

August 12, 2022

To: Transportation Planning Committee

From: Daniel Callister

Subject: Proposals for 2023-2027 MPO Discretionary Federal Funds

Action Recommended: Finalize funding recommendation to MPC

Issue Statement

The MPO received 26 eligible proposals for use of federal transportation funding through federal fiscal year 2027. Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC) relies on the Transportation Planning Committee (TPC) to provide a recommendation for the programming of these funds.

Discussion

The MPO's discretionary federal funds for transportation projects are programmed on a regular schedule through a formal project solicitation process. The current solicitation is for up to \$23,741,295 through federal fiscal year 2027. In preparation for this process, MPC in May approved a set of eight primary funding considerations that reflect the goals and objectives of the recently adopted 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Proposals for the use of these funds that would satisfy the approved primary funding considerations were submitted to MPO staff in the form of 26 funding applications.

The complete funding applications including one-page summaries and supplemental items are available on the MPO's website here to view and download.

These applications have been reviewed by staff to confirm funding eligibility. The Technical Advisory Subcommittee (TASC) has reviewed and discussed each of these proposals in detail, considering how well each project supports MPC's primary funding considerations, the federal performance targets, air quality conformity, and other considerations. Through these discussions, some applicants have elected to modify their proposals to better align with competing projects and the limited funding available. The original proposals represented a total funding request equal to 149% of the available funding. TPC's funding recommendation of July 21, 2022 would program 96% of the available funding and allow the MPO to retain \$888,835 for contingencies. Attachment 1 provides an overview of the funding proposals and includes both the original requests and TPC's funding recommendation.

This recommendation along with the complete application materials were released July 29 for a 30-day public review period. A public hearing was held at August 4 MPC and the applications and recommendation were presented and summarized at that meeting. TPC now has the opportunity to finalize a recommendation for MPC consideration and final action at the next MPC meeting.

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Attachments:

1 – TPC Funding Recommendation of July 21, 2022

Public comments received as of August 12:

Received July 29, 2022 from web@stevepiercy.com

Howdy,

I want to say THANK YOU for sending out this notice via your mail list of interested parties and for making this notice approachable to mere mortals. It is clear and concise. Please keep it up!

--steve

Received July 31, 2022 from Duncan.Rhodes@Cerrillos.net

Just viewed your website on 'How Federal Transportation Funding Is Invested in the Eugene/Springfield Area'. I see under 'Transportation Options': Walk, Bus, Carpool & Vanpool.

How about a category for Bicycles/ Skateboards/Scooters/etc., etc. ??? Don't you believe these exist? They form a large component of our local transportation, and yet they aren't even a category for you!

What planet do you live on?