

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING) RESOLUTION NO. 08-3891
PORTLAND REGIONAL FEDERAL)
TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES FOR)
FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2009) 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

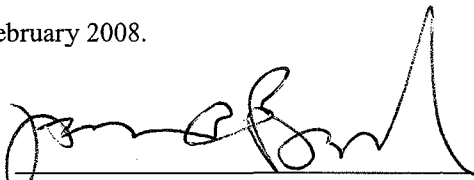
WHEREAS, Metro must comply with a wide variety of federal requirements related to transportation planning and project funding; and

WHEREAS, the Metro region's Congressional delegation has advised the region's 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) recommended adoption of this resolution at their regular meeting on February 14, 2008; now therefore,


BE IT RESOLVED, that the Metro Council hereby approves Exhibit A of this resolution, entitled "Metro Area FY 09 Federal Transportation Appropriations Request List" and directs the Chief Operating Officer to submit this resolution to the Oregon Congressional delegation.

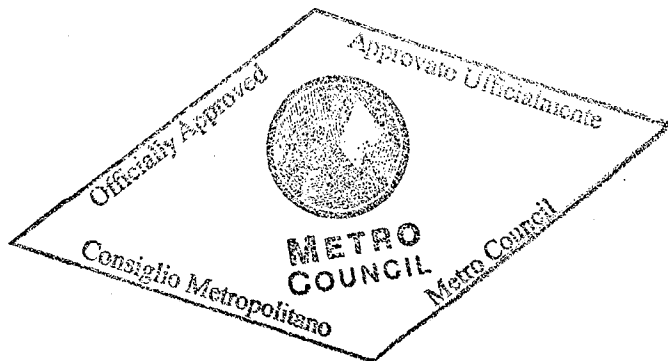
ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 14th day of February 2008.



David Bragdon, Council President

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



for Daniel B. Cooper, Metro Attorney

FY 09 Federal Transportation Appropriations Request List			
Project Type/Name	Appropriation Request (\$million)	Source	Purpose
Northwest National Highway Earmark Priority			
Columbia River Crossing (ODOT)	\$ 3.00	Interstate Maintenance Discretionary	Preliminary Engineering
Columbia River Crossing (WsDOT)	\$ 3.00	Interstate Maintenance Discretionary	Preliminary Engineering
Total	\$ 6.00		
Regional Transit Earmark Priorities			
Portland - Streetcar Loop Project	\$ 50.00	FTA Small Starts	Construction
TriMet Bus Replacement	\$ 13.184	FTA 5309 Bus & Bus Facilities	Replacement
South Corridor I-205/Portland Mall LRT Project (T/M)	\$ 80.00	FTA 5309 New Starts	Construction
Lake Oswego to Portland Transit Project DEIS	\$ 4.00	FTA Section 5339 Funds	Draft EIS
SMART Bus - Wilsonville Multimodal Facility	\$ 2.00	FTA 5309 Bus & Bus Facilities	Construction
Total	\$ 149.184		
Regional Support for OTA Transit Priorities			
South Clackamas: Bus Replacement	\$ 0.50	FTA 5309 Bus & Bus Facilities	Replacement
City of Canby: Bus and Bus Facility	\$ 0.95	FTA 5309 Bus & Bus Facilities	Replacement/Facility
Total	\$ 1.45		
Regional Highway Priorities			
Port of Portland: Airport Way/I-205 Northbound Access	\$ 2.00	Interstate Maintenance Discretionary	
Port of Portland I-84/257th Ave. Troutdale Interchange	\$ 2.00	Interstate Maintenance Discretionary	
Gresham: Springwater/US 26 Industrial Access	\$ 5.00	TCSP; STP	Construction
ODOT:I-5/I-205 Interchange	\$ 2.00	Interstate Maintenance Discretionary	Construction
Washington County: I-5/Highway 99W Connector	\$ 10.00	STP	Right-of-Way
Washington County: Hwy 217 Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy to Allen Blvd. Interchange	\$ 0.75	NHS	PE/DEIS
Total	\$ 21.75		
Regional Street and Other Regional Priorities			
Portland: NE Cully Blvd. Street Improvement	\$ 1.60	Surface Transportation Projects	Construction
Portland: Eastside Burnside/Couch Couplet	\$ 2.50	Surface Transportation Projects	Construction
Milwaukie: Kellogg Creek Bridge Replacement	\$ 1.50	TCSP	Replacement
Wilsonville: Kinsman Road	\$ 2.00	STP	Construction
Metro: Pacific University TOD Project	\$ 1.50	STP, TCSP Funds	Construction
Metro: Trails	\$ 3.00	TCSP	Construction/Planning
Total	\$ 12.10		
Non-Transportation Appropriations Bills			
Port of Portland: Columbia River Channel Deepening	\$ 29.00	Energy & Water	Construction
Multnomah County; Beaver creek Culverts	\$ 5.00	Fish & Wildlife	Construction
Clackamas County: Willamette Locks	\$ 5.00	Corps of Engineers	Operating
Total	\$ 39.00		

STAFF REPORT

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 08-3891, FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING PORTLAND REGIONAL FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2009 APPROPRIATIONS

Date: December 11, 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 '09 appropriations bill. Next year, the focus will be on the new six-year authorization 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: opening the Wilsonville to Beaverton commuter rail and completing construction of the I-205/Downtown LRT. Project development is also underway for the next LRT corridor to Milwaukie and streetcar to the Eastside and Lake Oswego. 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 Columbia River Crossing Corridor through a multi-modal project. Furthermore, this resolution calls out the Columbia River Crossing separately for funding through the Federal Highway Administration. This is in recognition of the regional and national significance of the I-5 corridor and this segment, particularly relating to the impact on movement of freight. The intent is to have a preferred alternative for the Columbia River Crossing defined through the NEPA process in 2008 to allow the region to seek designation in the next authorization bill as a "Project of National and Regional Significance." Designation of the Columbia River Crossing separately is not intended as an exclusive priority to the exclusion of funding for other projects. In addition, it is in recognition that other projects will be so designated in the future, much like the multi-year, multi-project approach to implementing a regional light rail system. Finally, funding for the Columbia River Crossing is with the understanding that the analysis that is underway will likely lead to identification of improvements beyond the project area that may need to be addressed in the future.

Beyond these regional transit and highway priorities, the resolution endorses a list of priority projects for earmarking through the federal highway appropriation from throughout the region. To ensure this resolution is limited to the highest priorities, the list is limited to no more than two projects per agency or subregional group of local governments. Included in the list are two priorities from Metro: A TOD project in partnership with Pacific University in Hillsboro by the Metro Planning Department and trail projects by the Metro Parks and Greenspaces Department. In addition this resolution endorses the project requests outside Metro's boundary from the transit districts surrounding Metro in Oregon and developed by the Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council.

This FY '09 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). Each member jurisdiction has limited their requests to two priorities each.

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. 07-3831B, For the Purpose of Approving the Federal Component of the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Update, Pending the Air Quality Conformity Analysis, on December 13, 2007.
- 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 09-10 Planning Department budget. However, most of the funding requests deal with implementation projects sponsored by jurisdictions other than Metro.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approve Resolution 08-3891 for submission to the Oregon Congressional delegation for consideration in the Federal Fiscal Year '09 Appropriations Bill.