



August 1, 2022

To: Metropolitan Planning Committee
From: Daniel Callister
Subject: Request for Letter of Support for Replacement of Two Diesel Trucks

Action Recommended: Approve letter of support

Issue Statement

The Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) received a request from Gary Compton Construction for a letter of support for a proposed project that would utilize federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds to replace two older diesel trucks with newer, lower emission vehicles.

Discussion

Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) in partnership with Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) accepts funding proposals for use of the State's discretionary CMAQ funds. Eligible projects will have a measurable benefit to emissions harmful to air quality.

Responding to this funding opportunity, Gary Compton Construction LLC is proposing to replace two diesel trucks (a Class 8 1982 Peterbilt 4 axle dump truck and a Class 8 1990 Kenworth log truck) with late model diesel powered trucks. Replacement includes the scrapping of the older trucks to make them permanently unusable as motor vehicles. As part of the project design, the owner commits to using renewable diesel. These trucks currently operate, and each accumulate on average 50-60,000 miles a year. The log truck runs primarily out of the Oakridge area as well as other parts of Lane County including the Eugene-Springfield area. The dump truck runs in these areas as well as the Portland area.

The project is estimated to cost between \$440,000 and \$620,000, matched with private dollars at a rate of 50 percent. Letters of support from the affected MPOs are required to be submitted for the project to be eligible.

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Attachments:

- 1 – Letter of Interest from Gary Compton Construction
- 2 – Draft Letter of Support