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Meeting: Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee (TPAC)

Date: Friday, April 26, 2013

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. (noon)
Place: Metro, Council Chamber

9:30 AM	1.		Call to Order and Declaration of a Quorum	Elissa Gertler, Chair
9:35 AM	2.	*	 Comments from the Chair and Committee Members Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) Quarterly Amendment Report 	Ted Leybold, Metro
			 Transportation Control Measure Substitution Process Update 	Dave Nordberg, DEQ
9:40 AM	3.		Citizen Communications to TPAC Agenda Items	
9: 43 AM	4.	*	Consideration of the TPAC Minutes for March 22, 2013	
	5.		ACTION ITEMS	
9:45 AM	5.1	*	2013-15 Unified Planning Work Program and Metropolitan Planning Organization Certification: Resolution No. 13-4426 – <u>RECOMMENDATION TO JPACT REQUESTED</u>	Josh Naramore, Metro
			 <i>Purpose</i>: Final review of UPWP. <i>Outcome</i>: Recommendation to JPACT. 	

10:10 AM 5.2 * Regional Transportation Plan Amendments – RECOMMENDATION TO JPACT REQUESTED

John Mermin, Metro

- o **Ordinance No. 13-1304:** East Metro Connections Plan
- o **Resolution No. 13-4420:** City of Beaverton
- o **Resolution No. 13-4421:** City of Portland
- o Resolution No. 13-4422: ODOT
- o **Resolution No. 13-4423:** Washington County
- o **Resolution No. 13-4424**: City of Hillsboro
- <u>Purpose</u>: Ask TPAC for recommendation to JPACT on proposed RTP amendments.
- Outcome: TPAC provides recommendation to JPACT on proposed RTP amendments.

10:40 AM 5.3 * Climate Smart Communities Scenarios Project: Updated Phase Kim Ellis, Metro 2 Investment Choices and Evaluation Criteria – RECOMMENDATION TO IPACT REOUESTED

- <u>Purpose</u>: Watch a brief video of community leader perspectives, learn about the OptIn survey results, and provide final input on the updated Phase 2 scenarios assumptions and evaluation criteria.
- <u>Outcome</u>: TPAC provides a recommendation to JPACT to move forward with the Phase 2 evaluation.

6. INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

11:15 AM 6.1 # Climate Smart Communities Scenarios Project: Community Case Studies – INFORMATION

Kim Ellis, Metro

- *Purpose*: Release community case studies.
- <u>Outcome</u>: Increased understanding of what communities are already doing to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions from cars and small trucks.

11:30 AM 6.2 # 2016-18 Regional Flexible Funds Regional Public Comment Update – <u>INFORMATION</u>

Josh Naramore, Metro

- *Purpose*: Discuss upcoming regional public comment process for the regional flexible funds allocation.
- Outcome: Prep TPAC members for May 9 JPACT briefing.

11:55 AM 7. <u>ADJOURN</u>

Elissa Gertler, Chair

- * Material available electronically.
- ** Material will be distributed in advance of the meeting.
- # Material will be distributed at the meeting.

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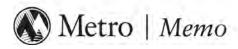
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2013 TPAC Work Program 4/18/13

 April 26, 2013 - Regular Meeting 2035 RTP Amendments - Recommendation to JPACT Requested 2013-15 UPWP and MPO self-certification - Adoption requested Climate Smart Communities: Updated Phase 2 Investment Choices and Evaluation Criteria - Recommendation to JPACT requested 	 May 31, 2013 - Regular Meeting Regional Active Transportation Plan: final plant - Information 2014 Regional Transportation Plan update - Information Transit funding and the MTIP Process - Discussion TCM Substitution results - Recommendation 	
 Climate Smart Communities: Community Case Studies – Information 2016-18 Regional Flexible Funds Regional Public Comment Update – Information 	 to JPACT requested TriMet transit briefing – Information 	
 June 28, 2013 - Regular Meeting RFFA Step 1 Region-wide Programs - Information STS vision findings and recommendations-Information 	July 19, 2013 - Regular Meeting • STIP Enhance Committee process	
 Aug. 30, 2013 - Regular Meeting RFFA project narrowing process Local Coordinating Committee RFFA Public Hearings Summaries - Information SW Corridor Steering Committee recommendation 	Sept. 27, 2013 – Regular Meeting • RFFA projects – Action	
Oct. 25, 2013 - Regular Meeting Parking Lot:	Nov. 22, 2013 – Regular Meeting	

Parking Lot:

- Metropolitan Planning Area boundary update
- Travel model update
- Streetcar Methods
- Portland Metropolitan Scenario Planning Rule update



Date: April 18, 2013

To: TPAC and Interested Parties

From: Grace Cho, Assistant Transportation Planner

Subject: 2012-2015 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) Quarterly

Amendment Summary (January – March 2013)

Background

The Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program is a federally required documentation of transportation investments scheduled for the Portland metro region during a four-year cycle. Metro is required to prepare the MTIP document every two years and includes the scheduling of project funding over a four-year period. The funding programs in the MTIP are administered by Metro, ODOT, TriMet and SMART, with matching funds provided by the agencies leading project development. Locally funded projects that are regionally significant are included in the MTIP for air quality modeling and informational purposes. The MTIP is incorporated without change into the State TIP.

The current MTIP, adopted in March 2012, includes transportation investments scheduled from 2012-2015. The MTIP is typically prepared a year in advance of the following four-year cycle. When the MTIP is prepared, projects still remain in development stages and the best possible information is being used to estimate expenditure schedule and start dates for different project phases. Therefore, once the MTIP is adopted and becomes effective, Metro allows project sponsors to submit requests for programming adjustments, minor administrative amendments or formal amendments to reflect the updated project information, per the amendment procedures described in Section 1.7 of the MTIP.

Metro staff has summarized the all the administrative amendment requests, in addition to any formal amendments approved by Metro Resolution, made from January – March 2013. The summary is to provide an update to TPAC for information purposes.

Implications

None. TPAC members may request further information regarding any of the programming adjustments or amendments and may appeal administrative decisions per the process described in Section 1.8 of the MTIP.

Next Steps

Metro will continue to bring a quarterly summary of the current MTIP amendments to TPAC.

2012-15 MTIP Programming Adjustments: Third Quarter of Metro FY 2012-13

The following FFY12-15 MTIP amendments, programming adjustments or financial plan adjustments were processed in the period of January through March 2013.

OR99E: Naef Rd - Clackamas River Br (Key #16148) ODOT Project

Paving, Sidewalk Infill and Signal Interconnect. Move \$1M NHS (L050) to OR8: Minter Bridge Rd - SW 331st Ave. \$245,000 Maintenance funds to be federalized for durable striping.

FFO - I-84 EB to I-205 NB Auxiliary Lane (Key #16846) ODOT Project

Extend the existing Halsey St. ramp to the I-205 northbound exit lane. Add State funds from Region 1 savings to create an Other phase.

Cedar Creek/Tonquin Trail: Roy Rogers – Murdock (Key #18026) City of Sherwood Project

Design and construct a multi-use trail through Sherwood. Create a project development planning phase for the section of trail between Roy Rodgers Road and Highway 99W. Allow PE to proceed on remaining segment of trail between OR 99W and Murdock Road. Change name and budget to reflect these changes.

N Killingsworth St: N Commercial - NE MLK Jr. Blvd (Key #14405) City of Portland Project

Sidewalks, other pedestrian amenities, ADA upgrades, street lights and trees. Slip RW to 2013 and move \$35K (Total) RW funds back to increase PE to cover cost overrun. Change Work Description and Admin by.

40 Mile Loop: Blue Lake Park - Sundial Road (Key #17270) **Port of Portland Project**

Project to construct a 1.7M mixed-use trail. Change lead agency from City of Fairview to Port of Portland. Update project description.

2013 TriMet Enhanced Mobility Program (Key #17296) **TriMet Project**

Services and facilities improvements in excess of ADA requirements. This program was funded under 5317 program through SAFETEA-LU, but under MAP-21 the funding is now eligible under the 5310 program. Key 17296 needs to have funding changed from 5316 to 5310 (see Federal Register of 10/16/2012, page 63676); funding increased to \$1.2M; and project name changed to reflect new program name: Enhanced Mobility of Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities Program.

Pedestrian Crossings at 4 Schools (Portland) (Key #16253) City of Portland Safety Project

Construct curb extensions & pedestrian refuge islands in the vicinity of 4 Portland schools. Create a new project awarded federal funds, \$227,914 (Fed) TAP & \$227,914 (Fed) TAP Metro Area Allocation.

US26: Springwater At-Grade Intersection (Key #15773) **ODOT Project**

Construct At-Grade Intersection. Change milepoints. Increase PE by moving funds from RW as requested by the CMR 01. Change part of RW funds to State to reflect authorization.

Sunnyside Rd Adaptive Signal System (Key #New) Clackamas County Project

Design adaptive traffic signal system and transit signal priority on Sunnyside Rd. Transfer \$500K in Regional STP funds from TSMO Bucket (Key 18011) to create this new project (\$60K for PE \$440K for CONST).

Active Traffic Management RCTO (Key #17462) **Metro Project**

Cancel this and re-allocate the \$300K Regional STP to various projects in the region that enhance multi-modal mobility for people and goods.

I-5/I-205 Bi-state Travel Time Signage (Key #New) ODOT Project

Construct comparative destination travel time signage at junctions of I-5 and I-205. Transfer \$150K in Regional STP funds from TSMO bucket (Key 18011) and \$50K from TSMO bucket (Key 18012) to create this new project (\$200K for CONST in 2013).

TSMO/ITS 2014 (Key #18011)

Metro Project

Transportation system management and operations program. TransPort, the regional advisory committee on system operations, has allocated the 2014 bucket to various projects in the region that enhance multi-modal mobility for people and goods.

TSMO/ITS 2015 (Key # 18012)

Metro Project

Transportation system management and operations program. TransPort, the regional advisory committee on system operations, has allocated the 2015 bucket to various projects in the region that enhance multi-modal mobility for people and goods.

TTIP Enhancement for Arterial Traveler Info (Key #17459) ODOT Project

Update software and infield systems for data transfer to TTIP. Reduce the amount allocated from \$500K CMAQ to \$300K CMAQ.

PORTAL Archived Data User Services 2014 (Key #New)

Portland State University Project

Archiving and analysis of traffic data by OTREC at PSU. Archiving and analysis of traffic data by OTREC at PSU.

PORTAL Archived Data User Services 2015 (Key #New)

Portland State University Project

Archiving and analysis of traffic data by OTREC at PSU. Transfer \$75K funds from TTIP (Key 17459) and \$50K from TSMO (Key 18011) to fund this new allocation.

Traffic Signal System Software Upgrade (Key #New) City of Portland Project

Update TransSuite and Voyage traffic signal software for improved performance monitoring. Transfer \$100K in Regional STP funds from TSMO Bucket (Key 18011) to create this new project (\$100K for OTHER in 2013).

N/NE Columbia Blvd Traffic/Transit Signal Upgrade (Key #New) City of Portland Project

Construct upgrade to traffic signal hardware, communications, and signal timing. Transfer \$500K in Regional STP funds from TSMO Bucket (Key 18011) to create this new project (\$150K for PE in 2014 and \$350K for CONST in 2015).

Upper Boones Ferry Rd/Durham Active Corridor Mgmt (Key #New) City of Tigard Project

Design upgrades to signal hardware and comm; add adaptive signal timing and detection. Transfer \$600K in Regional STP funds from TSMO bucket (Key 18012) to create this new project (\$125K for PE in 2014 and \$475K for CONST in 2015).

Regional TSMO Program 2014 (Key #New) Metro Project

Facilitate imp of Regional TSMO Plan; grant coord/mgmt; performance data development/tracking.

Transfer \$60K in Regional STP funds from TSMO bucket (Key 18012) to create this new project (\$60K for OTHER in 2014).

Regional TSMO Program 2015 (Key #New) Metro Project

Facilitate imp of Regional TSMO Plan; grant coord/mgmt; performance data development/tracking. Transfer \$60K in Regional STP funds from TSMO bucket (Key 18012) to create this new project (\$60K for OTHER in 2015).

Regional ITS Architecture Update (Key #New) Metro Project

Update Regional ITS Architecture to meet latest FHWA standards. Transfer \$50K in Regional STP funds from TSMO bucket (Key 18012) to create this new project (\$50K for PLANNING in 2014).

Regional ITS Communications Master Plan (Key #New) **Metro Project**

Develop regional master plan for enhancing and maintaining region's ITS comm network. Transfer \$50K in Regional STP funds from TSMO bucket (Key 18012) to create this new project (\$50K for PLANNING in 2014).

Regional ITS Communications Infrastructure (ODOT) (Key #New) **ODOT Project**

Complete gaps and deficiencies identified in the Regional ITS Communications Plan. Transfer \$530K in Regional STP funds from TSMO bucket (Key 18012) to create this new project (\$530K for CONST in 2015.

Cornell Rd/Cornelius Pass Rd Adaptive System (Key #New) Washington County Project

Design expansion of adaptive traffic signal system; add bicycle detection. Transfer \$100K in Regional STP funds from TSMO bucket (Key 18012) and \$300K in Regional STP from Key #17462 to create this new project (\$100K for PE in 2014 and \$300K for CONST in 2014).

SE Holgate & Ramona: 122nd-136th Ave Sdwk (Portland) (Key #17888) City of Portland Project

Install Sidewalks. Reduce funding allocation due to reduction in the award for this project. Change footnote. Change funding to TAP due to the implementation of MAP21.

OR99W: Barbur Transit Center Stairs (Key #18267) **ODOT Project**

Construct stairway to improve pedestrian access to Barbur Transit Center. Create a child project of Key 13759.

SW Rose Biggi (Hall Blvd to Crescent St) (Key #14400) City of Beaverton Project

Extend Rose Biggi Avenue. Move surplus federal funds (\$38,464 Regional STP) from the planning study (Key 15588) Fanno Creek Crossing project construction phase. Beaverton has committed an equivalent amount of local funding to construct the study's recommended interim at-grade trail crossing improvement of Hall Boulevard.

Fanno Creek Trail: Hall Boulevard crossing (Key #15588) Tualatin Hills Parks and Recreation District Project

Study of crossing options of Fanno Creek Greenway Trail of Hall Blvd. Move surplus federal funds (\$38,464 Regional STP) from planning study to Key 14400 - Beaverton's Rose Biggi Boulevard project construction phase. Beaverton has committed an equivalent amount of local funding to construct the study's recommended interim at-grade trail crossing improvement of Hall Boulevard.

FFO- OR99W: I-5 NB Ramps (Key #16142) ODOT Project

Add additional lanes, off I-5 to 99W. Move \$15,000 from construction to create a State funded "Other" phase to facilitate a tree removal small contract.

SE Holgate & Ramona: 122nd-136th Ave Sdwk (Portland) (Key #17888)

City of Portland Project

Install Sidewalks. Reduce funding allocation due to reduction in the award for this project. Change footnote. Change funding to TAP due to the implementation of MAP21.

FFO-OR212/224: Sunrise Corridor (I-205-SE 122nd Ave) (Key #15555) ODOT Project

Phase 1 of new limited access facility. Move \$4,760,000 JTA funds to Key 18167 Lawnfield Rd for a construction phase.

SE Lawnfield Road: SE 97th Avenue - SE 98th Court (Key #18167) Clackamas County Project

Reconstruction to reduce grade. Change the project name and monitor code. Add a construction phase by moving JTA funds (\$4,760,000) from the Sunrise Corridor project.

