

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING) RESOLUTION NO. 02-3166
PORTLAND REGIONAL FEDERAL)
TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES FOR) Introduced by Rod Monroe
FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2003)
APPROPRIATIONS)

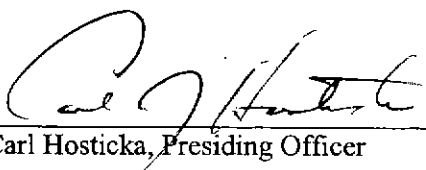
WHEREAS, the Portland metropolitan region relies heavily on various federal funding sources to adequately plan for and develop the region's transportation infrastructure, and

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

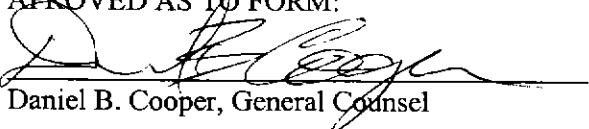
WHEREAS, JPACT has approved Exhibit A to this resolution, entitled, "Portland Regional Federal Transportation Priorities,"; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council approves Exhibit A of this resolution, entitled "Portland Regional Federal Transportation Priorities" and directs that it be submitted to the Oregon Congressional delegation.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 28^x day of February, 2002



Carl Hosticka, Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Daniel B. Cooper, General Counsel

Fiscal Year 2003 Congressional Appropriations Funding Requests

The following requests for Congressional assistance will be forwarded by the Region to the Washington and Oregon Congressional delegations from the Metropolitan Planning Organizations in the Portland – Vancouver Metropolitan area for Federal Fiscal Year 2003 funding.

A. Oregon Projects

1. Interstate MAX extension is the region's priority discretionary project for FY 2003. Request \$83 million in Sec. 5309 transit capital funding for continued construction. This includes \$70 million identified in the Full Funding grant agreement plus \$13 million catch-up from prior year shortfalls.
2. Wilsonville to Beaverton Commuter Rail. Request an appropriation of \$18 million in Sec. 5309 funds for the construction of the 15.5-mile commuter rail project in Washington County, Oregon and report language directing FTA to sign an FFGA at a 60% federal share for a total of \$72 million.
3. Multnomah County is requesting \$3 million from Bridge Discretionary funds to start the required environmental work prior to replacing the Sauvie Island Bridge. Construction funding will be sought through the reauthorization of TEA-21 to replace the bridge.
4. Sec. 5309 Bus and Bus Facilities. Tri-Met requests an appropriation of \$8.25 million for regional buses and bus facilities. Wilsonville requests \$1.50 million of Section 5309 congressional appropriation funding for construction of a 250 space park-and-ride facility and transit center.
5. I-5 Trade Corridor. In anticipation of recommendations from the I-5 Partnership Task Force and necessary amendments to the Portland Regional Transportation Plan and the Vancouver Metropolitan Transportation Plan, ODOT requests \$3 million in FFY 2003 from the National Corridor Planning and Development Program to conduct a Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement for vehicle and transit crossings of the Columbia River, and associated interchange improvements between SR 500 in Vancouver and Columbia Boulevard in Portland.

In addition, the Coast Guard is currently completing an evaluation of the railroad swing-span across the Columbia River to determine if it is eligible for funding under the Truman-Hobbs Act. Pending the outcome of that study, there may be a request for an appropriation to build the recommended project. Also, ODOT anticipates seeking funding from the reauthorization of TEA-21 for construction of the widening of I-5 between the Delta Park to Lombard Interchanges.

6. Columbia River Channel Deepening. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers completed the Biological Assessment in January and a National Marine Fisheries Service/U.S. Fish and Wildlife Biological Opinion is expected in March 2002. If the opinion is favorable, \$11.5 million in ecosystem restoration, research, and monitoring funds are requested in the FY 2003 Energy and Water Appropriations bill. Congress

appropriated \$4.5 million for the project in FY 2001, which funded the extensive scientific analysis that resulted in the new Corps of Engineers Biological Assessment.

7. Regional Highway Projects.

High Priority Projects

- Request \$2 million for Sunnyside Road 122nd-142nd construction for Clackamas County.
- Request \$6 million for Boeckman Rd. extension.
- Request \$10 million for Sunrise Corridor Unit 1 PE/DEIS/FEIS for Clackamas County.
- In addition, the region requests \$2 million for Columbia Boulevard Interchange PE/DEIS/FEIS from the Borders and Corridors Program.
- Request \$5.95 million for Powell Boulevard 174th to Burnside reconstruction for Gresham.
- Request \$2.5 million for Hwy. 26/Cornelius Pass Interchange.

