

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING) RESOLUTION NO. 07-3762
PORTLAND REGIONAL FEDERAL)
TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES FOR)
FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2008) Introduced by Councilor Rex Burkholder
APPROPRIATIONS)

WHEREAS, the Portland metropolitan region relies heavily on various federal funding sources to adequately plan for and develop the region's transportation infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Metro must comply with a wide variety of federal requirements related to transportation planning and project funding; and

WHEREAS, the Metro region's Congressional delegation has advised the regions transportation agencies to develop a coordinated request for legislation related to the annual federal transportation appropriations bill; and

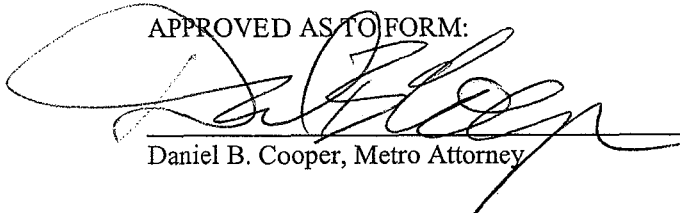
WHEREAS, Metro's Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) has approved Exhibit A to this resolution, entitled, "Metro Area FY08 Federal Transportation Appropriations Request List,"; now therefore

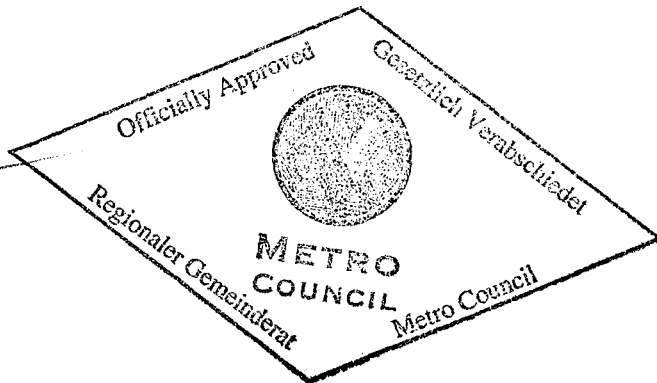
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Metro Council hereby approves Exhibit A of this resolution, entitled "Metro Area FY08 Federal Transportation Appropriations Request List" and directs that it be submitted to the Oregon Congressional delegation.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 1st day of February 2007.


David Bragdon, Council President

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Daniel B. Cooper, Metro Attorney



FY08 Federal Transportation Appropriation Request List			
Project Type/Name	Appropriation Request (\$million)	Source	Purpose
Regional Highway Projects			
I-5 / 99 W Connector (Washco)	\$2.5 M	Surface Transportation Projects	PE/EIS
Columbia River Crossing (ODOT)	\$5 M	Interstate Maintenance Discretionary	PE/EIS
I-5 Wilsonville (ODOT)	\$3 M	Interstate Maintenance Discretionary	PE/EIS
Port of Portland: Airport Way/I-205 Northbound	\$2 M	Interstate Maintenance Discretionary	PE/NEPA
Port of Portland/Mult.Co: Troutdale Interchange I-84 & 257th	\$1 M	Interstate Maintenance Discretionary	PE/ROW
Highway 217 Corridor (Washco)	\$2 M	Surface Transportation Projects	PE/NEPA
Total	\$15.5 M		
Regional Transit Priorities			
Washington County Commuter Rail (T/M)	\$0.27 M	FTA 5309 New Starts	Construction
I-205/Portland Mall Light Rail (T/M)	\$80 M	FTA 5309 New Starts	Construction
Milwaukie - PE/FEIS (T/M)	\$4 M	FTA 5309 New Starts	PE/FEIS
Bus Replacement (T/M)	\$7.7 M	FTA 5309 Bus & Bus Facilities	Construction
SMART Bus - Wilsonville	\$1.75 M	FTA 5309 Bus and Bus Facilities	Construction
Streetcar Prototype (COP & T/M)	\$1. M	FTA 5314	Construction
Total	\$94.72 M		
Local Project Priorities			
*Portland:South Portal, South Waterfront	\$2 M	Surface Transportation Projects	EIS
Portland: East Burnside/Couch Couplet	\$2 M	Surface Transportation Projects	Construction
Gresham: Springwater/US 26 Industrial Access	\$5 M	Transportation Community and System preservation Program; Surface Transportation Projects	PE/EIS/ROW/
Wilsonville: Kinsman Road	\$2 M	STP, TCSP	PE/ROW
Milwaukie: Kellogg Creek Bridge Replacement	\$1.5 M	TCSP	PE
Metro: TOD Revolving Fund	\$5 M	STP, TCSP Funds	Construction
Total	\$21.5 M		
Non-Transportation Appropriations Bills			
Port of Portland: Columbia River Channel Deepening	\$25 M	Energy & Water <i>(Corps of Engineers Budget)</i>	Construction
Multnomah County: Beaver Creek Culverts	\$5M	Energy & Water	Construction
Total	\$305 M		
Support of OTA Transit Request			
Sandy: Bus Replacement	\$0.44	FTA 5309 Bus	Replacement
South Clackamas: Bus Replacement	\$0.24	FTA 5309 Bus	Replacement
Canby: Bus Replacement	\$0.20	FTA 5309 Bus	Replacement
Total	\$0.88		
Support for Washington/Clark County Priorities			
Columbia River Crossing	\$5 M	Interstate Maintenance Discretionary	PE/EIS
Total	\$5 M		
Grand Total - Transportation Appropriations	\$167.6 M		