NE/SE 50'S BIKEWAY: NE THOMPSON TO SE WOODSTOCK (Key #15589) City of Portland Project

Development of a 6.7 mile of north/south bike route. Increase PE by moving funds (\$85,244 fed, \$95,000 total) from construction.

SW Leahy Rd:90th-88th & W Stark: 89th-88th (SRTS) (Key #16065) Washington County Project

Pedestrian Safety Improvements around West Tualatin View Elementary School. Change RW funds to local (\$5,000) and increase construction with federal funds (\$16,000).

FFO-OR212/224: Sunrise Corridor (I-205-SE 122nd Ave) (Key #15555) ODOT Project

Phase 1 of new limited access facility. Increase the UR phase by moving JTA funds from Construction.

East Metro Connections ITS (Key #18306) **City of Gresham Project**

Update traffic signal hardware and communications; install changeable message sign. Transfer \$200K (Fed) in CMAQ funds from Metro Financial Plan and (\$488,650, fed) \$500K (Total) from Key 15773 US26: Springwater Intersection to create this new project.

US26: Springwater At-Grade Intersection (Key #15773) **ODOT Project**

Construct At-Grade Intersection. Move \$500,000 (Total) \$448,650 (fed) to East Metro Connections ITS (new Key).

FFO-OR212/224:SUNRISE CORRIDOR(I-205-SE 122ND AVE) (Key #15555) ODOT Project

Phase 1 of new limited access facility. Add Federal HPP funds from Key 15375 Damascus Planning to RW. Federal funds are shown in red at 100% as OTIA funds are used as match. Move surplus JTA funds from RW to construction and Other.

OR8:N10th Ave-N19th Ave (Baseline St) Cornelius (Key #15592) City of Cornelius Project

Build sidewalks, pedestrian amenities, storm system, trees, lights & rail crossings. Add ODOT Rail Safety funds to increase PE and the Other phase. Increase construction by adding ODOT funds from savings on other projects and City of Cornelius funds.

OR99W: Barber Blvd at SW13th Ave Crossing (Key #TBD) **ODOT Project**

Crossing improvements. Transfer State funds to create a child project of Key 13759 Ped & Bike Elements for Pres Projects.

OR99W: Barber Blvd at SW Alice St Crossing (Key #TBD) **ODOT Project**

Crossing improvements. Transfer State funds to create a child project of Key 13759 Ped & Bike Elements for Pres Projects.

Marine Drive Bike Trail: NE 28th Ave-NE 185th Ave (Key #14409) City of Portland (Parks & Recreation) Project

Four segments of off-street trail adjacent to Marine Drive to be completed. Change project description. Resolve RW phase move CMAQ funds to increase PE (\$3,377 fed, \$3,763 total) and Construction (\$484,163 fed, \$539,578 total).

OR99W: SW Durham Rd - SW Fischer Rd (Key #17701) ODOT Project

Improve Intersection, close median opening, add sidewalk. Change the project name and remove footnote. Slip RW to 2013 and add Safety funds (\$13,833 fed, \$15,000 total) to RW from Region 1 savings on other projects.

US 26: Jefferson Rockfall Project (Key #15455) **ODOT Project**

US 26: Jefferson Rockfall Project. Change project name and milepoints. Add construction funds (\$1,076,760 fed, \$1,200,000 total) from Key 17700. OTC Approval Pending.

OR99W: N Victory Blvd - N Argyle St (Portland) (Key #15190) ODOT Project

Realign N Denver Ave/N Schmeer Rd intersection. Install signals & bike/ped improvements. Change project name, milepoints, monitor code and work types. Add Bridge funds (\$1,651,032 fed, \$1,840,000 total)

NW Thurman St: Macleay Park Bridge Rehab (Key #TBD)

City of Portland Project

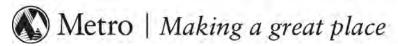
Replace steel floor beams, timber stringers, deck & rail bridge #25b15. Add to STIP for construction in 2013 as approved by the Local Agency Bridge Selection Committee. To be funded from bottom line of local bridge FP.

OR99W: SW Durham Rd - SW Fischer Rd - (Revised) (Key #17701) ODOT Project

Improve intersection, close median opening, add sidewalk. Change the project name and remove footnote. Slip RW to 2013 and add Safety funds (\$14,755 fed, \$16,000 total) to RW from Region 1 savings on other projects.

The following projects changed their current phase from 2012 to 2013

Project Name	Key#
I-5 Columbia River Crossing (Portland/Vancouver)	13136
SW Capitol Highway: Multnomah to Taylors Ferry	14440
Slides/Rockfall Reserve (Arrows)	15035
SE 172nd Ave: Phase I; Sunnyside to Hwy 212 (ROW + \$1.0m)	15389
I-5/I-84 Analysis	15462
OR 99-E Bridge at Kellogg Lake	15598
OR213 Harmony Sunnyside Rds Sidewalk/Sig Impv	15599
SE 190th Dr: Pleasant View/Highland Willow Parkw	15601
SMART Bus/Rail Preventative Maintenance 2010	15633
SMART Bus/Rail Preventative Maintenance 2011	15634
SE Lake Rd: Where Else Ln - Freeman Rd (Milwaukie)	16778
Tolbert Street: SE 82nd Ave - Industrial Way	16844
Tooze Rd: 100 th Ave – Grahams Ferry Rd (Wilsonville)	17212
TriMet Job Access/Reverse Commute - 2012	17290
SMART Job Access/Reverse Commute FY12	17297
SMART New Freedom Program FY12	17299
SMART Bus & Rail Preventive Maintenance FY12	17301
SMART Bus/Rail Transit Enhancements FY12	17303
SMART Preventive Maintenance FY12	17305
Arterial Performance Measure RCTO	17457
TTIP Enhancement for Arterial Traveler Information	17459
OR8 & OR10: Hocken to 107th/Western (SCATS)	17460
Active Corridor: (Powell/Glisan/Sandy/Division/122)	17463
2009 Wilsonville/SMART Employer Program	18117



TRANSPORTATION POLICY ALTERNATIVES COMMITTEE March 22, 2013

Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

MEMBERS PRESENT AFFILIATION

Alan Lehto TriMet

Carol Gossett Community Representative

Chris Deffebach Washington Co.

Cora Potter Community Representative

Dave Nordberg Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

Elissa Gertler, *Chair* Metro

Jeff Swanson Community Representative

Karen Schilling Multnomah Co.

Katherine Kell City of Gresham, representing Cities of Multnomah Co.

Margaret Middleton City of Beaverton, representing Cities of Washington Co.

Nancy Kraushaar` City of Wilsonville, representing Cities of Clackamas Co.

Scott King Port of Portland

Steve Entenman Community Representative

MEMBERS EXCUSED AFFILIATION

Adrian Esteban Community Representative

Dean Lookingbill Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council

Heather McCarey Community Representative

Mike Clark Washington State Department of Transportation

Paul Smith City of Portland

Satvinder Sandhu Federal Highway Administration

<u>ALTERNATES PRESENT</u> <u>AFFILIATION</u>

Gary Schmidt Clackamas County

Lainie Smith Oregon Department of Transportation

Lynda David Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council

STAFF: Andy Cotugno, Kim Ellis, Mia Hart, Mike Hoglund, Tom Kloster, Joe Montanez, Robin McArthur, Kelsey Newell, Ramona Perrault.

1. Call to Order and Declaration of a Quorum

Chair Elissa Gertler called the meeting to order and declared a quorum at 9:36 a.m.

2. Comments from the Chair and Committee Members

Mr. Alan Lehto noted that TriMet has expressed concerns about managing long-term health care costs.

3. Citizen Communications to TPAC Agenda Items

No items were discussed.

4. Consideration of the TPAC Minutes for March 1, 2013

<u>Motion</u>: Mr. Alan Lehto moved and Mr. Jeff Swanson seconded to approve the TPAC Minutes for March 1, with 1 correction. Mr. Jeff Swanson noted that Ms. Lynda David was present rather than Mr. Dave Nordberg. Chair Gertler recognized the remark.

Result: With all in favor, motion passed.

5. 2013-15 Unified Work Program - <u>INFORMATION/DISCUSSION</u>

Mr. Josh Naramore presented on the 2013 – 2015 Unified Work Program. The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is developed annually by Metro as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Portland Metropolitan Area. It is a federally-required document that serves as a guide for transportation planning activities to be conducted over the course of each fiscal year, beginning on July 1st. Included in the UPWP are detailed descriptions of the transportation planning tasks, listings of various activities, and a summary of the amount and source of state and federal funds to be used for planning activities. The UPWP is developed by Metro with input from local governments, TriMet, ODOT, FHWA and FTA. Additionally, Metro must annually undergo a process known as self-certification to demonstrate that the Portland Metropolitan region's planning process is being conducted in accordance with all applicable federal transportation planning requirements. Self-certification is conducted in conjunction with annual adoption of the UPWP.

Metro has developed a two-year UPWP document for fiscal years (FY) 2013-14 and 2014-15. A new UPWP document will be developed every other year. In the interim years, Metro staff will take through a comprehensive list of updates and amendments through TPAC, JPACT and Metro Council. The interim updates and amendments will be packaged with annual MPO self-certification to ensure compliance with federal transportation planning requirements. At the March 22 TPAC meeting, Metro staff will be seeking comments on the document. Action on the 2013-15 UPWP is scheduled for the April 26 TPAC meeting.

Mr. Naramore stated that comments from TPAC members will be due on April 5th and that a final review and recommendation from TPAC will be due on April 26th.

Member discussion included:

• Members inquired about the budged and how it relates to freight after having laid off the most recent freight planner. Mr. Tom Kloster stated that the current freight planner actually helped develop the freight plan. He noted that she is focused on being involved in the freight

- community. Mr. Kloster also stated that we are being extremely efficient in moving forward with bring freight into the Regional Transportation Plan.
- Members inquired about model activity. Mr. Kloster stated that model activity could be classified in the ongoing projects portion of the document.
- Members inquired as to the increase in revenues in specific areas. Mr. Naramore stated that this increase was attributed to a one-time great, but that it will not be included in the final work plan.
- Members expressed concern in the clarity of certain fund allocations. Mr. Tom Kloster stated that there will be updates to this document.

6. Climate Smart Communities: Health Impact Assessment - INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

Ms. Jae Douglas and Ms. Andrea Hamberg from Oregon Health Authority presented a Health Impact Assessment (HIA) of Phase 1 of the CSC Scenarios project, and provided their recommendation of which strategies would achieve the best health outcomes.

The OHA recommendations apply to the selection of the three Phase Two scenarios to be further tested in 2013, as well as the development and adoption of a preferred scenario in 2014. The HIA will help to support Metro in their consideration of public health and health equity in the selection and implementation of transportation and land use decisions related to GHG reduction policy in the Portland metro region.

All of the policy combinations under consideration in the CSCS project are intended to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) levels, and may also reduce other air pollutants. Any reduction in air pollution may have positive impacts on health, including reductions in chronic diseases such as asthma or cancer, and acute conditions such as heart attack or stroke.

OHA found that almost all of the policies under consideration could be positive for health, and that certain policies were more beneficial than others. The majority of the health benefits result from increased physical activity, followed by reductions in road traffic crashes and lower exposure to particulate air pollution. Strategies that meet GHG reduction goals by decreasing vehicle miles traveled (VMT) will have the most positive impact on human health by increasing physical activity through active transportation and reducing injuries and fatalities from collisions. Strategies supporting the highest increases in active transportation may also be the most successful in decreasing air toxics emissions and related exposures that result from lower VMT. OHA strongly recommends the development and implementation of a preferred scenario that meets or surpasses GHG reduction levels set in 2011. For more information, contact Jae Douglas at <a href="majority decreasing allower vehicles "jack of the property of the health benefits result from lower vehicles" to particular the property of the health benefits result from lower vehicles and lower exposure to particular the property of the health benefits result from lower vehicles and lower exposure to particular the property of the health benefits result from lower vehicles and lower exposure to particular the property of the health benefits result from lower vehicles and lower exposure to particular the property of the health benefits result from lower vehicles and lower exposure to particular the property of the health benefits result from lower vehicles and lower exposure to particular the property of the health benefits result from lower vehicles and lower exposure to particular the property of the health benefits result from lower vehicles and lower exposure to particular the property of the health benefits result from lower vehicles and lower exposure to particular the property of the health benefits result from lower vehicles and lower exposure to particular the p

Member discussion included:

- Members asked for details regarding model assumptions and boundaries. Ms.
 Hamberg stated that they are extremely confident in their data and that it will be made available in the future.
- In regards to the model used, members asked if the benefits of bicycle activity out ways the risk of being a bicyclist in the Portland Metropolitan area. Ms. Hamberg stated that the physical benefits of cycling do out way the risks and as more bike and pedestrian friendly areas are created, the more safely cyclist will be able to navigate the city.

- Members asked as to how the HIA will be incorporated into land use planning. Ms.
 Hamberg stated that the HIA will be used for making informed decisions that are not
 regulatory. She noted that any recommendations made out of this HIA need to be
 feasible and made in close consultation with Metro.
- Members inquired about mitigating the high costs of implementation. Ms. Hamberg stated that there is a lack of financial data, but this is a substantial investment in public health which is paying for the consequence of preventable disease.

7. Climate Smart Communities: Investment Choices Assumptions - DISCUSSION

Ms. Kim Ellis sought feedback from TPAC on draft assumptions to be tested.

The Climate Smart Communities Scenarios Project will help the region's cities and counties define their goals for the next 20 years. It will show how those goals might help the region reduce carbon emissions. There are many ways we can reduce pollution, create healthy, more equitable communities and nurture the economy, too.

A one-size-fits-all approach won't meet the needs of our diverse communities. Instead, a combination of many local approaches, woven together, will create a diverse yet shared vision for how we can keep this a great place for years to come. With many options available to the region, the next step is to test three potential future ways the region could grow and invest, called scenarios, to see what might work best. Since community investment is such a powerful tool for helping grow jobs and protecting our clean air, the region will consider a range of investment levels - low, medium and high – to demonstrate what communities and the region can accomplish on our current path with existing resources and tools, and what could be accomplished with more.

Ms. Ellis reviewed project accomplishments to date and the 3 investment-based scenarios that will be tested this summer. Staff convened a series of workshops with community leaders on public health, the environment and equity to share information about the project and gather input on the strategies being considered as well as the outcomes that are a priority for the evaluation. The workshops were convened in partnership with Oregon Health Authority, 1000 Friends, Oregon Environmental Council, Coalition for Communities of Color and the Coalition for a Livable Future.

Ms. Ellis explained staff is mid-way through conducting a series of business focus groups in different parts of the region in partnership with the different business alliances and chambers. Similar to the 2012 workshops, the purpose is to share information about the project, hear what businesses area already doing to reduce costs and be more sustainable. In addition, staff worked with local government staff to confirm their locally adopted land use visions using envision tomorrow. Those adopted visions for growth will be the foundation for the scenarios evaluation moving forward. Staff also conducted additional sensitivity testing of the phase 1 scenarios, which showed the top strategies from a GHG reduction perspective are advancements in clean fuels and technology, transit and increases in the cost to drive. All of these activities informed development of the three scenarios presented today.

She reminded members that the purpose of scenario planning is to test a range of potential futures that reflect choices policymakers, businesses and individuals might make to compare and contrast the effects of different levels of investment and policy implementation on public health, economy, environment, equity and GHG emissions. She emphasized that the preferred scenario developed in 2014 may not be 1 of the 3 tested, and is likely to include elements from all three scenarios. All will

be tested in the summer of 2013, so cities, counties and community partners can decide which elements of the three should go forward into one scenario for the region to adopt in 2014.

