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To: Metropolitan Policy Committee

From: Kelly Clarke

Subject: MPC 6.d – Resilient Lane: Lane County and CLMPO Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation (PROTECT) Grant Application Update

Action Recommended: Information Only

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 wildfires, a Cascadia Subduction Zone seismic event, and impacts of climate change.

To complete a substantive portion of this work, Lane County and CLMPO submitted a planning grant application to the new federal program called Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation (PROTECT), created by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) to provide funding for resilience planning and construction projects. We are calling this project **Resilient Lane**. MPC and the Lane County Board of Commissioners both provided letters of support for this application, demonstrating commitment to this work and a healthy partnership. As presented to MPC in June, the scope of work includes:

1. Conducting a vulnerability assessment of the surface transportation network
2. Planning for and designating Emergency Transportation Routes
3. Developing nature-based solutions strategies
4. Establishing a prioritized project list with priority projects at 30% design
5. Creating a Lane County specific resilience data visualizer tool
6. Developing a coordinated Resilience Improvement Plan covering both MPO and rural County areas

Lane County and CLMPO staff are returning to MPC to share the final MPC letter of support and provide a summary of the grant contents.

If successful with a grant award, Lane County and CLMPO will convene a diverse group of interdisciplinary partners to help guide Resilient Lane, ensure that it is aligned with other planning efforts affecting the region, and identify opportunities to leverage resources.

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Attachments

1. Letter of Support
2. Grant Application Narrative