



November 28, 2023

To: Metropolitan Policy Committee
From: Paul Thompson
Subject: Item 6.a: MPO Boundary Adjustment

Action Requested: Approve proposed adjustments to MPO boundary.

Background

Federal legislation (*23 USC 134(c): 49 USC 53039(d)*) requires boundaries of a metropolitan planning area to be determined by agreement between the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) and the Governor of the state in which the MPO resides. By law, each metropolitan planning area shall encompass at least the existing urbanized area (UZA) as defined by the most recent U.S. Census, and the contiguous area expected to become urbanized within a 20-year forecast period; and may encompass the entire metropolitan statistical area or consolidated metropolitan statistical area, as defined by the Bureau of the Census. The boundary of the MPO may be adjusted and updated at any time.

The Central Lane MPO metropolitan planning area currently does not quite cover the UZA as defined by the Bureau of the Census after the 2020 Census. To comply with federal regulations, the MPO boundary must be expanded to include all of the UZA. Once approved by MPC, the new boundary recommendation will be forwarded to ODOT who is coordinating the Governor's approval of changes to MPO boundaries statewide.

Discussion

The attached maps present the recommendation for establishing the updated boundary of the Central Lane MPO. In addition to meeting federal requirements for the minimum MPO boundary, the proposal incorporates other basic objectives – keeping the MPO boundary as consistent as possible with the Eugene-Springfield-Coburg Urban Growth Boundaries, ensuring that the boundary does not fall on the centerline of a road or in the middle of a bridge, interchange, or other similar transportation feature, and keeping the boundary as consistent as possible with established data boundaries such as census block group boundaries.

In large part the proposed MPO boundary is the same as the existing boundary established after the 2010 Census. The proposed MPO boundary has expanded only slightly in two locations to accommodate the need to incorporate land defined by the Bureau of the Census as urbanized area based on the 2020 Census, at the eastern edge of Springfield and an area near the Interstate 5/Highway 58 interchange just south of Goshen. These two areas are shown in the attached map insets.

Public Involvement

A public comment period on the proposed boundary change is open from October 27 through November 30, 2023. A public hearing on the proposal was held at the November 2, 2023 MPC meeting. As of the date of this memo no public comments have been received.

The MPO's Transportation Planning Committee (TPC) considered the proposed boundary adjustments at both its October and November meetings. TPC unanimously recommends approval of a recommendation to the Governor to establish the new boundary as shown.

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Attachments:

- Attachment 1: Map & Insets – *Proposed MPO Boundary for the Central Lane MPO*