement

The MPO will open a 30-day public comment period on the draft funding proposal on March 5 to run through April 5, and a public hearing on the proposal is scheduled for the March 11 MPC meeting. Notification of interested parties by email and a web posting will also occur on March 5<sup>th</sup>. The MPO Citizen Advisory Committee will discuss the funding proposal and provide comments or recommendations at their March 18 meeting. Final MPC action will be requested in April to ensure adequate time to include the final approved projects in the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Plan (MTIP) and the Statewide TIP, and conduct the required Air Quality Conformity analysis on the draft MTIP .

March 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff presents project applications and TPC's draft funding recommendation to MPC</li> <li>• MPC holds a public hearing (a public comment period will be open from March 5 through April 5)</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CAC develops formal recommendation to MPC</li> <li>• TPC develops final recommendation to MPC</li> </ul>
April 2010	MPC approves final funding allocations
May 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft MTIP and Air Quality Conformity Determination (including public hearing)</li> </ul>

### Recommendations

1. Hold public hearing.
2. Provide direction to staff.
3. Provide list of questions or concerns to help direct review by the MPO Citizen Advisory Committee.

### Attachments

1. Summary Spreadsheet of the 2011-2013 STP-U Funding Proposal for Preservation Modernization and Project Development
2. Complete applications for 2011-2013 PPM funding

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