

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE 2008-)	RESOLUTION NO. 09-4053
11 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION)	
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (MTIP) TO)	Introduced by Councilor Carlotta Colette
ELIMINATE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND)	
REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA) FUNDING FOR)	
FOUR PROJECTS AND ADD ARRA FUNDING)	
FOR TWO PROJECTS IN WASHINGTON)	
COUNTY)	

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) prioritizes projects from the Regional Transportation Plan to receive transportation related funding; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) and the Metro Council must approve the MTIP and any subsequent amendments to add or delete projects to the MTIP; and

WHEREAS, the JPACT and the Metro Council approved the 2008-11 MTIP on August 16, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the federal government recently passed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA); and

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2009 JPACT and the Metro Council selected projects to receive ARRA funding; and

WHEREAS, Washington County requested that the MTIP be amended to remove three projects and add two projects to their list of projects to receive ARRA funds;

WHEREAS, all projects in the Metro Area to receive these funds must be included in the MTIP; and

WHEREAS, these funds must be put to use in a short time frame in order to meet federal deadlines and stimulate the economy; and

WHEREAS, the projects listed in Exhibit A, are exempt from the requirement that an air quality conformity determination be made; and

WHEREAS, the cost of projects proposed for amending into the transportation improvement program for use of these funds is equal to the forecasted funds available, therefore maintaining financial constraint of the program; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2009 the Oregon Transportation Commission selected additional local and state projects to receive ARRA funds; and

WHEREAS, on April 16, 2009 JPACT and the Metro Council added these additional projects to the MTIP through Resolution No. 09-4043; and

WHEREAS, Washington County received an award of \$500,000 in this additional allocation of ARRA funds; and

WHEREAS, Washington County has decided it cannot meet the conditions of the award and has requested to return the awarded funding authority; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council hereby adopts the recommendation of JPACT to amend the 2008-11 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program to reflect changes to the projects listed in Exhibit A, attached.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 21 day of May 2009.

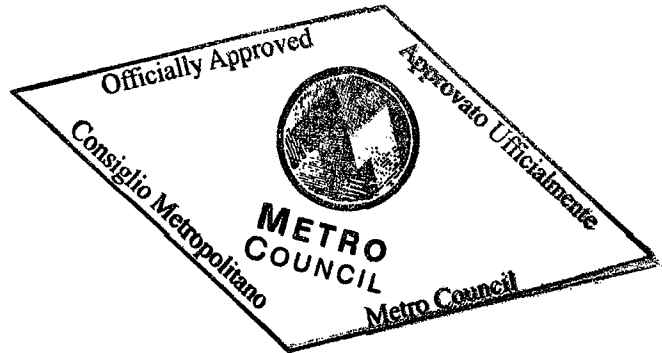


David Bragdon, Council President

Approved as to Form:



Daniel B. Cooper, Metro Attorney



Projects requiring MTIP amendments for ARRA funding

Jurisdiction	Project Name	Alternate Name	From	To	Brief Description	Project Cost Estimate	JPACT Approved	Existing Construction (Con) Amount	Proposed Preliminary Engineering (PE) Amount	Proposed Construction (Con) Amount	Requested Action
Projects to be eliminated from receiving MPO ARRA funds											
Washington County	Scholls Ferry Rd ITS: Murray - Hall					\$881,000	\$881,000	\$881,000	\$0	\$0	Eliminate MPO ARRA funding for project.
Washington County	Walker Road Pedestrian Bridge					\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$0	\$0	Eliminate MPO ARRA funding for project.
Washington County	143rd Ave. Pedestrian Path		Windermere Apts	W. Union Rd.	Construct 2400' of new asphalt path to improve pedestrian access to two schools.	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$0	\$0	Eliminate MPO ARRA funding for project.
Projects to be eliminated from receiving ODOT ARRA funds											
Washington County	Arterial Pavement Markings					\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$0	\$0	Eliminate ODOT ARRA funding for project.
New projects to receive MPO ARRA funds											
Washington County	Emergency Vehicle Signal Pre-emption					\$320,000	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	\$310,000	Add new project for ARRA funds.
Washington County	Pedestrian Countdown signals					\$742,696	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$742,696	Add new project for ARRA funds.
Informational - Existing projects to receive additional MPO ARRA funds											
Washington County	Group A	Washington County Preservation Projects				\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$130,000	\$2,170,000	Add \$300,000 of funds for additional scope of River Rd and Program PE
	Group E					\$1,000,000					
	River Road					\$300,000					
Washington County	Flashing Yellow Arrows	Washington County Signal Upgrades				\$500,000	\$625,000	\$625,000	\$40,000	\$610,000	Add \$25,000 to project and reduce local match.
	Interior Illuminated Sign Replace.					\$150,000					