Ms. Ellis explained the three scenarios are being introduced to MPAC and JPACT this month to build understanding and support among policy makers for the evaluation work ahead. Staff will also begin working in earnest with the technical work group to define the specific modeling assumptions for each scenario – examples are proposed assumptions were included in the meeting materials. A key objective of MPAC and JPACT discussions between now and May is for members to tell staff what information they need from the evaluation to develop a preferred scenario concept next fall. The input provided will help direct the evaluation over the summer.

For more information, visit www.oregonmetro.gov/climatescenarios.

Member discussion included:

- Members asked which scenarios were possible and which were not necessarily possible. Ms. Ellis suggested maintaining a system in which there is a flat funding source available. She noted working with the legislature to raise the gas tax, implement a VMT tax and a local gas tax
- Members asked about the possibility of implementing a carbon fee. Ms. Ellis stated that a carbon fee would be revenue neutral. She stated that community engagement will be key in educating people on these scenarios.
- Members mentioned the possibility of a bike tax. Ms. Ellis stated that Oregon is not quite to that point yet.
- Members asked about the addition of a category that focuses on projects with a smaller impact. Ms. Ellis stated that it would be challenging to address those issues and that community design strategies will have the greatest impact.
- Chair Gertler stated that a questions that will keep arising, is how much can we get for the money.
- Members asked about pricing assumptions and when and how they would take effect. Ms.
 Ellis stated that the model being used has the capacity and ability to implement this in
 increments. She stated that ultimately, there will be more testing and piloting around the
 transportation finance issues.
- Members expressed concerns with transit assumptions under the scenarios, specifically
 that if the majority of funding is spent, there will not be enough funds for a complete transit
 system in 2035.
- Members asked about the differences in cost for scenarios. Ms. Ellis stated that she can provide a range on what has been done so far.
- Members askded about the verification of the model procedures. Ms. Ellis stated that running the model is the easy part, but processing the findings is always more tough.

8. Adjourn

Chair Elisa Gertler adjourned the meeting at 11:24 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Montanez Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR March 22, 2013
The following have been included as part of the official public record:

<u>Item</u>	Doc. Type	<u>Doc. Date</u>	Doc. Description	Doc. Number
4	Handout	N/A	TPAC Minutes 3/1/13	32212t-01
6	PowerPoint	N/A	CSC Health Impact Assessment	32212t -02
6	Brochure	N/A	CSC Health Impact Assessment	32212t -03

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF CERTIFYING THAT)	RESOLUTION NO. 13-4426
THE PORTLAND METROPOLITAN AREA IS IN)	
COMPLIANCE WITH THE FEDERAL)	Introduced by Chief Operating Officer Martha
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING)	Bennett with the concurrence of Council
REQUIREMENTS AND ADOPTING THE		President Tom Hughes
FISCAL YEAR 2013-15 UNIFIED PLANNING		· ·
WORK PROGRAM		

WHEREAS, the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) as shown in Exhibit A attached hereto, describes all Federally-funded transportation planning activities for the Portland-Vancouver metropolitan area to be conducted in FY 2013-14 and FY 2014-15; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2013-15 UPWP indicates Federal funding sources for transportation planning activities carried out by Metro, Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council, Clackamas County and its cities, Multnomah County and its cities, Washington County and its cities, TriMet, and the Oregon Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, approval of the FY 2013-15 UPWP is required to receive Federal transportation planning funds; and

WHEREAS, the federal self-certification findings in Exhibit B demonstrate Metro's compliance with Federal planning regulations as required to receive Federal transportation planning funds; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2013-15 UPWP is consistent with the proposed Metro Budget submitted to the Metro Council; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Metro Council:

- 1. That the FY 2013-15 UPWP attached hereto as Exhibit A is hereby adopted.
- That the FY 2013-15 UPWP is consistent with the continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive planning process and is given positive Intergovernmental Project Review action.
- 3. That Metro's Chief Operating Officer is authorized to apply for, accept, and execute grants and agreements specified in the UPWP.
- 4. That staff shall update the UPWP budget figures, as necessary, to reflect the final Metro budget.
- 5. That staff shall submit the final UPWP and self-certification findings to the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this day of May 2013.			
	Tom Hughes, Council President		
	Tom Hughes, Council Hesident		
Approved as to Form:			
Alison Kean-Campbell, Metro Attorney			

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FY 2013-15 Unified Planning Work Program

Transportation Planning in the Portland/Vancouver Metropolitan Area

Draft
April 5, 2013

Metro Self-Certification

1. <u>Metropolitan Planning Organization Designation</u>

Metro is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) designated by the Governor for the urbanized areas of Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington Counties, and operates in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 134 and 49 U.S.C. 5303.

Metro is a regional government with six directly elected district councilors and a regionally elected Council President. Local elected officials of general purpose governments are directly involved in the transportation planning/decision process through the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT). JPACT provides the "forum for cooperative decision-making by principal elected officials of general purpose governments" as required by USDOT and takes action on the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) and the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) deals with non-transportation-related matters and with the adoption and amendment to the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Specific roles and responsibilities of the committees are described on page 2.

2. Geographic Scope

Transportation planning in the Metro region includes the entire area within the Federal-Aid Urban Boundary (FAUB). Metro updated the FAUB and Federal functional classification in January 2005 as recommended in Metro's 2004 Federal Review. Additionally, as part of the 2035 RTP adopted in June 2010, the Metropolitan planning area boundaries were expanded to reflect the urbanized area defined by the 2000 Census to address a corrective action from the 2008 federal certification review. Work is currently underway to expand the Metropolitan planning area boundary to reflect the urbanized area defined by the 2010 Census and will be completed by December 2013.

3. Agreements

- a. A Memorandum of Agreement between Metro and the Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council (RTC) delineates areas of responsibility and coordination. Executed in April 2012, the Agreement will be updated in April 2015.
- b. In accordance with 23 CFR 450.314, an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) between TriMet, Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), and Metro was executed in July 2008, to be updated in June 2018.
- c. Yearly agreements are executed between Metro and ODOT defining the terms and use of FHWA planning funds.
- d. Bi-State Coordination Committee Charter Metro and eleven state and local agencies adopted resolutions approving a Bi-State Coordination Committee Charter in 2004. Some were adopted in late 2003 and the balance in 2004, which triggered the transition from the Bi-State Transportation Committee to the Bi-State Coordination Committee.
- e. A Memorandum of Understanding between Metro and the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) describing each agency's responsibilities and roles for air quality planning. Executed in August 2010, it will not need to be updated until August 2013.
- f. A Memorandum of Understanding between Metro and South Metro Area Regional Transit (SMART) outlining roles and responsibilities for implementing the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) was updated in 2011 and is effective July 1, 2011, and will be updated in June 2014. It will be updated to reflect the changes from Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) federal legislation that was signed into law in July 2012.

4. Responsibilities, Cooperation and Coordination

Metro uses a decision-making structure that provides state, regional, and local governments the opportunity to participate in the transportation and land use decisions of the organization. The two key committees are JPACT and MPAC. These committees receive recommendations from the Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee (TPAC) and the Metro Technical Advisory Committee (MTAC).

JPACT

This committee is comprised of three Metro Councilors; seven locally elected officials representing cities and counties, and appointed officials from ODOT, TriMet, the Port of Portland, and DEQ. The State of Washington is also represented with three seats that are traditionally filled by two locally elected officials and an appointed official from the Washington Department of Transportation (WSDOT). All transportation-related actions (including Federal MPO actions) are recommended by JPACT to the Metro Council. The Metro Council can approve the recommendations or refer them back to JPACT with a specific concern for reconsideration. Final approval of each item, therefore, requires the concurrence of both bodies. As recommended by Metro's 2004 Federal Review, JPACT has designated a Finance Subcommittee to explore transportation funding and finance issues in detail, and make recommendations to the full committee. In FY 2007-08, JPACT completed the bylaw review recommended in Metro's 2004 Federal Review and clarified representation of South Metro Area Regional Transit representation on the committee.

Bi-State Coordination Committee

Based on a recommendation from the I-5 Transportation & Trade Partnership Strategic Plan, the Bi-State Transportation Committee became the Bi-State Coordination Committee in early 2004. The Bi-State Coordination Committee was chartered through resolutions approved by Metro, Multnomah County, the cities of Portland and Gresham, TriMet, ODOT, the Port of Portland, RTC, Clark County, C-Tran, WSDOT and the Port of Vancouver. The Committee is charged with reviewing all issues of bi-state significance for transportation and land use. A 2003 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) states that JPACT and the RTC Board "shall take no action on an issue of bi-state significance without first referring the issue to the Bi-State Coordination Committee for their consideration and recommendation."

MPAC

This committee was established by the Metro Charter to provide a vehicle for local government involvement in Metro's planning activities. It includes eleven local elected officials, three appointed officials representing special districts, TriMet, a representative of school districts, three citizens, two non-voting Metro Councilors, two Clark County, Washington representatives and a non-voting appointed official from the State of Oregon. Under the Metro Charter, this committee has responsibility for recommending to the Metro Council adoption of or amendment to any element of the Charter-required RTP.

The Regional Framework Plan was adopted on December 11, 1997 and updated December 2005 and most recently in December 2010 and addresses the following topics:

- Transportation
- Land use (including the Metro Urban Growth Boundary (UGB))
- Nature in Neighborhoods
- Water supply and watershed management
- Natural hazards
- Coordination with Clark County, Washington
- Management and implementation

As part of the 2035 RTP adoptions there were specific changes made to the Regional Transportation Functional Plan. In accordance with this requirement, the transportation component of the Regional Framework Plan developed to meet Federal transportation planning regulations, the Oregon Transportation Planning Rule and Metro Charter requirements that require a recommendation from both MPAC and JPACT. This ensures integration of transportation with land use and environmental concerns.

5. Metropolitan Transportation Planning Products

a. Unified Planning Work Program

JPACT, the Metro Council, and the Southwest Washington RTC adopt the UPWP annually. It fully describes work projects planned for the Transportation Department during the fiscal year and is the basis for grant and funding applications. The UPWP also includes federally funded major projects being planned by member jurisdictions. These projects will be administered by Metro through intergovernmental agreements with ODOT and the sponsoring jurisdiction. As required by Metro's 2012 Federal Review, Congestion Management Process (CMP) and RTP update tasks were expanded in the UPWP narratives. The CMP was adopted as part of the 2035 RTP and can be found in Appendix 4.4. Also, Metro identified environmental justice tasks in the UPWP in the Environmental Justice and Title VI narrative and individual program narratives; elderly and disabled planning tasks have been identified in the Regional Transportation Plan program narrative.

b. Regional Transportation Plan

JPACT and the Metro Council approved the 2035 RTP in June 2010. The 2035 RTP includes a new policy for the purpose of transportation planning and project funding to address SAFETEA-LU provisions and key issues facing the region. The 2035 RTP establishes a new outcomes-based framework and new policies and tools to guide future planning and investment decisions. The plan includes a broad set of ambitious performance targets that are tied to the outcomes that the RTP is trying achieve. The targets and other performance measures included in the plan continue the region's shift away from reliance upon level-of-service as the primary measure for determining transportation needs and success of the plan's strategies. To successfully implement this new approach and make progress toward the six desired outcomes identified through the *Making the Greatest Place* effort, new actions, tools and collaboration are needed.

Finally, the 2035 RTP has three new system component plans: a Regional Transportation System Management and Operations Plan, a Regional Freight Plan and a Regional High Capacity Transit System Plan. These plans more fully articulate the integrated multi-modal regional transportation system and prioritize investments to improve the operations and efficiency of the existing transportation, improve freight reliability and strategically expand the HCT system to support 2040 Growth Concept implementation and meet other goals of the RTP. In addition, the Regional Transportation Functional Plan (RTFP) component of the RTP directs how local governments will implement the RTP.

As required by Metro's 2008 Federal Review, the 2035 update included documentation of the process for both full and administrative RTP amendments. A Regional Safety Workgroup was also formed in October 2009 to better address safety as part of Metro's planning process. The Safety Workgroup completed the Regional Transportation Safety Plan in May 2012. However, due to a lack of funding coordination of safety activities will continue on a limited basis as part of corridor planning activities and the Regional Mobility Program.

A new map was added to Chapter 1 of the RTP that identifies the MPO Planning Boundary and the Air Quality Maintenance Area Boundary. This boundary defines the area that the RTP applies to for Federal planning purposes. The boundary includes the area inside Metro's jurisdictional boundary, the 2008 UGB and the 2000 census defined urbanized area boundary for the Portland metropolitan region. Work is currently underway to update the boundary to reflect the 2010 census defined urbanized area boundary.

FHWA and FTA approved the 2035 RTP and the associated air quality conformity determination on February 29, 2008 and again in September 2010. Documentation of compliance with specific Federal planning requirements is summarized in subsequent sections of this document.

Work will begin in fiscal years 2013-15 to complete the 2014 RTP update.

c. Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program

The MTIP update was adopted in March 2012 and incorporated into the 2012-15 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The update included the allocation of \$71 million

of Surface Transportation Program (STP) and Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality Program (CMAQ) funding, programming of projects for the ODOT Modernization, Bridge, Safety, Preservation, Operations, OTIA III, Enhancements, and Immediate Opportunity Fund projects and programming of transit funding. The first year of programming is considered the priority project funding for the region. Should any of these projects be delayed, projects of equivalent dollar value may be advanced from the second, third or fourth years of the program without processing formal Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendments. As recommended in Metro's 2004 Federal Review, the MTIP webpage was linked to ODOT's STIP page.

Work is currently underway to develop the 2015-18 MTIP. An adopted list of priority projects for regional flexible funds is expected in October 2013.

6. Planning Factors

Currently, Metro's planning process addresses the MAP-21 planning factors in all projects and policies. Table 1 below describes the relationship of the planning factors to Metro's activities and Table 2 outlines Metro's response to how the factors have been incorporated into the planning process. The MAP-21 planning factors are:

- 1. Support the economic vitality of the metropolitan area, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity and efficiency;
- 2. Increase the safety of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users;
- 3. Increase the security of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users;
- 4. Increase the accessibility and mobility options available to people and for freight;
- 5. Protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation and improve quality of life;
- 6. Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system, across and between modes, for people and freight;
- 7. Promote efficient management and operations; and
- 8. Emphasize the preservation of the existing transportation system.

As noted in Tables 1 and 2, Metro has reviewed and updated both the RTP and MTIP, and revised both documents to be compliant with MAP-21 planning requirements.

Table 1: MAP-21 Planning Factors

Factor	System Planning	Funding Strategy	High Capacity
	(RTP)	(MTIP)	Transit (HCT)
1. Support Economic Vitality	 RTP policies linked to land use strategies that promote economic development. Industrial areas and intermodal facilities identified in policies as "primary" areas of focus for planned improvements. Comprehensive, multimodal freight improvements that link intermodal facilities to industry are detailed for the plan period. Highway Level of Service (LOS) policy tailored to protect key freight corridors. RTP recognizes need for freight linkages to 	 All projects subject to consistency with RTP policies on economic development and promotion of "primary" land use element of 2040 development such as centers, industrial areas and intermodal facilities. Special category for freight improvements calls out the unique importance for these projects. All freight projects subject to funding criteria that promote industrial jobs and businesses in the "traded sector." 	 HCT plans designed to support continued development of regional centers and central city by increasing transit accessibility to these locations. HCT improvements in major commute corridors lessen need for major capacity improvements in these locations, allowing for freight improvements in other corridors.

