



February 27, 2024

To: Metropolitan Policy Committee
From: Daniel Callister
Subject: MPC 6.b Project Proposals for MPO Redistribution Funding

Action Recommended: Conduct Public Hearing

Issue Statement

The Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has received roughly \$1M of federal redistribution Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds and is reviewing proposals to utilize these funds. Transportation Planning Committee (TPC) is responsible for providing a funding recommendation to MPC.

Discussion

The MPO's discretionary federal funds for transportation projects are programmed roughly every three years through a formal project solicitation process. In October 2022, MPC approved \$22.8M of its anticipated annual funding allocations for projects as part of the development of the 2024-2027 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP). The MPO occasionally receives unanticipated federal discretionary funding outside of the typical MTIP development process, usually in the form of redistribution funding following the end of a federal fiscal year where the State has succeeded in obligating all of its federal funding. These are referred to as "off-cycle" funds, and usually are of a much smaller amount than the MPO's annual allocation.

Central Lane MPO has received \$1,049,387 of redistribution funding to be obligated to projects before the end of FFY 2025. An additional \$889k of federal funding has been reserved by the MPO for contingencies but is technically available for projects as well. The Technical Advisory Sub-Committee (TASC) has discussed how these funds might be best used to serve the goals and objectives of the Regional Transportation Plan.

Four funding proposals were submitted for consideration. A one-page summary of each of these is provided as Attachment 1. The proposals are:

- [8th Ave Streetscape and Bikeway](#) (City of Eugene)
- [River Rd at Irving Rd/Hunsaker Ln Safety Improvements](#) (City of Eugene)
- [Gilham Rd: Ayers Rd to Mirror Pond Wy Sidewalk/Safety](#) (Lane County)
- [Low/No-Emission Mini Street Sweeper Purchase](#) (City of Springfield) ([full app.](#))

Each of these proposals represent existing projects already funded in the MTIP. The one exception is the Mini Street Sweeper purchase proposal from City of Springfield (full application for this project is included as Attachment 2).

The ultimate funding recommendation of TPC will be based on how well each project supports the regional primary funding considerations (as approved by MPC on May 5, 2022), the federal performance targets, air quality conformity, environmental justice, Title VI, and other considerations.

TPC's recommendation will also consider whether it would be prudent to continue to retain a certain amount of unprogrammed funds for future contingencies. Typically, the MPO reserves 4% of its discretionary allocation for emergency needs, to provide a funding buffer to protect against cancelation of projects in the event of an unexpectedly low federal limitation, to anticipate unforeseen costs on timely priority projects, and other reasons.

Public Involvement

MPO procedures require a public hearing for initial programming of MPO discretionary funding. TPC approved release of these proposals for public comment from February 15 to March 16, including this public hearing. TPC will have an opportunity to review any comments received before making a funding recommendation at their March 21 meeting. Final action is anticipated by MPC on April 4.

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Attachments:

- 1 – Funding Request Summaries
- 2 – Low/No-Emission Mini Street Sweeper Application