* If the I-5/North Macadam Access Project is not appropriated in FY07, it will replace the Portland: South Portal South Waterfront project.

STAFF REPORT

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 07-3762, FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING PORTLAND REGIONAL FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2008 APPROPRIATIONS

Date: February 1, 2007

Prepared by: Andy Cotugno

BACKGROUND

The region annually produces a position paper that outlines the views of the Metro Council and the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT), a regional body that consists of local elected and appointed officials, on issues concerning transportation funding that are likely to be considered by Congress during the coming year. This year priorities are limited to the FY '08 appropriations bill.

The Portland region is pursuing an aggressive agenda to implement a high-capacity transit system. This effort involves implementing two projects concurrently within the next three to five years: finishing the Wilsonville to Beaverton commuter rail and initiating construction of the I-205/Downtown LRT. Project development is also underway for the next corridor to Milwaukie. Additionally, there are several complementary projects for which the region is requesting funding: bus and bus facility purchases regionwide, Wilsonville Park and Ride, highway projects and others. All of these projects have a strong economic development emphasis.

Oregon and Washington continue developing a cooperative strategy to address the transportation needs in the I-5 Trade Corridor. The paper outlines the Federal funding needs and sources for continuing this work and requests support for obtaining these funds. Other interstate issues addressed in the paper include Columbia River channel deepening.

This FY 08 appropriations request for earmarked funding from SAFTEA-LU represents the consolidated regional request. Additional independent requests should not be submitted by any member jurisdiction or agency represented by JPACT (with exception of ODOT outside the metro region).

ANALYSIS/INFORMATION

- 1. Known Opposition** None known.
- 2. Legal Antecedents** Projects within the region earmarked for federal funding must be consistent with the Regional Transportation Plan, adopted by Metro Resolution No. 03-3380A, For the Purpose of Designation of Adopting the 2004 Regional Transportation Plan as the Federal Metropolitan Transportation Plan to meet Federal Planning Requirements.
- 3. Anticipated Effects** Resolution would provide the US Congress and the Oregon Congressional delegation specifically with the region's priorities for transportation funding for use in the federal transportation appropriation process.
- 4. Budget Impacts** Metro is involved in planning related to several of the projects included in the priorities paper and must approve many of the requested funding allocations. Failure to obtain funding for one or more of the projects could affect the FY 08-09 Planning Department budget. However, most of the funding requests deal with implementation projects sponsored by jurisdictions other than Metro.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approve Resolution 07-3762 for submission to the Oregon Congressional delegation for consideration in the Federal Fiscal Year 08 Appropriations Bill.