Table 1: MAP-21 Planning Factors

Factor	System Planning (RTP)	Funding Strategy (MTIP)	High Capacity Transit (HCT)
	destinations beyond the		
	region by all modes.		

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Factor 2. Increase Safety	 (RTP) The RTP policies call out safety as a primary focus for improvements to the system. Safety is identified as one of three implementation priorities for all modal systems (along with preservation of the system and implementation of the region's 2040-growth management strategy). The Regional Safety Workgroup completed a safety plan for the Portland Metropolitan region in May 2012. Recommendations will continue to be implemented in 2013-2015 as resources become available. The RTP includes a number of investments and actions aimed at further improving safety in the region, including: Investments targeted to address known safety deficiencies and high-crash locations. Completing gaps in regional bicycle and pedestrian systems. Retrofits of existing streets in downtowns and along main streets to include onstreet parking, street trees marked street crossings and other designs to slow traffic speeds to follow posted speed limits. Intersection changes and ITS strategies, including signal timing and real-time traveler information on road conditions and hazards. Expanding safety education, awareness and multi-modal data collection 	 (MTIP) All projects ranked according to specific safety criteria. Road modernization and reconstruction projects are scored according to relative accident incidence. All projects must be consistent with regional street design guidelines that provide safe designs for all modes of travel. 	• Station area planning for proposed HCT improvements is primarily driven by pedestrian access and safety considerations.

Table 1: MAP-21 Planning Factors

_	System Planning	Funding Strategy	High Capacity
Factor	(RTP)	(MTIP)	Transit (HCT)
	government. o Expand safety data collection efforts and create a better system for centralized crash data for all modes of travel.		
3. Increase Security	 System security was incorporated into the 2035 RTP. Security and emergency management activities are summarized in Section 1.6 of the 2035 RTP (Pages 1-38 – 1-40). Policy framework in Section 2.3 of the 2035 RTP includes, "Goal 5: Enhance Safety and Security," and specific security objectives and potential actions to increase security of the transportation system for all users. Includes investments that increase system monitoring for operations, management and security of the regional mobility corridor system. Actions direct Metro to work with local, state and regional agencies to identify critical infrastructure in the region, assess security vulnerabilities and develop coordinated emergency response and evacuation plans. Actions direct transportation providers to monitor the regional transportation and minimize security risks at airports, transit facilities, marine terminals and other critical infrastructure. 		System security has been a routine element of the HCT program, and does not represent a substantial change to current practice.

Table 1: MAP-21 Planning Factors

	System Planning	Funding Strategy	High Capacity
Factor	(RTP)	(MTIP)	Transit (HCT)
4. Increase Accessibility	 The RTP policies are organized on the principle of providing accessibility to centers and employment areas with a balanced, multimodal transportation system. The policies also identify the need for freight mobility in key freight corridors and to provide freight access to industrial areas and intermodal facilities. The plan emphasizes accessibility and reliability of the system, particularly for commuting and freight, and includes a new, more customized approach to managing and evaluating performance of mobility corridors. This new approach builds on using new, costeffective technologies to improve safety, optimize the existing system, and ensure freight transporters and commuters have a broad range of travel options in each corridor. 	 Measurable increases in accessibility to priority land use elements of the 2040-growth concept is a criterion for all projects. The MTIP program places a heavy emphasis on non-auto modes in an effort to improve multi-modal accessibility in the region. 	The planned HCT improvements in the region will provide increased accessibility to the most congested corridors and centers. Planned HCT improvements provide mobility options to persons traditionally underserved by the transportation system.

Table 1: MAP-21 Planning Factors (continued)

Factor	System Planning	Funding Strategy	High Capacity
	(RTP)	(MTIP)	Transit (HCT)
5. Protect Environment and Quality of Life	 The RTP is constructed as a transportation strategy for implementing the region's 2040-growth concept. The growth concept is a long-term vision for retaining the region's livability through managed growth. The RTP system has been "sized" to minimize the impact on the built and natural environment. The region has developed an environmental street design guidebook to facilitate environmentally sound transportation improvements in sensitive areas, and to coordinate transportation project development with regional strategies to protect endangered species. The RTP conforms to the Clean Air Act. Many new transit, bicycle, pedestrian and Transportation Demand Management (TDM) projects have been added to the plan to provide a more balanced multi-modal system that maintains livability. RTP transit, bicycle, pedestrian and TDM projects will complement the compact urban form envisioned in the 2040 growth concept by promoting an energy-efficient transportation system. Metro coordinates its system level planning with resource agencies to identify and resolve key issues. The region's parking policies (Title 4 of the Regional Transportation Functional Plan) are also designed to encourage the use of alternative modes, and reduce reliance on the automobile, thus promoting energy conservation and reducing air quality impacts. 	 The MTIP conforms to the Clean Air Act and continues to comply with the air quality maintenance plan in accordance with sections 174 and 176 (c) and (d) of the Clean Air Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 7504, 7605 (c) and (d)) and 40 CFR part 93. The MTIP focuses on allocating funds for clean air (CMAQ), livability (Transportation Enhancement) and multi- and alternative modes (STIP). Bridge projects in lieu of culverts have been funded through the MTIP to enhance endangered salmon and steelhead passage. "Green Street" demonstration projects funded to employ new practices for mitigating the effects of storm water runoff. 	 HCT improvements provide emission-free transportation alternatives to the automobile in some of the region's most congested corridors and centers. HCT transportation alternatives enhance quality of life for residents by providing an alternative to auto travel in congested corridors and centers.

Table 1: MAP-21 Planning Factors (continued)

Factor	System Planning (RTP)	Funding Strategy (MTIP)	High Capacity Transit (HCT)
6. System Integration/ Connectivity	 The RTP includes a functional classification system for all modes that establishes an integrated modal hierarchy. The RTP policies and Functional Plan include a street design element that integrates transportation modes in relation to land use for regional facilities. The RTP policies and Functional Plan include connectivity provisions that will increase local and major street connectivity. The RTP freight policies and projects address the intermodal connectivity needs at major freight terminals in the region. The intermodal management system identifies key intermodal links in the region. 	 Projects funded through the MTIP must be consistent with regional street design guidelines. Freight improvements are evaluated according to potential conflicts with other modes. 	Planned HCT improvements are closely integrated with other modes, including pedestrian and bicycle access plans for station areas and park-and-ride and passenger drop-off facilities at major stations.
7. Efficient Management & Operations	 The policy component of the 2035 RTP includes specific provisions for efficient system management and operation (2035 RTP Goal 4), with an emphasis on TSM, ATMS and the use of non-auto modal targets (Table 2.5) to optimize the existing and planned transportation system. The 2035 RTP included adoption of the Regional Transportation System Management and Operations (TSMO) Plan. The TSMO Plan includes project and corridor prioritization. Proposed RTP projects include many system management improvements along regional corridors. The plan also calls for consideration of value pricing in the region to better manage capacity and peak use of the throughway system. However, more work is needed to gain public acceptance of this tool. 	 Projects are scored according to relative cost effectiveness (measured as a factor of total project cost compared to measurable project benefits). TDM projects are solicited in a special category to promote improvements or programs that reduce single occupancy vehicle (SOV) pressure on congested corridors. TSM/ITS projects are funded through the MTIP. 	Proposed HCT improvements include redesigned feeder bus systems that take advantage of new HCT capacity and reduce the number of redundant transit lines.

7. Public Involvement

Metro maintains a proactive public involvement process that provides complete information, timely public notice, and full public access to key decisions. Metro supports early and continuing involvement of the public in developing its policies, plans and programs. Public Involvement Plans are designed to both support the technical scope and objectives of Metro studies and programs while simultaneously providing for innovative, effective and inclusive opportunities for engagement. Every effort is made to employ broad and diverse methods, tools and activities to reach potentially impacted communities and other neighborhoods and to encourage the participation of low-income and minority citizens and organizations.

All Metro UPWP studies and projects that have a public involvement component require a Public Involvement Plan (PIP) that meets or exceeds adopted public involvement procedures. Included in individualized PIPs are strategies and methods to best involve a diverse citizenry. Some of these may include special public opinion survey mechanisms, translation of materials for non-English speaking members of the community, citizen working committees or advisory committee structures, special task forces, web instruments and a broad array of public information materials. Hearings, workshops, open houses, charrettes and other activities are also held as needed.

The work program and PIP for the 2035 RTP update was developed with input from Metro's Advisory Committees, including Metro's Committee for Citizen Involvement. The 2035 RTP update included workshops, informal and formal input opportunities as well as a 30-day+ comment period for the community, affected public agencies, representatives of transportation agency employees, freight shippers, providers of freight transportation services, private providers of transportation, representatives of users of public transit, and other interested persons. Public involvement opportunities and key decision points were published in the *Oregonian* and other community newspapers, posted on Metro's web site, e-mailed via the Planning Department E-News to more than 4,500 individuals, and advertised through Metro's transportation hotline. All plan documents were simultaneously published (and regularly updated) on the Metro web site, including draft plan amendments, the update schedule, other explanatory materials and summaries of public comments received. Appendix 4.3 of the 2035 RTP describes the public engagement process in more detail.

The MTIP relies on early program kick-off notification, inviting input on the development of criteria, project solicitation, project ranking and the recommended program. Workshops, informal and formal opportunities for input as well as a 30-day+ comment period are repetitive aspects of the MTIP process. By assessing census information, block analysis is conducted on areas surrounding each project being considered for funding to ensure that environmental justice principles are met and to identify where additional outreach might be beneficial.

TPAC includes six citizen positions that are geographically and interest area diverse and filled through an open, advertised application and interview process. TPAC makes recommendations to JPACT and the Metro Council. Metro Council adopted an update to Metro's Transportation Public Involvement Policy in October 2009. The PIP will be updated and submitted to FHWA and FTA by December 2013.

<u>Title VI</u> – In April 2007, Metro completed and submitted its Title VI Plan to the FTA. This plan is now being implemented through updates to Metro's RTP and MTIP, and through corridor planning activities in the region. It includes both a non-discrimination policy and complaint procedure. On Aug. 30, 2012, Metro submitted a Title VI Compliance Report to ODOT, covering a 15 month period from July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2012. With approval from ODOT's office of civil rights granted on June 6, 2012, Metro transitioned to a July 1 to June 30 reporting period, with Title VI Compliance Reports due to ODOT on Aug. 30 after the end of each annual reporting period. The next annual report will be due Aug. 30, 2013, covering July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013. Metro was revised and implemented an update to its Limited English Proficiency Plan as part of an update to its Title VI Program for FTA. This was completed in May 2012.

<u>Environmental Justice</u> – The intent of environmental justice (EJ) practices is to ensure the needs of minority and disadvantaged populations are considered and the relative benefits/impacts of individual projects on local communities are thoroughly assessed and vetted. Metro continues to

expand and explore environmental justice efforts that provide early access to and consideration of planning and project development activities. Metro's EJ program is organized to communicate and seek input on project proposals and to carry those efforts into the analysis, community review and decision-making processes. In addition, Metro established an agency diversity action team. The team is responsible for identifying opportunities to collaboratively develop and implement sustainable diversity initiatives across and throughout the agency. Metro's diversity efforts are most evident in three areas: Contracts and Purchasing, Community Outreach, and Recruitment and Retention. Additionally, as part of Metro's Regional Flexible Fund Allocation (RFFA), a process Metro conducts every two years to distribute federal funding to regional programs and local projects, equity analysis and outreach was conducted. Over the years, Metro has worked to integrate equity considerations to a greater degree every cycle, with the 2014-15 allocation process being the strongest effort so far in ensuring that underserved populations are not only considered in the decision-making process, but that projects are developed around better meeting the needs of communities that have been traditionally underserved. This work is continuing as part of the 2016-18 RFFA process.

Efforts to develop an "equity lens" through which decisions are made in the region are ongoing, as are the challenges of applying this lens to everyday planning activities and analysis. This cycle of RFFA attempted to address equity by increasing our knowledge about underserved community transportation needs and access and where concentrations of communities in need are located. Local project applicants were provided this information to propose projects in areas that face the greatest transportation barriers in meeting daily needs of residents with the desired outcome of additional investment in areas of most need. Metro's increased focus on equity in this RFFA cycle reflects national and regional shifts in regulations and policies that emphasize the importance of increasing equity in our practices to better meet the needs of communities in the region and respond to shifting demographics.

In order to reach out to additional stakeholders in the 2014-15 process, Metro staff initiated the development of an Environmental Justice (EJ) and underserved communities working group. This group was key in providing information about the transportation needs of EJ and underserved communities. The group was formed by developing a list of contacts representing non-profits, government agencies, advocacy groups and others working with these communities of concern to invite to participate in the working group.

For the first time in the program's history, a joint task force was charged with developing the criteria for project scoping and prioritization. Metro staff invited community members and professionals involved with active transportation and freight related systems to attend five meetings. In addition, two individuals participating on the EJ/underserved working group served on the task force and reported on the findings of the working group. Their participation and perspective was influential in integrating equity into the highest level criteria and thus shaping where the projects are located and how they address the needs of underserved communities.

A more detailed description of the equity analysis methodology and outreach process is available on Metro's website.

8. <u>Disadvantaged Business Enterprise</u>

A revised Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program was adopted by the Metro Council in June 1997 (Ordinance No. 97-692A).

Metro's DBE program was reviewed and submitted to FTA in August 1999. Metro currently piggybacks on ODOT's DBE program.

9. Americans with Disabilities Act

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Joint Complementary Paratransit Plan was adopted by the TriMet Board in December 1991 and was certified as compatible with the RTP by Metro Council in January 1992. The plan was phased in over five years and TriMet has been in compliance since January 1997. Metro approved the 1997 plan as in conformance with the RTP. FTA audited and

approved the plan in summer 1999. The Special Transportation Funding Advisory Committee, staffed by TriMet, coordinated with Metro as the MPO in updating the Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan adopted in June 2009. An update was completed in October 2012 (http://trimet.org/pdfs/publications/elderly-and-disabled-plan.pdf).

10. Affirmative Action

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 5331, 42 U.S.C. 6101, Section 324 of title 23 U.S.C. and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794) and 49 CFR part 27, Metro states as its policy a commitment to provide equal employment opportunities without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability, sexual orientation, or marital or familial status, except where a bona fide occupational qualification exists. Compliance with this policy is administered by Metro's Human Resources Department.

11. Construction Contracts

Provisions of 23 CFR part 230 do not apply to Metro as Metro does not administer Federal and Federal-aid highway construction contracts.

12. Lobbying

Annually Metro certifies compliance with 49 CFR 20 through the FTA TEAM system.

