



April 20, 2023

To: Metropolitan Policy Committee
From: Daniel Callister
Subject: MPC6.a: Air Quality Conformity Determination (AQCD) and 2024-2027 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP)

Action Requested: Approve Resolutions 2023-02 and 2023-03 Adopting the AQCD and 2024-2027 MTIP Respectively

Issue Statement

The Transportation Planning Committee recommends MPC adopt both the 2024-2027 MTIP and its associated AQCD.

Background

The draft MTIP and AQCD were presented to MPC in April. A public hearing was held at that time. A 30-day public comment period completed April 16. The draft MTIP has been updated to include the comments received (See Appendix E). TPC has reviewed the comments and at their April 20 meeting recommended MPC adopt both the 2024-2027 MTIP and the associated AQCD.

Discussion

The Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization (CLMPO) is required to develop a Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP aka TIP) that is updated at least every four years. The TIP shows how federal transportation funds will be spent in the MPO area over the next four years. It is the implementation of the MPO's Regional Transportation Plan (2045 RTP) and includes various types of funded projects.

The draft MTIP is fully consistent with the 2045 RTP, is fiscally constrained, makes progress toward achieving the MPO's adopted federal performance targets, and demonstrates conformity to air quality standards. Documentation of how the MPO satisfies the federal requirements for development and content of the TIP are described in the draft MTIP and the AQCD (attached).

Funding Decisions (none)

CLMPO proactively identified projects to utilize the MPO's discretionary funds through a separate process completed in the Summer of 2022 prior to the development of this MTIP update. As such, there are no funding decisions being made as part of the adoption of this MTIP.

Approval Matrix

The MPO's processes, which are also documented in the MTIP, remain unchanged from the current MTIP with the exception of the MPO TIP Approval Matrix. Currently MPC must approve initial programming of any MPO discretionary funding. The updated matrix would allow TPC to approve initial programming of "off-cycle" funds to projects or scopes already in the TIP. Off-cycle refers to mostly unanticipated and relatively small amounts of federal funds that come to the MPO either as federal redistribution or by other means.

Air Quality Conformity Determination

The AQCD documents the conformity of the MTIP to the requirements of the Clean Air Act and Amendments (CAAA). The Eugene-Springfield area has been a limited maintenance area for coarse particulate (PM10) emissions for the last 10 years. The AQCD was created cooperatively by the MPO, LRAPA, ODOT, FHWA, FTA, Oregon DEQ, and US-EPA. Through interagency consultation and review, all projects in the draft TIP were found to be either exempt from the requirements for conformity or not projects of local air quality concern. The most recent data suggests that transportation is not a significant factor contributing to PM10 emissions in the Eugene-Springfield area and that PM10 emissions here remain below the national ambient air quality standards (correcting for wildfire events).

LTD's Program of Projects

The public involvement process for the MTIP also satisfies the FTA Program of Projects (POP) review for the federally funded MTIP transit projects. LTD's POP is included in the draft 24-27 MTIP and identifies the projects to utilize LTD's federal FTA funding allocations through the TIP period.

Public Involvement

A 30-day public comment period was open March 17 through April 16. Outreach was undertaken during this time via the MPO's Facebook and Twitter, with special notices sent to the MPO's distribution lists. A public hearing was held at MPC on April 6. TPC reviewed the public comments at their April 20 public meeting.

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Attachments:

- 1 – Resolution 2023-02 (adopting AQCD)
- 2 – Exhibit A: AQCD for the 2024-2027 MTIP
- 3 – Resolution 2023-03 (adopting MTIP)
- 4 – Exhibit B: 2024-2027 MTIP