



March 30, 2021

To: Metropolitan Policy Committee

From: Paul Thompson

Subject: MPC 6.b: Central Lane MPO FY2022/FY2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Action Recommended: Hold Public Hearing, provide feedback to staff

Background and Discussion

Each year, the partner agencies of the MPO work with the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration to update and adopt a unified work program for transportation planning in the MPO. The draft UPWP included as Attachment 1 to this memo covers Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023 and contains the following:

- Planning tasks in seven core program areas to be conducted by the MPO and the MPO member agencies;
- Federally funded transportation studies as well as all relevant state and locally planning activities conducted without federal funds;
- Funding sources (when known or specified) for each program area; and
- The agency or agencies responsible for each task or study.

Staff and the partner agencies have been developing the draft UPWP over the past few months. This work combined the results of ongoing MPO activities and discussions with partner agencies.

Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, and ODOT staff provided their annual review of the draft UPWP Addendum on March 3, 2021 at a meeting with local transportation planning staff. From the comments received at this review, staff prepared the final Draft UPWP included as Attachment 1.

The UPWP contains seven core program areas, as follows: Regional Transportation Plan and Long Range Planning, Programming and Implementation, Public Participation, Air Quality Planning, Transportation System Modeling and Data Maintenance, Transportation Options, and Intergovernmental Coordination. For each program area or work element, the UPWP describes the objective, action items, and ongoing core activities of the MPO and the partner agencies, including the Cities of Coburg, Eugene, and Springfield, Lane County, Lane Transit District (LTD), and the Oregon Department

of Transportation (ODOT). Tasks and products are detailed for Year 1, Year 2 or both years of the UPWP.

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. Although the Central Lane MPO's UPWP is a 2-year work program, funding for the work program is determined and approved annually. Financial information for the funding of the FY2022 work contained in the UPWP is contained in Table 1 in the UPWP. The proposed funding levels for the MPO's work program, a combination of FTA funds, planning funds from FHWA, STBG funds and local match, are consistent with levels in prior years.

In addition to the combination of funding provided for the MPO's work program, the MPO provides funding for the MPO member agencies staff involvement in carrying out the core regional UPWP planning activities (except ODOT). This funding comes from the MPO's discretionary STBG funds. Funding is also provided under the UPWP umbrella for the regional Transportation Options (TO) and Safe Routes to School programs.

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; and
- Web notice

Staff has taken steps to implement this outreach strategy. A 30-day public comment period for the Draft Addendum to the UPWP began on Friday March 26th. Notice will be provided, including posting on the MPO's website and email notice to the MPO's interested parties distribution list. Adoption of the UPWP will be requested at the May, 2020 MPC meeting.

The Transportation Planning Committee reviewed the draft UPWP at its March 17, 2021 meeting and approved the release of the draft.

Requested Actions

- Staff is requesting that the MPC hold a public hearing on the draft FY2022/FY2023 UPWP and provide feedback to staff.

Attachments

1. Draft FY22/FY23 UPWP