



October 25, 2021

To: Metropolitan Policy Committee
From: Daniel Callister
Subject: Item 6.a: Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Matrix

Action Recommended: Approve Resolution 2021-06 amending the FFY2021-2024 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program

Issue Statement

Less stringent thresholds for federal approval of project amendments are intended to reduce delays in project delivery.

Background

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendment matrix lists which types of changes to TIP projects require approval by Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and/or Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and which changes Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) has delegated authority to approve. If ODOT approves the project change, it is called an administrative amendment. If FTA-FHWA also approves the amendment, it is called a full amendment. The main difference between the two amendment types is the amount of time for approval. Administrative amendments can be approved more quickly than full amendments since they do not require the additional federal review.

In July 2021 ODOT, FTA and FHWA approved a revision to the amendment matrix. The revised matrix expands the definition of administrative amendments with the intention to reduce the number of full amendments.

As a result of this revision, the 2021-2024 TIP of the Central Lane MPO (CLMPO) must be updated to reflect the current effective amendment matrix. The matrix was revised in a collaborative effort to reduce barriers to timely project delivery and provide efficiencies in programming and administration of the TIP.

Discussion

Changes to the amendment matrix include:

- Clarifications in the text
- Cancelling a project no longer requires federal approval

- The mile point was modified from a project terminus change of greater than 0.25-mile to a 1-mile or greater increase in the project location
- The dollar threshold is increasing to match the OTC approval matrix. Any changes that meet the following criteria require federal approval
 - Projects under \$1M – increase/decrease over 50% (*was \$500k*)
 - Projects \$1M to \$5M – increase/decrease over 30% (*was \$500k-\$1M*)
 - Projects \$5M and over – increase/decrease over 20% (*was \$1M*)

On October 21, 2021 the Transportation Planning Committee (TPC) recommended MPC approve the proposed amendment to the FY2021-2024 TIP document.

Public Involvement

The public is encouraged to provide comments on this item via thempo.org through October 31 (30 days). At the time of this memo, no public comments have been received. A public hearing was held October 7, 2021 at MPC. The public have been encouraged to participate in these virtual meetings.

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Attachments

1. Resolution 2021-06
2. Exhibit A: Amendment Matrix as revised