Table 2: Metro's Response to MAP-21 Provisions

MAP-21 Provision for all MPOs	Metro Response	
Consult/Coordinate with planning officials responsible for planned growth,	Metro's transportation planning and land-use planning functions are within the same department and coordinate internally.	
economic development, environmental protection, airport operations, and freight movement.	 Metro facilitates this consultation, coordination and decision-making through four advisory committee bodies –the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT), the Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC), the Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee (TPAC) and the Metro Technical Advisory Committee (MTAC). Metro consults MPAC on land-use activities. 	
	Metro is a member of Regional Partners for Economic Development and endorsed the Consolidated Economic Development Strategy (CEDS).	
	 Metro has implemented a fish and wildlife habit protection program through regulations, property acquisition, education and incentives. 	
	Metro has a standing committee to coordinate with public agencies with environmental protection responsibility.	
	The Port of Portland manages the airport and marine terminal, and is represented on both TPAC and JPACT.	
	 Metro also coordinated with freight, rail, airport operations and business interests through the Regional Freight and Goods Movement Task Force and Regional Freight and Goods Movement Technical Advisory Committee in developing a Regional Freight Plan. The Regional Freight Plan was adopted as part of the 2035 RTP in June 2010. 	
Promote consistency between transportation improvements and State and local planned growth and economic development.	Metro transportation and land-use planning is subject to approval by the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development.	
Give safety and security due emphasis as separate planning factors.	Metro addressed security and safety as individual factors in the update to the RTP in 2010.	
	Separate background research papers were developed during Phase 2 of the update to document current safety issues and planning efforts, and current security planning efforts in the region. This research is included Appendix 7.0 was considered during the formulation of the 2035 RTP goals, objectives, projects and potential actions included in Chapter 2 and investment priorities in Chapter 3 of the 2035 RTP.	
	Additionally, Metro staffs the Regional Emergency Management Group (REMG), which has expanded its scope to include antiterrorism preparedness, TriMet's responsibility for transit security plans, ODOT's responsibility for coordination of state security plans, Port of Portland's responsibility for air, marine and other Port facilities security plans and implementation of system management strategies to improve security of the transportation system (e.g., security cameras on MAX and at transit stations). The group brings together local emergency managers to plan responses to security concerns and natural hazards.	

Metro convened a Regional Safety Workgroup to better address safety in the MPO planning process. The Safety Workgroup completed a safety plan for the Portland Metropolitan region May 2012. Implementation will begin in fiscal years 2013-15 as resources become available.

Table 2: Metro's Response to MAP-21 Provisions (continued)

MAP-21 Provision for all MPOs	Metro Response
Discuss in the transportation plan potential environmental mitigation activities to be developed in consultation with Federal, State, and tribal wildlife, land management, and regulatory agencies.	SAFETEA-LU provisions for additional consultation with state and Federal resource agencies, and tribal groups that were not already part of Metro's existing committee structure were met through a consultation meeting held on October 16, 2007 with the Collaborative Environmental Transportation Agreement for Streamlining (CETAS) work group, consisting of the Oregon Department of Transportation and ten state and Federal transportation, natural resource, cultural resource and land-use planning agencies. A background research paper was also developed during Phase 2 of the update to document current environmental trends, issues and current mitigation strategies in the region. This research was considered during the formulation of the 2035 RTP goals, objectives, projects and potential actions included in Chapter 2 and investment priorities in Chapter 3 of the 2035 RTP. In addition, staff conducted an analysis of the potential environmental effects of transportation investments. The background research report and environmental considerations analysis is included in Appendix 7.0.
Consult with State and local agencies responsible for land use management, natural resources, environmental protection, conservation, and historic preservation in development of the transportation plan.	SAFETEA-LU provisions for additional consultation with state and Federal resource agencies, and tribal groups that were not already part of Metro's existing committee structure were met through a consultation meeting held on October 16, 2007 with the Collaborative Environmental Transportation Agreement for Streamlining (CETAS) work group, consisting of the Oregon Department of Transportation and ten state and Federal transportation, natural resource, historic, cultural resource and land-use planning agencies.
	A background research paper was also developed during Phase 2 of the update to document current environmental trends, issues and mitigation strategies in the region. This research was considered during the formulation of the 2035 RTP goals, objectives, projects and potential actions included in Chapter 2 and investment priorities in Chapter 3 of the 2035 RTP. In addition, staff conducted an analysis of the potential environmental effects of transportation investments – this analysis included a comparison of the RTP investments with available State Conservation maps and inventories of historic resources. The background research report and environmental considerations analysis is included in Appendix 7.0.

Table 2: Metro's Response to MAP-21 Provisions (continued)

MAP-21 Provision for all MPOs	Metro Response
Include operation and management strategies to address congestion, safety, and mobility in the transportation plan.	System management policies in the RTP (2035 RTP Section 3.4.4) and resulting projects and programs are intended to maximize the use of existing facilities to address congestion, safety and mobility.
	The Transportation System Management and Operations (TSMO) Plan was adopted as part of the 2035 RTP in June 2010. The TSMO Plan guides the region's continued investment in operation, management and data collection to invest efficiently in transportation.
	The regional CMP also requires local jurisdictions to explore system management solutions before adding roadway capacity to the regional system. The key framework for the CMP was the Mobility Corridors identified as part of the 2035 RTP development. Chapter 4 of the 2035 RTP lays out specific strategies for each mobility corridor for addressing the goals and policies of the RTP. The CMP can be found in Appendix 4.4 of the 2035 RTP.
	The plan also calls for consideration of value pricing in the region to better manage capacity and peak use of the throughway system.
	RTP projects in Chapter 3 include many system management improvements along regional mobility corridors and the supporting arterial system.
	 Metro has established a Regional Transportation Options Committee as a subcommittee of TPAC to address demand management. The TransPort Committee is a subcommittee of TPAC to address ITS and operations.
	Metro convened a Regional Safety Workgroup to better address safety in the MPO planning process. The Safety Workgroup completed a safety plan for the Portland Metropolitan region May 2012. Implementation will begin in fiscal years 2013-15 as resources become available.

Table 2: Metro's Response to MAP-21 Provisions (continued)

MAP-21 Provision for all MPOs	Metro Response
Develop a participation plan in consultation with interested parties that provides reasonable opportunities for all parties to comment on transportation plan.	Metro has public involvement policy for regional transportation planning and funding activities to support and encourage board-based public participation in development and review of Metro's transportation plans. The Transportation Planning Public Involvement Policy was last updated in June 2009. An update is currently underway and will be completed by December 2013. The work program and public participation plan (PPP) for the 2035 RTP update was developed with input from Metro's
	Advisory Committees, including Metro's Committee for Citizen Involvement. Approval of the 2035 RTP, Ordinance No. 10-1241B, followed JPACT and Metro Council consideration of approximately 300 comments received during the public comment period. The comments were summarized into a comment log and Public Comment Summary Report. Refinements were recommended to respond to the comments received. The comment period for the Air Quality Conformity Determination provided an opportunity for public review and comment on the air quality conformity
	methodology and results. Appendix 4.3 in the 2035 RTP describes the public process in more detail.
Employ visualization techniques to describe plan and make information available (including transportation plans) to the public in electronically accessible format such as on the Web.	On a regular basis, Metro employs visualization techniques. Examples include: RTP document is available on Metro's website RTP newsletters and maps MTIP document is available on Metro's website GIS maps to illustrate planning activities Participation in FHWA GIS Web Training Video simulation of light rail on the Portland Mall and I-205 Corridor.
Update the plan at least every 4 years in non-attainment and maintenance areas, 5 years in attainment areas.	2035 RTP update was completed on June 10, 2010. An update of the RTP is currently underway and will be completed by June 2014.
Update the TIP at least every 4 years, include 4 years of projects and strategies in the TIP.	Initiated MTIP and STIP update for spring 2012. Work is currently underway on the 2015-18 MTIP. It will be completed by October 2014.
SAFETEA-LU includes a new requirement for a "locally developed, coordinated public transit/human services transportation plan" to be eligible for formula funding under three FTA grant programs (5310,5316,5317) It is not clear yet who will be responsible for these plans.	Metro participates on the Special Transportation Fund Advisory Committee and Regional Transportation Coordinating Council of the Elderly and Disabled Transportation Plan. A coordinated human services and public transportation plan was developed by those committees and has been integrated into the 2010 RTP update. TriMet recently completed an update to the Elderly and Disable Transportation Plan in October 2012. Components of this will be incorporated into the 2014 RTP update.

STAFF REPORT

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 13-4426, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CERTIFYING THAT THE PORTLAND METROPOLITAN AREA IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING REQUIREMENTS AND ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2013-15 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

Date: April 10, 2013 Prepared by: Josh Naramore

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BACKGROUND

Federal transportation agencies (Federal Transit Administration [FTA] and Federal Highway Administration [FHWA]) require a self-certification that Metro's planning process is in compliance with certain Federal requirements as a prerequisite to receiving Federal funds. The self-certification documents that we have met those requirements and is considered yearly at the time of Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) approval. Required self-certification areas include:

- Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) designation
- Geographic scope
- Agreements
- Responsibilities, cooperation and coordination
- Metropolitan Transportation Planning products
- Planning factors
- Public Involvement
- Title VI
- Environmental Justice
- Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)
- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
- Affirmative Action
- Construction Contracts
- Lobbying

Each of these areas is discussed in Exhibit A to Resolution No. 13-4426.

ANALYSIS/INFORMATION

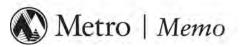
- 1. **Known Opposition** No known opposition
- 2. **Legal Antecedents** this resolution certifies that the Portland metropolitan area is in compliance with Federal transportation planning requirements as defined in Title 23 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 450 and 500, and title 49, of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 613.
- 3. **Anticipated Effects** Approval will mean that grants can be submitted and contracts executed so work can commence on July 1, 2013, in accordance with established Metro priorities.
- 4. **Budget Impacts** Approval of this resolution is a companion to the UPWP. It is a prerequisite to receipt of Federal planning funds and is, therefore, critical to the Metro budget. The UPWP matches projects and studies reflected in the proposed Metro budget submitted by the Metro Chief Operating Officer to the Metro Council. The UPWP is subject to revision in the final adopted Metro budget.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approve Resolution No. 13-4426 certifying that the Portland metropolitan area is in compliance with Federal transportation planning requirements.

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Date: April 18, 2013

To: TPAC & Interested Parties

From: John Mermin, Senior Transportation Planner

Re: 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Amendments

Background

On April 26, TPAC will be asked to make a recommendation to JPACT for six separate pieces of legislation (organized by jurisdiction) to amend the RTP. These recommendations follow up on previous discussions at the January 4, January 25, and March 1 TPAC meetings. Relevant materials are included in the April 26 TPAC packet in the following order:

- Public Comment Report
- Cover memo & table with staff responses to public comments
- Ordinance No. 13-1304: East Metro Connections Plan
- Resolution No. 13-4420: City of Beaverton
- Resolution No. 13-4421: City of Portland
- Resolution No. 13-4422: ODOT
- Resolution No. 13-4423: Washington County
- Resolution No. 13-4424: City of Hillsboro

Next Steps

April 24 – MPAC recommendation to Metro Council

May 2 - Metro Council First reading of Ordinance, Public hearing on Ordinance and Resolutions

May 9 - JPACT Adoption

May 16 - Metro Council 2nd reading of Ordinance and Adoption of Ordinance and Resolutions

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Public comment report

2035 RTP Amendments

May 2013

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Background

The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) establishes a comprehensive policy direction for the regional transportation system and recommends a balanced program of transportation investments to implement that policy direction. The RTP is updated every four years, as required by federal law. In between full updates to the RTP, it may be necessary to amend the plan in response to changing local conditions and newly adopted plans. To be eligible to build a project with federal funds the project must first be included in the RTP.

Current proposed changes to the RTP project list include projects in Washington County, Hillsboro, Beaverton, Portland, East Multnomah County and Oregon Department of Transportation projects along Interstate 205 and Interstate 5.

Outreach approach

Metro compiled a list of all proposed project list changes, including detailed information and maps. From Friday, Feb. 22 to Monday, April 8, 2013 Metro held a 45-day public comment period on proposed project list changes for the 2035 RTP. Comments made during this period will be presented to decision makers for consideration before taking action in May. The public was asked to provide comment on any of the proposed projects using an online survey on the RTP amendments web page, by email, by mail or in person. Comments were also received on analysis of how these changes may affect regional air quality.

Metro's approach to publicize the comment period included:

- Email notices to the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee (TPAC), Metro Policy Advisory
 Committee (MPAC) and Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) as well as
 several interested parties and environmental justice lists announcing the start of the public
 comment period and a follow-up reminder email midway through the comment period.
- Posts on the Metro News web site, the agency's main news blog, which reaches hundreds of news media and community members each day. The exact number of recipients varies depending on their own subscription settings.
- Advertisements were placed in five local newspapers, The Oregonian, The Hillsboro Argus, The
 Beaverton Valley Times, The Gresham Outlook and The Portland Observer advertising the public
 comment period. Advertisements in the latter three papers were provided in English and
 Spanish.
- Staff presentations to TPAC, JPACT, MPAC, Metro Technical Advisory Committee (MTAC) and the Metro Council.
- Web content with all proposed project and comment information, with a link from the Metro web home page and the main Regional Transportation Plan web page.
- Metro received 11 responses through the online survey and six comments were received through email.

Title VI: LEP Analysis/Translation

Limited English Proficiency (LEP) is a term used to describe people who do not speak English as their primary language and who also may have limited ability to read, write, or understand English. Metro's Data Resource Center conducted an analysis of the communities surrounding the proposed project areas, and found Spanish to be the most widely spoken language for those who don't speak English well. The Beaverton Crescent Street extension project, the East Metro Connections Plan projects, the City of Portland North Williams Traffic Safety Operations projects and the Oregon Department of Transportation projects were all determined to affect communities with LEP Spanish speaking populations at five percent or above.

To solicit input from Spanish speaking residents in these communities, advertisements announcing the RTP amendment public comment period were translated into Spanish in three newspapers, *The Gresham Outlook, The Beaverton Valley Times*, and *The Portland Observer*, thus allowing Metro to engage a wider and more diverse population of the community. Metro provides phone translation services for any language for community members providing comments or seeking information on the phone or in person. No comments or requests related to this round of RTP amendments were received in any language other than English.

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS RECEIVED

City of Beaverton - Crescent Street multimodal extension project

This project received two comments, one in favor and one against. The comment in support of the project stated that it would help with better street connectivity in the Beaverton area. The comment against stated that a higher priority should be funding projects on the other side of Beaverton.

City of Hillsboro- 253rd Street

One comment received in support of project. No changes requested.

City of Hillsboro - Brookwood Parkway

Metro received seven comments on the Brookwood Parkway proposal—five in favor and two opposed. One comment in opposition stated that widening the road would create increased speeds and traffic, leading to unsafe access for cyclists and pedestrians. Another commenter suggested a higher priority should be the South Hillsboro area. One commenter in favor of the project also focused on safety concerns for pedestrians and cyclists, noting that "walking or biking alongside a seven lane arterial would be incredibly unpleasant."

Three comments in favor of the project were from the Greater Hillsboro Area Chamber of Commerce and the Westside Economic Alliance and the NAIOP Commercial Real Estate Development Association and all three comments noted the importance of roadway improvements in accommodating the anticipated increase in employment and traffic in the Hillsboro area.

City of Hillsboro - Butler Drive

Three comments were received on this project, two in favor and one against. The comment against noted that, "motor vehicle traffic already travels too fast on this road to allow safe access for pedestrians, cyclists, and assistive mobility devices. Widening roads will encourage drivers to go even faster."

City of Hillsboro - Cornelius Pass Road

This project received six comments, five in favor and one against. Three comments in favor of the project were from the Greater Hillsboro Area Chamber of Commerce, Westside Economic Alliance and NAIOP Commercial Real Estate Development Association. All three comments noted the importance of roadway improvements in accommodating the anticipated increase in employment and traffic in the Hillsboro area.

The comment against stated that widening the road would lead to more dangerous conditions for pedestrians and cyclists. One comment in favor emphasized the need for cycle tracks or separated multiuse path for pedestrians and cyclists.

City of Hillsboro - Gibbs Drive

Metro received two comments in favor of this project, with one commenter noting that it will help catalyze development in the AmberGlen area.

