



June 28, 2023

To: Metropolitan Policy Committee

From: Kelly Clarke

Subject: MPO Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation (PROTECT) Grant Program Letter of Support

Action Recommended: Direct staff to write a Letter of Support for MPC Chair signature

Background and Discussion

Lane County and the Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization (CLMPO) are planning for transportation system resilience. Following recommendations from Lane County's Climate Action Plan and CLMPO's 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), Lane County and CLMPO intend to work with our regional partners to improve the region's capacity to respond to and recover from hazards such as a Cascadia Subduction Zone seismic event and climate change.

To complete some of this work, Lane County and CLMPO are preparing to submit a planning grant application to the new federal program called Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation (PROTECT), which was created by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). It was established to provide funding for resilience planning and construction projects. The scope of work for the planning grant application we are preparing includes conducting a vulnerability assessment of the transportation system, establishing a regional network of Emergency Transportation Routes, and developing a nature based solutions strategy. If successful with a grant award, Lane County and CLMPO will convene a diverse group of interdisciplinary partners to help guide the work, ensure that it is aligned with other planning efforts that affect the region, and identify opportunities to leverage resources.

Requested Actions

Staff is seeking direction from MPC to:

1. Move forward with this grant application.
2. Write a letter of support for this grant application, to be signed by the MPC Chair.