



January 25, 2022

To: Metropolitan Policy Committee  
From: Paul Thompson  
Subject: Item 7.c: Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriation Act (CRRSAA) Funding

**Action Recommended:** Approve Resolution 2022-04

### **Issue Statement**

CRRSAA funding is available to the Central Lane MPO in one of two ways, either as federal infrastructure funding similar to the MPO's normal STBG funding, or as non-federal relief funding.

### **Discussion**

The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act included in the omnibus package a total of \$45 billion for transportation. Of that amount, \$9.84 billion will be provided to State Departments of Transportation (DOTs) and will be made available under the Surface Transportation Block Grant program (STBG) and be suballocated to areas over 200,000 in population (the large MPOs, or Transportation Management Areas (TMAs)). The purpose of the act is to address COVID-19 impacts.

Oregon will receive \$123,980,570 in CRRSAA funds. LCOG, as the Central Lane MPO, will receive \$2,018,930. These funds will not require local match but must be obligated as federal funds no later than September 2024. In addition to the normal STBG eligible projects, grantees may use funds for costs related to preventative maintenance, operations, personnel, debt service payments, and coverage for other revenue losses.

One of the provisions within the act is to seek reimbursement for lost revenue due to the pandemic. ODOT developed a methodology which illustrates revenue losses which exceed the amount of CRRSAA allocation at the statewide level and within the TMA boundaries. This second provision allows ODOT and the TMAs to receive the funding as relief funding and to use the funds in the best interest of each entity.

MPC's advisory Transportation Planning Committee (TPC) reviewed the funding options at their January 18 public meeting and are recommending the Central Lane MPO area accept the funds as relief funding. If approved by MPC, and then accepted by both ODOT and FHWA, staff will return to MPC at a later date to begin the discussion on the specific uses for the funds.

**Attachments**

1. COVID Relief Funding Resolution 2022-04