City of Hillsboro - US 26 westbound off-ramp

All comments received were in favor of the project. Three comments in favor of the project were from the Greater Hillsboro Area Chamber of Commerce, Westside Economic Alliance and NAIOP Commercial Real Estate Development Association. All three comments noted the importance of roadway

improvements in accommodating the anticipated increase in employment and traffic in the Hillsboro area.

<u>City of Portland - N. Williams Traffic Safety operations projects</u>

Metro received four comments on the North Williams Traffic Safety Operations projects, three in opposition to the projects. One comment focused on the safety concerns of adding a left-side bike lane and another stated that a higher priority should be given to the Outer Powell Blvd. Conceptual Design area.

One comment was in favor of the projects, citing the high bicycle traffic and pedestrian demand in the area.

East Metro Connections Plan- 238th Drive

Metro received two comments in opposition to the East Metro Connections 242nd right of way project. One commenter suggested that a higher priority in this area would be creating planned communities and creating more opportunities for alternative means of transportation and the other noted that the project did not have enough "bang for the buck."

East Metro Connections Plan policy changes

No comments received.

<u>Oregon Department of Transportation- I-205 - Extending the auxiliary lane on I-205 SB from I-84 EB entrance</u>

Two comments were received in opposition to the I-205 project, extending the auxiliary lane on 1-205 southbound from the I-84 entrance. The comments provided views about what the priorities should be for regional planning, specifically fixing Allen Blvd. and Highway 217 and creating more bike boulevards.

<u>Oregon Department of Transportation I-205- Extending the existing acceleration lane on I-205 NB from Powell entrance ramp</u>

No comments received.

<u>Oregon Department of Transportation- I-5 - Extend I-5 SB auxiliary lane from Lower Boones Ferry exit-ramp to Lower Boones Ferry entrance-ramp</u>

Metro received four comments on this project, three in support and one against. The comments in favor of the project noted that the project would help reduce southbound congestion on I-5. The cities of Tualatin, Wilsonville, Tigard, Lake Owego and Washington County and the Tualatin and Wilsonville Chambers of Commerce emphasized that the project would help improve traffic flow, lane balance and time reliability and as a result reduce congestion and improve economic vitality, air quality and safety.

The comment in opposition stated that a higher priority should be fixing Allen Blvd. and Highway 217.

Washington County - Scholls Ferry Road: Roy Rogers to Teal Blvd. project

All comments received expressed support for the project, with most saying it would help with mobility and safety needs while reducing bottlenecks in the area. One commenter emphasized the need for bike lanes, particularly just east of Teal Blvd.

Air quality conformity Analysis

A letter was received from Jon Ostar, Director of Organizing People / Activating Leaders (OPAL) that raise questions regarding Metro's ability to adopt any amendments to the RTP at this time since the region is not currently in compliance with a Transportation Control Measure (increase transit service by 1% per year) included in the Area CO Maintenance Plan.

2035 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) AMENDMENTS CITY OF BEAVERTON- CRESCENT STREET MULTIMODAL EXTENSION PROJECT

97124	97124 City of Beaverton - Crescent Street Yes multimodal extension project	The central part of Beaverton could use better street connectivity like this.
97225	97225 City of Beaverton - Crescent Street No	Beaverton has already spent enough money on that
	multimodal extension project	part of town. How about a eastbound right-angle-
		to-the-tracks bicycle crossing for 5th at the railroad
		tracks, west of Griffith?

2035REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) AMENDIMENTS

CITY OF HILLSBORO - 253RD STREET

ect to the RTP? Comments		
Do you support adding this proje	Yes	
Project	97225 City of Hillsboro - 253rd	Street
ay 20		

2035 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) AMENDMENTS HILLSBORO-BROOKWOOD PARKWAY PROJECT

Zip code P	Project	Do you support adding this project to the RTP?	Comments
97123 C	97123 City of Hillsboro - Brookwood Parkway		Every one of the Hillsboro projects is designed to benefit people in North Hillsboro. There are severe transportation issues in South Hillsboro that are being totally ignored. I don't see any improvements to TV Highway on this list. The TV Highway Corridor Study was a joke and an insult to Hillsboro residents since the suggested improvements will only make it worse for South Hillsboro people to go anywhere in this city. I am disgusted with Hillsboro and the Metro Council for adding the South Hillsboro area to the Urban Growth Project and not have one single transportation improvement listed to support it.
97124 C	97124 City of Hillsboro - Brookwood Parkway	NO The state of th	Motor vehicle traffic already travels too fast on this road to allow safe access for pedestrians, cyclists, and assistive mobility devices. Widening roads will encourage drivers to go even faster. More lanes = more distraction = more danger. Also, this increased traffic will negatively impact nearby farmland.
97124 C	97124 City of Hillsboro - Brookwood Parkway `	Yes	While, the idea of supporting seven lane arterial roads is difficult for me, I would prefer that they propose cycle tracks or separated multi-use paths for pedestrians and cyclists. Walking or biking alongside a seven lane arterial would be incredibly unpleasant.
97225 C	97225 City of Hillsboro - Brookwood Parkway	Yes	

2035 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) AMENDMENTS CITY OF HILLSBORO - BUTLER

97124 City of	97124 City of Hillsboro - Butler Drive No	Butler Drive currently provides lower speed and traffic access for pedestrians, bikes, and assistive mobility devices to reach the library from points east. Increasing
		access for pedestrians, bikes, and assistive mobility devices to reach the library from points east. Increasing
		devices to reach the library from points east. Increasing
		lanes will likely increase speeding, already an issue noted
		by frequent use of radar on the road. Intel should
		provide more incentives for employees to choose mass
		and/or active transportation and/or shorter commute
		location.
97124 City of	97124 City of Hillsboro - Butler Drive Yes	
97225 City of	97225 City of Hillsboro - Butler Drive Yes	

2035 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) AMENDMENTS CITY OF HILLSBORO - CORNELIUS PASS ROAD

Zip code Project	Project	Do you support adding this project to the RTP? Comments	Comments
97124	97124 City of Hillsboro - Cornelius	No	Motor vehicle traffic already travels too fast on this road to
	Pass Road		allow safe access for pedestrians, cyclists, and assistive
			mobility devices. Widening roads will encourage drivers to
			go even faster. More lanes = more distraction = more
			danger. Also, this increased traffic will negatively impact
			nearby farmland.
97124	97124 City of Hillsboro - Cornelius	Yes	While, the idea of supporting seven lane arterial roads is
	Pass Road		difficult for me, I would prefer that they propose cycle tracks
			or separated multi-use paths for pedestrians and cyclists.
			Walking or biking alongside a seven lane arterial would be
			incredibly unpleasant.
97225	97225 City of Hillsboro - Cornelius	Yes	
	Pass Road		

2035 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) AMENDMENTS CITY OF HILLSBORO - GIBBS DRIVE

Zip code Project	Project	Do you support adding this project to the RTP? C	Comments
97124	97124 City of Hillsboro - Gibbs Drive	Yes	This will help be a catalyst for sustainable development
			in the planned AmberGlen area
97225	97225 City of Hillsboro - Gibbs Drive Yes	Yes	

2035 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) AMENDMENTS CITY OF HILLSBORO - US 26 WESTBOUND OFF-RAMP

oort adding this project to the RTP? Comments	How do all of these projects tie into the mass transit system	and is the mass transit system being developed to help	reduce this commuter traffic?		
Do you suppo	Yes			Yes	
Project	97124 City of Hillsboro - US 26	westbound off-ramp		97124 City of Hillsboro - US 26	westhound off-ramp
Zip code Project	97124			97124	

2035 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) AMENDMENTS N. WILLIAMS AND RODNEY PROJECT

Zip code Project	Do you support adding this project to the BTP?	Comments
9	NO	I'm surprised that this project is being added, and not
Traffic Safety operations		the Outer Powell Blvd Conceptual Design area, from SE
projects		92nd to SE 176th, which has widespread public and
		state legislative approval, in an otherwise poorer, multi-
		ethnic area of the City of Portland.
97221 City of Portland - N. Williams	Yes	The with all the bicycling traffic and pedestrian
Traffic Safety operations		demand, this makes sense.
07214 City of Doutland NI Williams		I am a resource of the second advocate of botton biand
9/214 City of Portland - N. Williams	02	i am a strong supporter and advocate of better bicycle
Traffic Safety operations		facilities. However, I do not support the N Williams
projects		Traffic Safety project in its current form. A left-side
		bike lane (with some sections shared with motor
		vehicles) will lead to more dangerous conditions for
		bikes. Drivers are not used to left-side bike lanes, and
		N Williams has many left turns and left-side driveways,
		so the danger of left hooks will be significant. A New
		Seasons grocery is currently under construction just
		north of Cook St. The entrance to their parking lot will
		require cars to cross over the bike lane, and during
		peak times cars will get backed up into the busy Cook
		intersection as they wait for bikes to pass. The city has
		not addressed how bikes will transition from the right
		side to the left side near Broadway. Finally, the project
		description partly justifies the project based on N
		Williams being designated a City Bikeway in the Bike
		Plan, which calls for a "separated in-roadway bike
		facility." N Williams already has a right-hand bike lane,
		which meets that definition. Funding should go toward
		the many roads in the bike plan that have no facility,
		not on "upgrading" this facility in a way that will make
		it less safe, not more safe.

2035 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) AMENDMENTS

N. WILLIAMS AND RODNEY PROJECT

Zip code Project	Do you support adding this project to the RTP?	Comments
97225 City of Portland - N. Williams No	No	I've been following this project on bikeportland.org.
Traffic Safety operations		What started out as a simple safety improvement has
projects		ballooned into a boondoggle. Turn down funding for
		this mess.

2035 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) AMENDMENTS EAST METRO CONNECTIONS - 238TH DRIVE

Zip code Project		Do you support adding this project to the RTP?	Comments
97086	97086 East Metro Connections Plan - No 242nd right-of-way	٥p	I understand the necessity at some level to take a micro perspective to solving Metro's transportation problems but it must start from a global perspective. The solution to our transportation problems is planned communities. We have to get behind projects that create jobs, reduce the requirement for additional roads and road maintenance and promote alternative means of transportation. Planned communities do that and there is a planned community coming out of the ground soon East of Clackamas Town Center and 1205 called Eagle Landing. It provides conncectivity to the terminus to the green line, multimodal transportation systems, multicultural neighborhoods, many local businesses and creates a SE urban center and jobs called Eagle Landing. Please get behind this project to ensure its success! This is a unique opportunity for our state and Metro to provide cutting edge development that can be a model for other communities and jurisdictions. If this is done right with state and local support it can be a model for the country to consolidate infrastructure, culture in a meaningful way and increase the tax base without increasing maintenance costs and requirements. We would be happy to discuss this further with Metro. Lake did a masterful job of presenting the active RTP to the CC Ped/Bike committee Tuesday night. This is a way to meet the Metro goals and I don't see a sustainable way other than planned communities. EL needs your backing!
97124	97124 East Metro Connections Plan - I NE 238th Drive: Halsey Street to Glisan Street	No	This project doesn't seem to have a lot of bang for the buck, even though this stretch of road is a safety concern.

2035 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) AMENDMENTS I-205 - EXTENDING AUXILIARY LANE ON I-205 SB FROM I-84 EB ENTRANCE

Zip code Project	Project	Do you support adding this project to the RTP?	Comments
97213	97213 I-205 - Extending the	No	First the URL is broken, please fix it. Second, for the price
	auxiliary lane on I-205 SB		of extending a freeway lane, you could complete miles and
	from I-84 EB entrance		miles of bike boulevards instead, so I wouldn't encounter
			dozens of stop signs on my 4-mile 1-way bike commute in
			NE Portland. Just turning a few more stop signs would be
			a big help, and it would cost a lot less than freeway lanes.
97225	97225 I-205 - Extending the	No	It says on the Metro site that ODOT wants to take away
	auxiliary lane on I-205 SB		funding from fixing Allen and 217 to fund this project. No,
	from I-84 EB entrance		I'd rather see Allen and 217 fixed.

2035 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) AMENDMENTS

ODOT I-5 SOUTHBOUND

Zip code Project	Project	Do you support adding this project to the RTP? Comments	Comments
97124	97124 I-5 - Extend I-5 SB auxiliary lane from Yes Lower Boones Ferry exit-ramp to Lower Boones Ferry entrance-ramp	Yes	The Portland metro area is difficult to leave SB due to weaving conflicts like this.
97225	97225 I-5 - Extend I-5 SB auxiliary lane from No Lower Boones Ferry exit-ramp to Lower Boones Ferry entrance-ramp	No	It says on the Metro site that ODOT wants to take away funding from fixing Allen and 217 to fund this project. No, I'd rather see Allen and 217 fixed.

2035 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) AMENDMENTS WASHINGTON COUNTY - SCHOLLS FERRY ROAD

Zip code Project		Do you support adding this project to the RTP?	Comments
97123	97123 Washington County - Scholls Yes	Yes	Much needed to improve this commuter route
	Ferry Road: Roy Rogers to		bottleneck.
	Teal Blvd. project		
92008	97008 Washington County - Scholls Yes	Yes	Mobility and safety needs today. Especially during peak
	Ferry Road: Roy Rogers to		hours and weekends.
	Teal Blvd. project		
97225	97225 Washington County - Scholls Yes	Yes	Make sure there are bike lanes, particularly just east of
	Ferry Road: Roy Rogers to		Teal.
	Teal Blvd. project		



April 2, 2013

Metro 600 NE Grand Avenue Portland, OR 97232

RE:

Support for the City of Hillsboro's RTP Amendment Projects

Dear Metro Council President, Metro Councilors, Advisory Committee Members and Staff:

The Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce would like to express our strong support of the City of Hillsboro's regional transportation plan amendment projects: The widening of Brookwood Parkway, Cornelius Pass Road and U.S. 26/Cornelius Pass Road interchange westbound loop. These projects are not only vital for the city of Hillsboro and our business community, but for the entire Portland metropolitan area.

These roadway improvements are driven by the increased employment of our industrial and traded sector companies. We anticipate and frankly hope that trend of increased employment continues. The improvements identified have been through an extensive technical analysis reviewed and endorsed by the City of Hillsboro, Washington County and ODOT. While these improvements address an important capacity issue they are also inherently tied directly to safety concerns alleviating the situation of having peak morning commute traffic queue up and spill out onto U.S. 26 and providing for a safer, smoother flow of afternoon traffic that is not required to make last minute lane changes in order to navigate congested bottleneck arterials. These improvements are not solely for commute traffic but also take into consideration the significant needs of our high tech Silicon Forest companies for adequate freight mobility.

The Hillsboro Chamber is more than satisfied that the City of Hillsboro has adequately demonstrated the need for the seven-lane projects and why other solutions explored are not adequate to meet the continued growing traffic demand.

Your consideration and support of the City of Hillsboro's RTP Amendment Projects is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Doug Barrett Chair of the Board

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April 2, 2013

Metro 600 NE Grand Ave Portland, OR 97232

Re: Support for City of Hillsboro RTP Amendment Projects

Dear Metro Council, Advisory Committee members, and staff:

I am writing on behalf of Westside Economic Alliance (WEA) to support the City of Hillsboro's proposed Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) amendment projects.

In particular, we would like to offer our support for the widening of Brookwood Parkway, Cornelius Pass Road, and the US 26/Cornelius Pass Road interchange westbound loop off-ramp. Brookwood Parkway and Cornelius Pass Road are two vital arterials connecting the industrial and high tech businesses in Hillsboro to US 26 and the rest of the region.

A significant number of workers travel on these two roadways to commute to and from their jobs, and businesses rely on these two roadways for efficient movement of products and goods. As existing businesses continue to grow and expand and new businesses are attracted to the area, it is critical that these two roadways and the surrounding network provide the necessary mobility for workers and freight movement.