STAFF REPORT

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 09-4053, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE 2008-11 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (MTIP) TO ELIMINATE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA) FUNDING FOR FOUR PROJECTS AND ADD ARRA FUNDING FOR TWO PROJECTS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY

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BACKGROUND

In an effort to stimulate the national economy, the federal government has passed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). Funding for transportation projects is a significant part of the act and will be distributed through federal transportation agencies. \$38,022,870 has been made available for distribution through Metro as the region's Metropolitan Planning Organization.

In March 2009, JPACT and the Metro Council selected projects to receive these funds through Resolution 09-4022. Since that time, Washington County has learned more about its projects proposed to receive funds and is requesting some changes to its initial list of projects. Washington County has requested an MTIP amendment to remove three projects from the list of ARRA funded projects. These are the Scholls Ferry Rd. ITS: Murray to Hall, the Walker Road Pedestrian Bridge, the 143rd Ave. Pedestrian Path, and Arterial Pavement Markers projects.

The proposed Scholls Ferry Road ITS project has since been largely funded by ODOT administered ARRA funds through the region-wide program of ITS improvements. This funding decision by the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) happened after JPACT and the Council made its initial decision for funding of local projects.

The Walker Road Pedestrian Bridge and the 143rd Avenue Pedestrian Path had significant right-of-way and environmental issues that would preclude these projects from being able to complete the steps necessary prior to obligating funds prior to the federal deadline specified in ARRA.

Therefore, Washington County is requesting that the Emergency Vehicle Signal Pre-emption and Pedestrian Countdown Signals projects be added to the list of ARRA funded projects with the funding capacity created by removing the aforementioned projects. These projects were selected due to their need, ability to obligate funding within the required timeframe, and similarity in ITS signal and pedestrian transportation sectors to the projects being eliminated.

The ARRA project changes being requested by Washington County are shown in Exhibit A to Resolution No. 09-4053.

Projects selected for funding must first be amended into the MTIP to be eligible to obligate funding.

All of the projects nominated for inclusion in the MTIP were analyzed for conformity with air quality regulations and were found to be in compliance with State Implementation Plan for Air Quality transportation emission budgets for the Metro Area. These findings were shared with federal and state air quality regulatory agencies and TPAC.

Additionally, Washington County received a funding award for installation of pavement markers as part of the supplemental allocation by the Oregon Transportation Commission. Supplemental ARRA allocations by the OTC were amended into the MTIP by JPACT and the Metro Council by Resolution No. 09-4043. Washington County has since decided that it cannot meet the conditions of the funding award and has requested to withdraw its project from the MTIP.

ANALYSIS/INFORMATION

- 1. Known Opposition** There was public comment in support of projects other than those selected for funding but no specific opposition documented of any project proposed for funding.
- 2. Legal Antecedents** Amends the 2008-11 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program adopted by Metro Council Resolution 07-3825 on August 16, 2007 (For the Purpose of Approving the 2008-11 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program for the Portland Metropolitan Area). Changes the Washington County projects already approved for ARRA funding through Resolution 09-4022.
- 3. Anticipated Effects** Adoption of this resolution will change the projects in Washington County that receive ARRA funds.
- 4. Budget Impacts** None.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approve Metro Resolution No. 09-4053.