



April 24, 2019

To: Metropolitan Policy Committee  
From: Daniel Callister  
Subject: Item 6.b: Programming New Funds – Beaver Hunsaker Safety Improvements

**Action Recommended:** Conduct Public Hearing; Approve Resolution 2019-04

### **Issue Statement**

Lane County requests MPC's approval of \$600,000 of Highway Improvement Program (HIP) funds to implement safety improvements along the Beaver Street and Hunsaker Lane corridor.

### **Background**

This project is to provide short-term improvements on the Beaver-Hunsaker Corridor to address safety concerns escalated by a pedestrian fatality in January 2019.

### **Discussion**

The MPO is receiving roughly \$1.2M in 2019 in the form of a one-time appropriation of federal Highway Improvement Program (HIP) funds to be programmed at the discretion of the Policy Board. This comes at a time when the safety of the Beaver-Hunsaker Corridor is a pressing concern following recent public testimony and a pedestrian fatality earlier this year. While a long-term solution is on the way (engineering for which is programmed for 2021), short-term safety improvements can be implemented to improve safety in this corridor for all users.

Lane County proposes resurfacing the roadway along Hunsaker Lane with new pavement markings to provide at least four feet of walking area on one side of the street. On the south side of Hunsaker Lane, where there are fewer physical obstructions and where vehicle volumes are significantly lower, the new pavement markings would provide a four-foot wide pedestrian travel area, separated by vertical delineators from the vehicle travel lane. The pedestrian travel space would then shift to the north side of Hunsaker Lane at Taito Street where a new Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) would be installed. The walking space would then transition to a new separated path on the east side of Beaver Street that would connect to the existing bike path at the intersection of Beaver Street and Division Avenue.

Attachment 1 to this memo is Resolution 2019-04, which, if approved, would program the \$600,000 of HIP funds for the project in FY2020. Attachment 2 (Exhibit A) is the complete funding application submitted by Lane County for the Beaver Hunsaker Safety Project (Beaver-Hunsaker Corridor Plan: Safety Express.)

**Public Involvement**

At their April 17, 2019 meeting, the Transportation Planning Committee (TPC) recommended expedited MPC approval of Resolution 2019-04. Expedited approval is used in cases where the action requested is time-sensitive. In this case, the request for expedited approval means that the public comment period would be open for seven days (April 26 to May 2, 2019) instead of the usual thirty days, including a public hearing on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, and MPC action is requested immediately after the close of the public comment period (at the May 2<sup>nd</sup> MPC meeting), rather than at the following meeting the next month.

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**Attachments**

1. Resolution 2019-04
2. Exhibit A: Funding Application – Beaver Hunsaker Safety Project