Currently, there is already significant delay and congestion on Brookwood Parkway and Cornelius Pass Road during the peak travel hours of the day; this problem is only going to worsen if improvements are not made to the two facilities. Therefore, WEA supports the proposed improvements by the City of Hillsboro.

The proposed widening of Brookwood Parkway and Cornelius Pass Road, and the westbound off-ramp at the US 26/Cornelius Pass Road Interchange are critical improvements to ensure continued mobility for the businesses and workers in the industrial and high tech area in Hillsboro and Washington County.

Westside Economic Alliance is a business advocacy group, representing members from both the public and private sectors in Washington and western Clackamas counties. Together we work to improve the local business climate and the economic health of our region.

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Together we work to maintain and build upon the vibrant economy of the area we serve.

Sincerely,

Executive Director

Westside Economic Alliance



April 3, 2013

Metro Council 600 NE Grand Ave. Portland, OR 97232

RE: Support for City of Hillsboro RTP Amendment Projects

Dear President Hughes, Councilors, Advisory Committee members, and staff:

On behalf of NAIOP Oregon's 168 members, I am writing to support the City of Hillsboro's proposed regional Transportation Plan (RTP) amendment projects. One of the fundamental goals of our organization is to advocate for measures that foster a regional environment conducive to expansion of our industrial and commercial employment base—we believe strongly that the amendment projects proposed by the City of Hillsboro are crucial to such an expansion in Washington County.

In particular, we are supportive of the widening of Brookwood Parkway, Cornelius Pass Road, and US 26/Cornelius Pass Road interchange westbound loop off-ramp. Brookwood Parkway and Cornelius Pass Road are two crucial arterials connecting the industrial and high tech businesses in Hillsboro to US 26 and the rest of the region. A significant number of workers travel on these two roadways to commute to/from their jobs, and businesses rely on these two roadways for efficient movement of products and goods. As existing businesses continue to grow and expand, and new employers are attracted to the area, it is critical that these two roadways and the surrounding network provide the necessary mobility for workers and freight movement. Currently, there is already significant delay and congestion on Brookwood Parkway and Cornelius Pass Road during the peak travel hours of the day; this problem is only going to become worse if improvements aren't made to the two facilities. Therefore, we support the proposed improvements by the City of Hillsboro.

Thank you for your consideration of our input and please let me know if we can provide any additional information.

Sincerely,

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April 8, 2013

John Mermin, Senior Transportation Planner Metro Planning & Development 600 NE Grand Avenue Portland, OR 97232-2736

RE: 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Amendments

Dear Mr. Mermin:

On behalf of the Tualatin and Wilsonville Chamber of Commerce's we'd like to express our support for the inclusion of the Interstate-5 South Bound auxiliary lane from the Lower Boones Ferry Road entrance-ramp to the Nyberg Street exit-ramp in the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Efficient transportation is the number one priority for many of our local businesses. During a recent meeting of more than 60 key leaders of businesses in Tualatin, they expressed their strong belief that transportation was the #1 impediment to growing their business, particularly in regards to employees commuting into our business areas.

Given the high prevalence of businesses in the manufacturing, warehousing, and distribution sectors, our economic vitality depends on a well functioning transportation system. Nowhere else in our communities is this more integral than on I-5. Traffic volume is extremely high along this section of I-5. Further complicating the situation is the high volume of weaving movement between Highway 217 and the Nyberg Street exit-ramp. The addition of this small section of auxiliary lane will reduce congestion, improve lane balance and travel time reliability, and sustain stable traffic flow. In addition, it is anticipated to result in a 30% reduction in mainline crashes.

Removing bottlenecks and improving traffic operations along I-5 benefits many of the local streets that feed into I-5. As a result of improved traffic flow, local and regional businesses will spend less time transporting goods and more time positively contributing to our communities.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our support for including this project in the 2035 RTP.

Sincerely,

Linda Moholt

CC:

CEO, Tualatin Chamber of Commerce

Tualatin Chamber Board of Directors

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April 8, 2013

John Mermin, Senior Transportation Planner Metro Planning & Development 600 NE Grand Avenue Portland, OR 97232-2736

RE: 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Amendments

Dear Mr. Mermin:

The Cities of Tualatin, Wilsonville, Tigard, Lake Oswego and Washington County appreciate the opportunity to express our support for the inclusion of the Interstate-5 South Bound auxiliary lane from the Lower Boones Ferry Road entrance-ramp to the Nyberg Street exit-ramp in the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Given our location along I-5, the economy of our cities and county is driven by the manufacturing, warehousing, and distribution sectors. Our economic vitality, air quality, and safety depend on a well functioning transportation system.

In 2009, ODOT began the Corridor Bottleneck Operations Study (CBOS) which identified this section of I-5 as a major bottleneck. The study analyzed potential solutions and found the auxiliary lane to provide the best value of benefits and costs when compared to other bottleneck solution projects.

Traffic volume is extremely high along this section of I-5. Further complicating the situation is the high volume of weaving movement between Highway 217 and the Nyberg Street exit-ramp. The addition of this small section of auxiliary lane will reduce congestion, improve lane balance and travel time reliability, and sustain stable traffic flow. In addition, it is anticipated to result in a 30% reduction in mainline crashes. As a result of improved traffic flow, local and regional businesses and residents will spend less time in traffic and more time positively contributing to our communities.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our support for including this project in the 2035 RTP. The Cities of Tualatin, Wilsonville, Tigard, Lake Oswego and Washington County are eager to work with ODOT and other regional partners on this integral regional transportation investment.

Sincerely,

Lou Oaden Mayor

City of Tualatin

Tim Knapp

Mayor

City of Wilsonville

John Cook Mayor

City of Tigard

Mike Kehoe Council President

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April 8, 2013

John Mermin Metro 600 NE Grand Ave Portland, OR 97232 rtp@oregonmetro.gov

Re: OPAL comments to Metro's Proposed RTP Amendments

Dear Mr. Mermin,

Metro must comply with the Transportation Control Measures (TCM) included in the Area CO Maintenance Plan¹ before approving amendments to its Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). **The RTP is currently not in compliance with the Transit Service Increase TCM requiring a 1.0% average annual growth in transit revenue hours**,² and none of the proposed amendments to the RTP provide for any increase in public transportation services.

The Second Portland Area CO Maintenance Plan, approved by the Oregon Environmental Quality Commission and US EPA, includes a Transit Service Increase TCM intended to meet air quality requirements. This TCM requires regional transit service *revenue* hours (weighted by capacity) to be increased by 1.0% per year, based on a 5 year rolling average. Despite this requirement, Metro's latest Air Quality Conformity Determination incorrectly uses total *vehicle* hours to assess compliance.

Total vehicle hours include both revenue hours (when transit vehicles are available for use by the public) and non-revenue hours (when transit vehicles are running but not available for public use, such as out-of-service buses or hours spent traveling to or from active service). The TCM requires an analysis of revenue service hours only because non-revenue hours do not contribute to area CO emissions reductions. Revenue hours alone are the correct measure to ensure compliance with the TCM.

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OAR 340-252-0140 and 40 CFR 93.113

² "Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans: Oregon: Portland Carbon Monoxide Second 10-Year Maintenance Plan," 70 Fed. Reg. 52956-52960 (Sept. 6, 2005) at 52959.
³ Id. (emphasis added)

Compare Air Quality Conformity Determination (Feb. 14, 2013), p14, Table 3, with TriMet Service and Ridership data: http://trimet.org/pdfs/publications/trimetridership.pdf OPAL Environmental Justice Oregon

Moreover, Metro's assessment does not use the most recent data available, such as the fare increases and service cuts that TriMet approved last June, which took effect last September. By failing to incorporate the most recent price and service changes, it is likely that the effects on overall ridership, and therefore air quality conformity, are inaccurate.

In fact transit service revenue hours (weighted by capacity) in the Metro region have *decreased* by a total of 2.1% during the five-year period from 2007-11 (the period in which Metro assessed compliance), with an annual decrease of 0.22%. Considering the most recent five-year period for which data is available (2008-12), transit revenue hours have decreased by an annual average of 0.15%. ⁶

Metro must demonstrate compliance with the Transit Service Increase TCM before it approves these proposed RTP amendments. It is likely that, when incorporating 2012 TriMet data, along with applying the correct transit service revenue hours, the proposed RTP amendments do not provide for RTP compliance with the 1.0% average annual growth in transit service required by the TCM. In order to meet this requirement, Metro must include amendments that increase transit service revenue hours in TriMet's service district. Metro should also re-evaluate some of the Major Transportation Project Assumptions in determining compliance.⁷

Sincerely,

/s/ Jonathan Ostar

Jonathan Ostar, Director
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See the attached spreadsheet disaggregating transit service revenue hours. Portland Streetcar revenue hour data was excluded from this analysis because it is not available to the public, but is unlikely to significantly impact overall revenue hours because streetcars have less capacity than buses, requiring a downward weighting for this analysis.

⁵ The weighting of service hours by capacity further distorts the picture of service hours. While light-rail (LRT) does have greater capacity than buses, increased capacity is not equivalent to increased service frequency, the most significant component of transit service, and assumes that capacity is being met. The reduction in service revenue hours over the past five years becomes much more substantial when weighting by capacity is discounted.

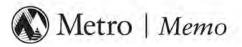
Metro should remove the Lake Oswego Streetcar Project from the RTP, as that project is dead, while it has seemingly omitted the Outer SE Powell Blvd. improvements, for which there is strong community stakeholder support.

 ${\bf Appendix} \\ {\bf TriMet \, Revenue \, Service \, Hours \, (Weighted \, by \, Capacity)}$

Year	BUS	MAX	WES	Total	Annual Change
2006	1,458,564	949,726		2,408,290	
2007	1,481,460	944,221		2,425,681	0.72%
2008	1,511,880	980,119		2,491,999	2.73%
2009	1,534,068	1,015,782	3,027	2,552,877	2.44%
2010	1,461,396	1,059,936	7,311	2,528,643	-0.95%
2011	1,336,572	1,031,886	7,340	2,375,798	-6.04%
2012	1,342,296	1,051,035	7,283	2,400,614	1.04%
2007-11	-9.78%	9.28%	NA	-2.1%	-0.22%
2008-12	-11.22%	7.24%	NA	-3.7%	-0.15%

Rail Mode	Bus Equivalen	
MAX	4.88	
WES	2.04	

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Date: April 16, 2013

To: MPAC, TPAC, JPACT and interested Parties

From: John Mermin

Subject: Public Comments relating to proposed amendments to 2035 Regional Transportation

Plan (RTP)

In late 2012, Washington County staff inquired about an RTP amendment for a Scholls Ferry Rd project for which they planned to begin construction in Spring 2013. The County's inquiry presented an opportunity for other local jurisdictions to request potential RTP amendments that have been identified through planning processes completed since the last RTP update was adopted in June 2010. RTP amendments typically take several months to complete, given the required air quality analysis, public comment period and approval process through the regional committees. Given the significant amount of staff time and resources both from Metro and affected local jurisdictions, Metro staff recommended that proposed RTP amendments be submitted in a single window for consideration by JPACT and the Metro Council. These requests were instructed to be limited to amendments that are needed immediately and cannot wait until the next RTP update is completed in June 2014.

At the November 30 TPAC meeting, Metro staff requested that potential amendments to the 2035 RTP be submitted by December 20. Following the required air quality conformity analysis, a 45-day public comment period was held from February 22nd through April 8th. Comments were received primarily through an online survey on Metro's webpage, as well as letters sent directly to Metro.

The attached table includes all comments received along with Metro staff responses. In addition there is a Public Comment Report available which describes in detail Metro's public involvement process for the amendments and provides a copy of every letter and comment received.

Proposed Amendments to the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Summary of Comments Received and Staff Responses (Comments received Feb 22 to April 8, 2013)

#	Zip code of comme nter	Project	Support adding this project to the RTP?	Comment	Staff response
1	97214	City of Beaverton - Crescent Street multimodal extension project	No	Beaverton has already spent enough money on that part of town. How about a eastbound right-angle-to-the-tracks bicycle crossing for 5th at the railroad tracks, west of Griffith?	City of Beaverton has already completed a project to create a 90 degree crossing of the railroad tracks in this location. Staff will forward comment to local agency for consideration.
2	97124	City of Beaverton - Crescent Street multimodal extension project	Yes	The central part of Beaverton could use better street connectivity like this.	No change requested.
3	97214	City of Hillsboro - 253rd Street	Yes		No change requested.
4	97123	City of Hillsboro - Brookwood Parkway	No	Every one of the Hillsboro projects is designed to benefit people in North Hillsboro. There are severe transportation issues in South Hillsboro that are being totally ignored. I don't see any improvements to TV Highway on this list. The TV Highway Corridor Study was a joke and an insult to Hillsboro residents since the suggested improvements will only make it worse for South Hillsboro people to go anywhere in this city. I am disgusted with Hillsboro and the Metro Council for adding the South Hillsboro area to the Urban Growth Project and not have one single transportation improvement listed to support it.	Other projects in the RTP address the South Hillsboro area. TV Hwy recommendations will be adopted into the RTP during the next update.
5	97124	City of Hillsboro - Brookwood Parkway	No	Motor vehicle traffic already travels too fast on this road to allow safe access for pedestrians, cyclists, and assistive mobility devices. Widening roads will encourage drivers to go even faster. More lanes = more distraction = more danger. Also, this increased traffic will negatively impact nearby farmland.	The City and County are pursuing design features to provide protection to bicyclists and pedestrians. The final design will be informed by the Regional Safety Plan and the Regional Active transportation plan. Additionally, the Washington County Bicycle Facility Design Toolkit supports newer more protected designs for high speed or high volume roadways.
6	97124	City of Hillsboro - Brookwood Parkway	Yes	While, the idea of supporting seven lane arterial roads is difficult for me, I would prefer that they propose cycle tracks or separated multi-use paths for pedestrians and cyclists. Walking or biking alongside a seven lane arterial would be incredibly unpleasant.	The City and County are pursuing design features to provide protection to bicyclists and pedestrians. The final design will be informed by the Regional Safety Plan and the Regional Active transportation plan. Additionally, the Washington County Bicycle Facility Design Toolkit supports newer more protected designs for high speed or high volume roadways.

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7	97214	City of Hillsboro - Brookwood Parkway	Yes		No change requested.
8	97124	City of Hillsboro - Cornelius Pass Road		Motor vehicle traffic already travels too fast on this road to allow safe access for pedestrians, cyclists, and assistive mobility devices. Widening roads will encourage drivers to go even faster. More lanes = more distraction = more danger. Also, this increased traffic will negatively impact nearby farmland.	The City and County are pursuing design features to provide protection to bicyclists and pedestrians. The final design will be informed by the Regional Safety Plan and the Regional Active transportation plan. Additionally, the Washington County Bicycle Facility Design Toolkit supports newer more protected designs for high speed or high volume roadways.
9	97124	City of Hillsboro - Cornelius Pass Road	Yes	While, the idea of supporting seven lane arterial roads is difficult for me, I would prefer that they propose cycle tracks or separated multi-use paths for pedestrians and cyclists. Walking or biking alongside a seven lane arterial would be incredibly unpleasant.	The City and County are pursuing design features to provide protection to bicyclists and pedestrians. The final design will be informed by the Regional Safety Plan and the Regional Active transportation plan. Additionally, the Washington County Bicycle Facility Design Toolkit supports newer more protected designs for high speed or high volume roadways.
10	Letter	City of Hillsboro - Cornelius Pass Road & Brookwood	Yes	Letter in support received from Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce	No change requested.
11	Letter	City of Hillsboro - Cornelius Pass Road & Brookwood	Yes	Letter of support received from NAIOP - Commercial Real Estate Development Association	No change requested.
12	Letter	City of Hillsboro - Cornelius Pass Road & Brookwood	Yes	Letter of support received from Westside Economic Alliance	No change requested.
13	97214	City of Hillsboro - Cornelius Pass Road	Yes		No change requested.