Additional Requests

- Request \$3.5 million for Lake Road Street Improvements Oatfield to Hwy. 224 for Milwaukie.
- Request \$1.5 million for Gibbs St. pedestrian overcrossing PE for City of Portland.
- Request \$0.300 million for Highway 99E (Martin Luther King Ave.) at Fremont intersection improvements for City of Portland.
- Request \$1 million for Highway 43 (Macadam) at Bancroft St. intersection improvements for City of Portland.

8. Amtrak South Station. The region is seeking \$1 million in federal capital construction matching funds for a new Amtrak station at Oregon City from the National Rail Development and Rehabilitation Program. Oregon City, using their 50% local match of \$1 million, has completed the site design for the station and will implement the first construction phase this year to build the platform, the entryway to the site, and temporary parking. Federal funds would allow the station to be completed with permanent parking and the building to serve the site.

9. High Speed Rail. Support High Speed Rail Investment Act (S. 250) or similar legislation to fund necessary improvements in the Pacific Northwest high-speed rail corridor.

10. Transportation and Community and Systems Preservation.

- Request \$1 million for Metro's Kenton Station Seed & Feed Transit Oriented Development Project.
- Request \$3.5 million for Gresham Civic Neighborhood LRT Station project.
- Request \$0.900 million for Damascus Area Concept and Implementation Plan.
- Request \$3.5 million for Railroad Avenue Multi-Modal Reconstruction for Milwaukie.

11. Intelligent Transportation System. Request \$4.25 million appropriation for the State of Oregon's ITS initiatives.
12. Central City Streetcar. For FY 2003, request \$1 million in HUD funds for Preliminary Engineering to extend the streetcar through North Macadam's 130-acre undeveloped area.
13. Jobs Access. Request \$2.8 million for Jobs Access programs. \$1.8 million will support ongoing programs and \$1 million will support expanded Tri-Met service in low income and high unemployment areas.
14. The region supports Portland State University's participation in the Great Cities Universities coalition and the efforts to secure \$3 million in federal funding in FY 03 from the Federal Transit Administration, University Transportation Research account for transportation research at urban universities.

B. Washington Transit Projects

1. Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS). Request \$1.5 million in planning funds for C-Tran's Automated Vehicle Locator (AVL) project.
2. 99th Street Park and Ride. Request \$1.0 million for construction.

STAFF REPORT

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 02-3166, FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING PORTLAND REGIONAL FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2003 APPROPRIATIONS

Date: February 6, 2002

Prepared by: Andy Cotugno

BACKGROUND

The region annually produces a position paper that outlines the views of JPACT and the Metro Council concerning transportation policy and funding issues that are likely to be considered by Congress during the coming year.

The proposed position paper addresses several critical regional transportation issues. The Portland region is pursuing an aggressive agenda to implement a high-capacity transit system. This effort involves implementing two projects within the next three to five years at the same time: Interstate MAX and Wilsonville to Beaverton commuter rail. Additionally, there are several complementary projects for which the region is requesting funding; bus and bus facility purchases in support of the South Corridor transit study, Wilsonville park and ride, Gresham civic neighborhood light rail station, Kenton Transit Oriented Development (TOD) project, Sunnyside Village TOD and Central City streetcar extension to North Macadam.

Oregon and Washington continue to work to develop 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 and high-speed rail.

Other regional projects identified for funding requests include: Sauvie Island bridge replacement, Sunrise Corridor Unit 1 Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Powell Boulevard in Gresham, Sunnyside Road, Boeckman Road extension, Hwy. 26/Cornelius Pass interchange, Amtrak south station, State of Oregon and C-Tran intelligent transportation systems, and Jobs Access program.

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 Ordinance No. 00-869A and Resolution No. 00-2968B and must be amended into the Metro Transportation Improvement Program.
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 02-03 Transportation Department budget. However, most of the funding requests deal with implementation projects sponsored by jurisdictions other than Metro.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approve Resolution 02-3166 for submission to the Oregon Congressional delegation for consideration in the Federal Fiscal Year 03 Appropriations Bill.