



May 26, 2020

To: Metropolitan Policy Committee
From: Daniel Callister
Subject: Item 6.a: FY2022 - 2024 Funding Proposal for STBG/TA/CMAQ

Action Recommended: Conduct public hearing. Provide feedback and direction to staff.

Issue Statement

This agenda item presents a proposal for the MPO's discretionary Surface Transportation Block Grant program (STBG), Transportation Alternatives (TA), and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds for federal fiscal years 2022 through 2024.

Background

The FY21-24 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) of the Central Lane MPO identifies anticipated revenues of discretionary STBG, TA, and CMAQ funds totaling approximately \$21.1M. A certain amount of that has been programmed or reserved for programming to sustain the MPO members regional transportation planning work program, the regional Transportation Demand Management (TDM) program, and the metropolitan area Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) program. The balance (roughly \$18.5M) is available for eligible transportation projects in the MPO through a competitive selection process. The \$18.5M balance includes roughly \$900k of unprogrammed CMAQ funds from a previous funding cycle as well as roughly \$500k of unprogrammed Highway Infrastructure Program funds.

Applications for use of these funds were solicited using the recently revised funding application form approved by MPC. In compliance with federal regulations and consideration of input provided by MPC, staff has developed the following project selection process, which provides an opportunity for local agencies to present a case for the selection of eligible projects that will best use the funding to meet program goals while addressing the regional priorities established by MPC:

- Funds are awarded through a competitive selection process.
- Project applications are first screened for program eligibility by MPO staff.

- Initial project review by the Technical Advisory Sub-committee (TASC) looking at how well the projects address the program and regional priorities as well as the federal performance targets.
- Transportation Planning Committee (TPC) discuss and review federally required quantifiable emissions benefits and project cost-effectiveness for CMAQ projects.
- TPC considers input from the Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC) and the public in providing well-considered and defensible funding recommendations to MPC for approval upon public review.
- STBG and TA projects are amended into the MTIP and STIP.
- CMAQ projects are reviewed by ODOT and FHWA/FTA for ultimate eligibility determination before being amended into the MTIP and STIP.

Discussion

A total of twenty-three applications were received, with requests totaling over \$26.8M, or 145% of the available funding. TPC has reviewed the applications and developed the following funding proposal:

Applicant	Project	Request Amt.	Proposal
Springfield	Q St Reconstruction	\$4,226,283	\$4,226,283
LTD	Electric Fleet Procurement	\$4,000,000	\$2,000,000
Eugene	Coburg Rd Intersection Efficiency Improve.	\$3,213,594	\$3,000,000
Lane Co. & Springfield	Laura St Upgrade to Urban Standards	\$2,814,829	\$2,814,829
Eugene	West Bank Path Extension	\$1,463,253	\$1,000,000
Eugene	Hunsaker Ln Complete Street Improve.	\$1,250,000	\$1,000,000
Eugene	Oakway Rd Protected Bike Lanes	\$1,012,093	\$750,000
Lane County	Coburg Rd and Game Farm Rd	\$1,011,257	\$1,011,257
LTD	FTN Safety & Amenity Program	\$1,000,000	\$750,000
Springfield	Walking and Biking Network Improvements	\$897,300	\$500,000
Eugene	8th Ave Streetscape and Bikeway	\$834,000	\$834,000
Coburg	Central City Corridor Preservation	\$748,348	\$748,348
Coburg	Roberts Rd Preservation	\$741,169	\$0
Springfield	Mohawk Blvd Preservation	\$681,948	\$0
Coburg	N Industrial Way Preservation	\$622,726	\$0
Eugene	SmartTrips New Movers & Mobility Options	\$605,678	\$500,000
*P2P	SRTS Coordinator Support	\$451,912	\$172,732
LCOG	Regional Safety Analysis & Programming	\$403,785	\$403,785
Eugene	Division Ave Roundabouts	\$270,626	\$270,626
*P2P	Regional Bicycle Enhancements	\$223,800	\$231,300
Eugene	Vision Zero Intersection Study	\$211,763	\$100,000
*P2P/UO	Large Employer Trip Reduction	\$145,673	\$145,673
*P2P	SRTS Equity Program	\$37,701	\$0

Total:	\$26,867,736	\$20,458,833
Funds Available:	\$18,553,703	\$18,553,703
Delta:	-\$8,314,033	-\$1,905,130

The funding proposal provides the full requested funding for nine of the 23 projects and partial funding for an additional ten projects. Four projects are not proposed for funding at this time. The proposal provides a 110% funding solution that exceeds the anticipated revenues to be available during the FY 2022-2024 MTIP period. To allow this, the proposal includes a certain amount of anticipated FY 2025 discretionary funding to be held in reserve for these projects and programmed in the FY 2024-2027 MTIP upon its development in the coming years.

Applicants were required to complete a one-page summary to accompany their application submittals. All 23 application summaries have been compiled and are provided as Attachment 1. The full applications are not included with this packet, but may be accessed at the following URL:

<https://thempo.org/1007/CLMPO-Discretionary-Funds-Applications-R>

Aside from general program eligibility, the federal CMAQ guidance requires an analysis of each project's air quality benefits and cost-effectiveness, and states that priority consideration should be given to those projects that will create the greatest emissions reductions for the least cost.

Public Involvement

The release of this memo and attachments with the June 2020 MPC packet will open a 30-day public comment period. The remaining timeline is as follows:

- May 29 MPC packet released for June 4 meeting containing funding applications and initial TPC recommendation. Public comment period opens.
- June 4 MPC public hearing; proposal discussion, MPC feedback to staff
- June 17 TPC finalizes a funding recommendation for MPC
- June 28 Public comment period concludes
- July 9 MPC action to approve funding recommendation

TPC staff will consider feedback from MPC and all public comments in developing a funding recommendation at the June 17 TPC meeting. Comments received after the TPC meeting will be conveyed to MPC prior to any decision.

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Attachments

1. Funding Application Summaries