

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING) RESOLUTION NO. 03-3282
PORTLAND REGIONAL FEDERAL) Introduced by Councilor Rod Park
TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES FOR)
FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2004)
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

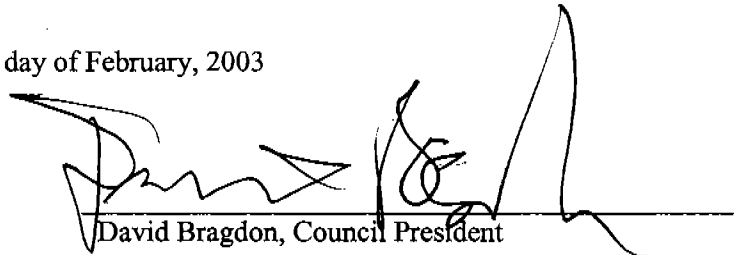
WHEREAS, Metro must comply with a wide variety of federal requirements related to transportation planning and project funding, and

WHEREAS, Metro's Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) has approved Exhibit A to this resolution, entitled, "Portland Region Priorities for FY 04 federal transportation appropriations,"; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Metro Council

1. Approve Exhibit A of this resolution, entitled "FY 04 Federal Transportation Appropriations" and directs that it be submitted to the Oregon Congressional delegation.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 27th day of February, 2003



David Bragdon, Council President

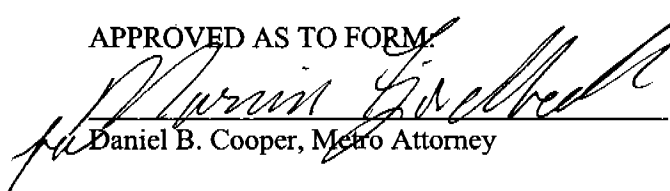
APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Daniel B. Cooper, Metro Attorney

Exhibit A
PORTLAND REGIONAL
FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES
FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2004 APPROPRIATIONS

The following request for Congressional assistance in securing FFY 2004 appropriations will be forwarded to the Washington and Oregon Congressional delegations by the Metropolitan Planning Organizations in the Portland metropolitan area.

Because the FFY 2004 Appropriations request is being prepared prior to completion of the FFY 2003 Appropriations Bill, the specific amounts of funding requested for FFY 2004 may need to be revised subject to the amounts appropriated in the final FFY 2003 bill. The funding requested below for FFY 2004 assume that the final FFY 2003 appropriations match the levels requested by the Region. If required, revised appropriations requests will be released as soon as the FFY 2003 Appropriations bill is completed.

In addition, this FFY 2004 Appropriations request is being prepared concurrent with establishing the Region's priorities for the Transportation Reauthorization bill. These priorities include requests for project-specific earmarks and demonstration projects. If included in the Reauthorization bill, some of the earmarked or demonstration projects would seek an initial appropriation in FFY 2004. This FFY 2004 Appropriations request does not address appropriations for projects seeking an earmark for demonstration project status in the Reauthorization bill. Any project earmarked as Demo projects in the Authorization bill will automatically receive funds in FFY 04. The Region will monitor the Reauthorization bill and refine its FFY 2004 Appropriations request when appropriate.

A. Oregon Projects

1. **Interstate MAX.** Request an appropriation of \$77.5 million in Sec. 5309 New Start funding for continued construction of the Interstate MAX extension, the region's priority discretionary project for FFY2004. This amount is consistent with the funding plan approved by FTA in the project's Full Funding Grant Agreement. The project is scheduled to be completed in the summer of 2004 and will require a final appropriation in FFY 2005.
2. **Wilsonville to Beaverton Commuter Rail.** Request an appropriation of \$18 million in Sec. 5309 New Start funds for the construction of the 15.5-mile commuter rail project in Washington and Clackamas County, Oregon. Funds would be used for Final Design, initial vehicle progress payments and acquisition of right of way. This is in addition to the \$2.5 million anticipated to be appropriated in FFY 2003 and will require a final appropriation in FFY 2005.
3. **Sauvie Island Bridge.** Request an appropriation of \$1 million from Bridge Discretionary funds for preliminary engineering for the replacement of the Sauvie Island Bridge. The amount is in addition to the \$2 million anticipated to be appropriated in FFY 2003.
4. **Sec. 5309 Bus and Bus Facilities.** Request an appropriation of \$8 million from Section 5309 bus funds to acquire buses and improve bus facilities.

5. **I-5 Trade Corridor.** Request an appropriation of \$0.5 million from the National Corridor Planning and Development Program to conduct preliminary engineering for the Columbia River vehicle and transit crossings, and associated interchange improvements between SR 500 in Vancouver and Columbia Boulevard in Portland. This is in addition to the \$3.5 million anticipated to be appropriated in FFY 2003.

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.

6. **Interstate-205.** ODOT is requesting \$1 million for preliminary engineering to add an extra lane in each direction on I-205 between the Stafford Interchange and I-5. This request capitalizes on a planned \$37 million preservation project on I-205 between the Willamette River and I-5, which as currently designed requires temporary detour lanes to be built and then removed after preservation work is completed.

FY 2004 funding will be used to redesign the project and secure the necessary environmental approvals needed to add construction of permanent lanes to the existing preservation project. Federal funds, an estimated \$8 million, will be requested in future appropriations bills to pay for construction of the new lanes. If funded, the combined preservation/widening project would begin in FY 2007.

