



February 22, 2021

To: Metropolitan Policy Committee
From: Daniel Callister
Subject: Item 6.a: STBG Funding Proposal – McVay Hwy Design and NEPA

Action Recommended: Approve Resolution 2021-03, amending the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP)

Issue Statement

The City of Springfield proposes programming \$485,841 of the MPO's discretionary Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds (includes 10.27% local match) for a new design and NEPA project on McVay Highway in Springfield.

Background

MPC had previously approved \$836,227.57 of STBG funding for City of Springfield's Glenwood Riverfront Path: I-5 Xing-Seavey LP project. The City has proposed that these funds be used for other priorities. The proposal currently under consideration would reprogram \$485,841 of these funds for a new project to develop a design concept and complete NEPA analysis for the McVay Highway corridor from Franklin Blvd (Hwy 126) to the City Limits (approx. 1.5 mi).

Discussion

Franklin Boulevard (Hwy 225), locally referred to as McVay Highway, is a primary north-south connection between I-5 and Hwy 126. Franklin Blvd also connects with Lane Community College and I-5. The City has embarked on this project that will improve connections, provide bike, pedestrian, and storm water facilities, provide a safer facility for all modes, and help make the Glenwood area a vibrant place to live, work, and visit.

To begin this project, a design concept will be developed identifying the right-of-way width, various elements such as bicycle, pedestrian, and stormwater needs, intersection layout and right-of-way envelope, and potential re-alignment of an intersecting street. Once the envelope has been established, the environmental (NEPA) analysis would be completed for the corridor.

This initial step will provide certainty to development along the corridor as development has already begun on various properties along the corridor, Union

Pacific for their rail crossing, and utility providers so that public services can be provided in an efficient and cost-effective manner. The larger project will help further implement the Glenwood Refinement Plan and support the City of Springfield's economic development and transportation safety priorities.

A one-page application summary is provided as Attachment 1. The full application is not included with this packet, but may be accessed along with the Summary at: <https://thempo.org/1007/CLMPO-Discretionary-Funds-Applications-R>

On February 17 the Transportation Planning Committee recommended MPC approve this funding proposal.

Public Involvement

Public were encouraged to provide comments on this funding proposal via thempo.org for a period of 30 days, concluded February 24, 2021. A public hearing was held February 4 at MPC. At TPC's February 17 public meeting a recommendation to approve the proposal was formalized. Public have been encouraged to participate in these public virtual meetings and to provide comments through outreach including the MPO's public involvement opportunities webpage and through social media outlets. As of February 22, no comments pertaining to this proposal have been received.

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Attachments

1. Resolution 2021-03
2. Exhibit A: Programming Description
3. Funding Application Summary – McVay Hwy Design and NEPA