



January 25, 2022

To: Metropolitan Policy Committee
From: Daniel Callister
Subject: Item 7.a: Amendment to FFY 2021-2024 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP), Springfield Laura St

Action Recommended: Conduct Public Hearing; Approve Resolution 2022-03 programming new federal funds to Laura Street project

Issue Statement

City of Springfield requests an amendment to the MTIP which would utilize Central Lane MPO's discretionary federal funds to extend the limits of the existing Laura Street project.

Discussion

The MPO's discretionary funds are typically programmed on a regular schedule following a formal call for projects. The Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC) previously approved the use of discretionary federal funds for several projects now programmed in the current 2021-2024 MTIP, including \$2,814,829 for a project to upgrade the County's portion of Laura St to urban standards (STIP Key# 22348).

The City of Springfield is requesting than an additional \$224,325 of federal funds (plus \$25,675 local match) be added to this project to expand the project design to include the segment of Laura St that City of Springfield owns, specifically the west side of Laura St along the Monta Loma Estates frontage and extending south approximately 200 ft from Monta Loma Estates entrance (see map in Attachment 2).

Lane County is certified to deliver federal-aid projects and has offered to manage and deliver this as one comprehensive project if the City of Springfield pays for the portions within the City's jurisdiction. Benefits to this approach include saving public dollars by being more efficient with various processes and project communications, as well as serving the community's needs while requiring less City staff time to achieve the same result.

With the design and engineering for the County project scheduled to begin in the current federal fiscal year, an expedited public involvement process is requested to minimize any delay to the existing project timeline.

Additional funding will be needed to expand the construction to the City of Springfield portion of the Laura St project. The City anticipates applying for this funding through the MPO's regular project solicitation process.

The request is not specific to a federal funding program in light of the current ambiguous nature of those programs as well as new programs while the details of the federal transportation bill are being confirmed and those funds authorized. The recommendation, therefore, is for MPC to approve this funding request, to be programmed by MPO staff using available and appropriate funds, to be determined.

Public Involvement

TPC reviewed the proposal at their January 18 public meeting and recommended an expedited public involvement process to include a public hearing at the February 3 meeting of MPC and recommended MPC approve this request at that same meeting. This amendment request was published for public review and comment on thempo.org January 18, 2021 and will remain open until February 2, 2021. As of January 25, no comments from the public have been received.

Attachments

1. Resolution 2022-03
2. Exhibit A: Laura St Funding Application Summary
3. Laura St Funding Application (full)