7. **Sunrise Corridor.** Request \$1 million of Interstate – 4R funds to complete the EIS for the Sunrise Corridor – Phase I. This is in addition to Surface Transportation funds allocated through the Metro Transportation Improvement Program.

8. **Columbia River Channel Deepening.** Request an appropriation of \$25 million from the energy and water appropriations for funding of construction of the channel deepening.

9. **Transportation and Community and Systems Preservation.** Request appropriations from TCSP program as follows:

- \$0.5 million for Gresham Springwater Area Concept and Implementation Plan.
- \$1.0 million for Damascus Area Concept and Implementation Plan.
- \$1.0 million for Kenton Feed and Seed redevelopment.

Note: In addition, the following projects were approved as part of the priority list of projects to earmark through the reauthorization of TEA-21. Depending upon how projects are handled through the reauthorization bill, it may be appropriate to include some or all in the 2004 appropriations bill:

- \$5.6 million for Lake Rd. (Milwaukie)
- \$2.7 million for Gresham Civic Neighborhood LRT Station
- \$2.0 million for Rockwood Town Center

- \$8.0 million for North Macadam Access
10. **Intelligent Transportation System.** Request \$4.25 million appropriation for the Portland region's and State of Oregon's ITS initiatives. Also, request \$4 million for the new Portland State University ITS research center.
 11. **Central City Streetcar.** Request an appropriation of \$1 million in HUD funds for Preliminary Engineering of Portland's streetcar extension to the Eastside.
 12. **Jobs Access.** Request an appropriation of \$3 million from Jobs Access/Reverse Commute (JARC) program. \$1.8 million will support ongoing jobs access programs and \$1.2 million will support expanded TriMet service.
 13. **Regional Support for Statewide Request for Transit Improvements.** The Region supports the Oregon Transit Association's request for statewide transit earmarking including: \$1.5 million of Section 5309 bus funds for construction of a 250 space park-and-ride facility and transit center in Wilsonville, \$0.23 million for South Clackamas County Transit (Molalla), \$0.225 million for City of Sandy Transit, and \$0.20 million for City of Canby Transit.
 14. **Highway Demo Projects.** In the project priorities adopted by the region for reauthorization of TEA-21, a number of projects were identified for funding through the "Highway Demo" funding category. In the past, this funding through the authorization bill has not required a separate appropriation. The following highway demo projects are identified on the Portland Region Reauthorization Priority list:
 - \$32.8 million for I-5: Delta Park to Lombard
 - \$26.4 million for Highway 217: TV Highway to Sunset Highway
 - \$32.0 million for Sunrise Corridor – Phase I
 - \$11.0 million for Ramsay Railroad Yard
 - \$09.0 million for Air Cargo Access
 - \$08.0 million for Boeckman Rd. (Wilsonville)
 - \$05.0 million for Regional Culvert Program
 - \$05.0 million for Regional Trail Program
 - \$14.4 million for Beaverton-Hillsdale/Scholls Ferry/Oleson
 - \$04.2 million for Wilsonville: Barber Road – Urban Village Connection

B. Washington Projects

1. **LRT Loop.** The region supports a \$2 million earmark "new start" funding for the I-5/I-205/SR500 light rail loop for the initial Alternative Analysis feasibility process.
2. **FTA Capital Projects Earmarks.** Request a \$3.6 million capital-leasing earmark to reimburse a public/private partnership that is constructing a 630-space Clark County Fairgrounds Park & Ride.

3. **Vancouver Mall Transit Center.** Request a \$1.6 million earmark to lease land and upgrade existing Vancouver Mall Transit Center to reduce annual maintenance costs and ensure future operations.

4. **FHWA/FTA Intelligent Transportation Systems Earmark.** Regional Transportation Council will consolidate a FFY 2004 earmark request incorporating the needs of C-TRAN: deployment of traffic signal priority equipment on buses; real-time arrival and departure information, and; fleet maintenance management system. Estimated total of these three regional sub-projects is \$1.6 million.

STAFF REPORT

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 03-3282, FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING PORTLAND REGIONAL FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2004 APPROPRIATIONS

Date: February 5, 2003

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 policy and funding that are likely to be considered by Congress during the coming year. This year priorities are focused on both annual appropriations, addressed by this resolution as well as reauthorization of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21), addressed by Resolution No. 03-3271, For the Purpose of Endorsing A Regional Position on Reauthorization of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (Tea-21).

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 concurrently within the next three to five years: Interstate MAX and the Wilsonville to Beaverton commuter rail. Additionally, there are several complementary projects for which the region is requesting funding: bus and bus facility purchases regionwide, Wilsonville Park and Ride, Kenton Transit Oriented Development (TOD) project, and Central City streetcar extension to North Macadam.

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, high-speed rail and support of requests by the State of Washington.

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, Consideration of Ordinance No. 00-869A For the Purpose of Adopting the 2000 Regional Transportation Plan; Amending Ordinance No. 96-647C and Ordinance No. 97-715B and Resolution No. 00-2969B, For the Purpose of Adopting the 2000 Regional Transportation Plan as the Federal Metropolitan Transportation Plan 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 03-04 Transportation Department budget. However, most of the funding requests deal with implementation projects sponsored by jurisdictions other than Metro.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approve Resolution 03-3282 for submission to the Oregon Congressional delegation for consideration in the Federal Fiscal Year 04 Appropriations Bill.