#	Zip code of comme nter	Project	Support adding this project to the RTP?	Comment	Staff response
1	97214	City of Hillsboro - Butler Drive	Yes		No change requested.
1	5 97124	City of Hillsboro - Butler Drive	Yes		No change requested.
1	97124	City of Hillsboro - Butler Drive	No	Butler Drive currently provides lower speed and traffic access for pedestrians, bikes, and assistive mobility devices to reach the library from points east. Increasing lanes will likely increase speeding, already an issue noted by frequent use of radar on the road. Intel should provide more incentives for employees to choose mass and/or active transportation and/or shorter commute location.	Intel already provides incentives for employees to choose transit and/or active transportation, e.g. transit pass subsidies, secure bike parking, showers, etc.
1	7 97214	City of Hillsboro - Gibbs Drive	Yes		No change requested.
1	8 97124	City of Hillsboro - US 26 westbound off-ramp	Yes		No change requested.
1	9 97124	City of Hillsboro - Gibbs Drive	Yes	This will help be a catalyst for sustainable development in the planned AmberGlen area	No change requested.
2	97216	City of Portland - N. Williams Traffic Safety operations projects	No	I'm surprised that this project is being added, and not the Outer Powell Blvd Conceptual Design area, from SE 92nd to SE 176th, which has widespread public and state legislative approval, in an otherwise poorer, multi-ethnic area of the City of Portland.	Staff will forward comment to local agency for consideration.
2	1 97221	City of Portland - N. Williams Traffic Safety operations projects	Yes	The with all the bicycling traffic and pedestrian demand, this makes sense.	No change requested.
2	97214	City of Portland - N. Williams Traffic Safety operations projects	No	the N Williams Traffic Safety project in its current form. A left-side bike lane (with some sections shared with motor vehicles) will lead to more dangerous conditions for bikes.	The proposal reflects a year and a half process that led to a recommended design that best met the outcomes desired by the community.

#	Zip code of comme nter	Project	Support adding this project to the RTP?	Comment	Staff response
23	97214	City of Portland - N. Williams Traffic Safety operations projects	No	l've been following this project on bikeportland.org. What started out as a simple safety improvement has ballooned into a boondoggle. Turn down funding for this mess.	Staff will forward comment to local agency for consideration. This is not a funding decision. The RTP amendment just makes the project eligible for the funding it has recently been awarded through the ODOT TE/OBPAC process.
24	97086	East Metro Connections Plan	No	I understand the necessity at some level to take a micro perspective to solving Metro's transportation problems but it must start from a global perspective. The solution to our transportation problems is planned communities. We have to get behind projects that create jobs, reduce the requirement for additional roads and road maintenance and promote alternative means of transportation. Planned communities do that and there is a planned community coming out of the ground soon East of Clackamas Town Center and I205 called Eagle Landing. It provides connectivity to the terminus to the green line, multimodal transportation systems, multicultural neighborhoods, many local businesses and creates a SE urban center and jobs called Eagle Landing. Please get behind this project to ensure its success! This is a unique opportunity for our state and Metro to provide cutting edge development that can be a model for other communities and jurisdictions. If this is done right with state and local support it can be a model for the country to consolidate infrastructure, culture in a meaningful way and increase the tax base without increasing maintenance costs and requirements. We would be happy to discuss this further with Metro. Lake did a masterful job of presenting the active RTP to the CC Ped/Bike committee Tuesday night. This is a way to meet the Metro goals and I don't see a sustainable way other than planned communities. EL needs your backing!	Staff will forward comment to Clackamas County.
25	97124	East Metro Connections Plan	No	This project doesn't seem to have a lot of bang for the buck, even though this stretch of road is a safety concern.	Staff will forward comment to local jurisdictions.

#	Zip code of comme nter	Project	Support adding this project to the RTP?	Comment	Staff response
26	97214	I-205 - Extending the auxiliary lane on I-205 SB from I-84 EB entrance	No	It says on the Metro site that ODOT wants to take away funding from fixing Allen and 217 to fund this project. No, I'd rather see Allen and 217 fixed.	ODOT is planning to reduce the cost of the 217/Allen project, it is not removing the project from the RTP.
27	97213	I-205 - Extending the auxiliary lane on I-205 SB from I-84 EB entrance	No	For the price of extending a freeway lane, you could complete miles and miles of bike boulevards instead, so I wouldn't encounter dozens of stop signs on my 4-mile 1-2ay bike commute in NE Portland. Just turning a few more stop signs would be a big help, and it could cost a lot less than freeway lanes.	Staff will forward comment to ODOT.
28	97124	I-5 - Extend I-5 SB auxiliary lane from Lower Boones Ferry exit-ramp to Lower Boones Ferry entrance-ramp	Yes	The Portland metro area is difficult to leave SB due to weaving conflicts like this.	No change requested.
29	97214	I-5 - Extend I-5 SB auxiliary lane from Lower Boones Ferry exit-ramp to Lower Boones Ferry entrance-ramp	No	It says on the Metro site that ODOT wants to take away funding from fixing Allen and 217 to fund this project. No, I'd rather see Allen and 217 fixed.	ODOT is planning to reduce the cost of the 217/Allen project, it is not removing the project from the RTP.
30	Letter	I-5 - Extend I-5 SB auxiliary lane from Lower Boones Ferry exit-ramp to Lower Boones Ferry entrance-ramp	Yes	Joint letter of support received from Mayors of Tualatin, Lake Oswego, Tigard, Wilsonville, Washington County Chair.	No change requested.
31	Letter	I-5 - Extend I-5 SB auxiliary lane from Lower Boones Ferry exit-ramp to Lower Boones Ferry entrance-ramp	Yes	Joint letter of support received from Tualatin & Wilsonville Chambers of Commerce.	No change requested.
32	97123	Washington County - Scholls Ferry	Yes	Much needed to improve this commuter route bottleneck.	No change requested.
33	97225	Washington County - Scholls Ferry Road: Roy Rogers to Teal Blvd.	Yes	Make sure there are bike lanes, particularly just east of Teal.	Bike lanes are required of all road capacity projects.
34	97008	Washington County - Scholls Ferry Road: Roy Rogers to Teal Blvd.	Yes	Mobility and safety needs today. Especially during peak hours and weekends.	No change requested.
35	97214	Washington County - Scholls Ferry Road: Roy Rogers to Teal Blvd. project	Yes	Make sure there are bike lanes, particularly just east of Teal.	Bike lanes are required of all road capacity projects.

#	Zip code of comme nter	Project	Support adding this project to the RTP?	Comment	Staff response
36	Letter	Air Quality conformity process	N/A	Letter received from Jon Ostar, Director of Organizing People / Activating Leaders (OPAL): In the Portland Carbon Monoxide Second 10-Year Maintenance Plan, the transit TCM says transit service revenue hours (weighted by capacity) shall be increased 1.0% per year. Why does the methodology in the draft air quality conformity report use actual hours?	In the Portland Carbon Monoxide Second 10- Year Maintenance Plan, the transit service increase TCM explicitly states, "the increase shall be assessed on the basis of a 5 year rolling average of actual hours for assessments conducted between 2006-2017." Per this statement the methodology used in the draft air quality conformity determination is the appropriate method to identify whether the TCM is being met.
377	Letter	Air Quality conformity process	N/A	Letter received from Jon Ostar, Director of Organizing People / Activating Leaders (OPAL): What is Metro doing to address the transit TCM in order to conform the regional transportation plan?	Prior to processing the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) amendments, Metro started a separate, but parallel process to address the risk of not meeting the transit TCM. Metro has convened discussions with federal, regional and local partners through the transportation policy advisory committee (TPAC) to discuss and identify a solution to the issue that meets federal requirements. At this time, a solution has been identified and the issue will be resolved by the end of the 2013.
38	Letter	Air Quality conformity process	N/A	Letter received from Jon Ostar, Director of Organizing People / Activating Leaders (OPAL): Why were the transit service fare increases and service cuts made effective in September 2012 not included in the analysis of the transit TCM?	The proposed RTP amendments are requests to make discrete changes to a plan adopted in 2010. Because these amendments are discrete changes and the RTP is not undergoing a full update, the assumptions from the conformity analysis conducted in 2010 were held for consistency purposes. Metro held interagency consultation with federal, regional, and local partners in February 2013 to approve the air quality conformity analysis methodology and assumptions. The methodology and assumptions were approved to use for the conformity analysis for the amendments.

#	# Zip code Project of comme nter		Support adding this project to the RTP?	Comment	Staff response		
3:	Letter	Air Quality conformity process	-	Why was transit service hours data only calculated through 2011?	When Metro began the air quality conformity analysis in January 2013, the most recent data staff had from TriMet was through 2011. Metro used the best available information at the time the analysis began.		

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE)	ORDINANCE NO. 13-1304
FINANCIALLY CONSTRAINED 2035)	
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP))	Introduced by Chief Operating Officer Martha
TO ADD THE NE 238 th DRIVE: HALSEY)	Bennett in concurrence with Council
STREET TO GLISAN STREET FREIGHT AND)	President Tom Hughes
MULTIMODAL IMPROVEMENTS; REMOVE)	
THE EAST BUTTES LOOP TRAIL AND)	
BEAVER CREEK TRAIL PROJECTS; AMEND		
POLICIES IN CHAPTER 2 AND 6.		

WHEREAS, the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is a central tool for implementing the Region 2040 Growth Concept, and constitutes a policy component of the Metro Regional Framework Plan; and

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

WHEREAS, the Metro Council adopted the RTP and related elements by Ordinance No. 10-1241B on June 10, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the NE 238th Drive: Halsey Street to Glisan Street Freight and Multimodal Improvements project was not included in the financially constrained RTP project list; and

WHEREAS; Metro worked with local partners in East Multnomah county to create a vision and develop an implementation strategy known as the East Metro Connection Plan, which prioritizes transportation investments in the area; and which was endorsed by the Metro Council as part of Resolution no. 12-4362 adopted on August 9, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the East Metro Connections Plan partners recommend adding the NE 238th Drive: Halsey to Glisan Freight and Multimodal Improvements project to the RTP financially constrained project list; and

WHEREAS, The East Metro Connections Plan partners recommend removal of the East Buttes Loop Trail (project #11074) and the Beaver Creek Trail (project #10409) projects from the RTP financially constrained project list; and

WHEREAS, an air quality conformity analysis demonstrates that the project will not affect the conformity status of the RTP; and

WHEREAS, the East Metro Connections Plan recommends amending policies in Chapter 2 of the RTP for the Freight Network, Arterial & Throughway Network, Bicycle Network and System Design Classifications, as well as the implementation described within Chapter 6 for Mobility Corridor #15 Gresham/Troutdale/Fairview/Wood Village to Damascus; and

WHEREAS, JPACT and the Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) both considered the proposed amendments and recommended that the Metro Council adopt the amendments; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council held a public hearing on the proposed amendments on May 16, 2013; now, therefore,

THE METRO COUNCIL ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. The financially constrained RTP project list is hereby amended as shown in Exhibit A, attached and incorporated into this Ordinance.
- 2. RTP policies in Chapters 2 and 6 are hereby amended as shown in Exhibits B and C, attached and incorporated into this ordinance.
- 3. The amendments are consistent with applicable provisions of the Regional Transportation Plan and Regional Framework Plan as demonstrated in the staff report dated April 10, 2013 and its two attachments, which are attached as Exhibit D and incorporated into this Ordinance.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 16th day of May 2013.

	Tom Hughes, Council President
Attest:	Approved as to Form:
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Kelsey Newell, Recording Secretary	Alison Kean Campbell, Metro Attorney

Exhibit A to Ordinance No. 13-1304

2035 Regional Transportation Plan Appendix 1.1 project list amendment

Action: Amend the 2035 RTP financially constrained project list to add the NE 238th Drive Freight and Multimodal Improvements project.

New RTP Project

Metro	Facility	Project/Program	Project	Project	Local	Description	Estimated	Time	Federal	Primary Mode
Project	Owner/Operator	Name	Start	End	Functional		Cost	Period	FC	
ID			Location	Location	Class				Project	
11373	Metro	NE 238 th Drive	Halsey	Glisan	Major	Construct	\$9,000,000	2008-		Roads/Bridges
		Freight and	Street	Street	Arterial	southbound		2017		
		Multimodal				travel lane				
		Improvements				with passing				
						lane and				
						northbound				
						travel lane.				
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						pedestrian				
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						both				
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						and				
						southbound				
						sides.				

Exhibit A to Ordinance No. 13-1304

2035 Regional Transportation Plan Appendix 1.1 project list amendment

Action: Amend the 2035 RTP financially constrained project list to remove the Beaver Creek Trail and East Buttes Loop Trail projects.

Metro	Facility	Project/Program	Project	Project	Local	Description	Estimated	Time	Federal	Primary
Project	Owner/Operator	Name	Start	End	Functional		Cost	Period	FC	Mode
ID			Location	Location	Class				Project	
10409	Multnomah	Beaver Creek Trail	Mt. Hood	Historic	Trail	Construct	\$1,400,000	2008-		Regional
	County		Community	Columbia		new trail.		2025	×	Trail
			College	River					^	
				Highway	— ,					
11074	Gresham	East Buttes Loop	Springwater	Rodlun	Trail	Construct	\$8,300,000	2008-		Regional
		Trail: From	Trail	Road		new shared		2017	×	Trail
		Springwater Trail				use trail.			^	
		to Rodlun Road								

East Metro Policy Updates

What is the regional freight network?

The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) has two types of freight designations:

- Main roadway routes are the "trunk" of the freight system higher volume, major connectors with other regions.
- Road connectors have lesser volumes, provide connectivity to industrial/employment land and connect those more significant main roadway routes.

What changes are proposed?

- Remove, from the RTP freight network, Burnside between 181st and 223rd to reflect its actual usage.
- Broaden the RTP freight network to include the following routes as road connectors: 223rd between Glisan and Burnside; 257th/Kane from I-84 to US 26 (Note: projects would not include major improvements that connect Kane to US 26 which might attract more through trips).
- Update the US 26/Hogan connector to be consistent with Springwater Plan.

Why propose changes to the freight network?

Proposed changes to the RTP freight network would bring the use and function of plan area roads more in line and resolve land use conflicts.

- Proposed freight network roads could see projects that increase their mobility (reducing stops/starts and travel time), that increase safety of other users and projects that accommodate trucks.
- The RTP freight network map (figure 2.20) should be amended to reflect the proposed East Metro Connections Plan "freight grid", including main roadway routes and road connectors. Projects developed on the "freight grid" will be designed for safe freight movement.

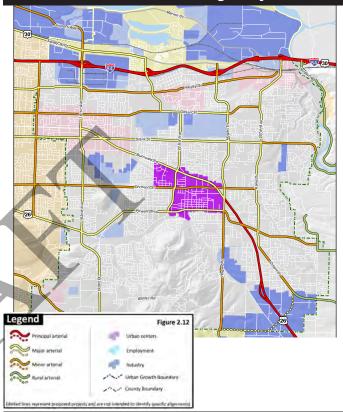
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Updates to other RTP road networks

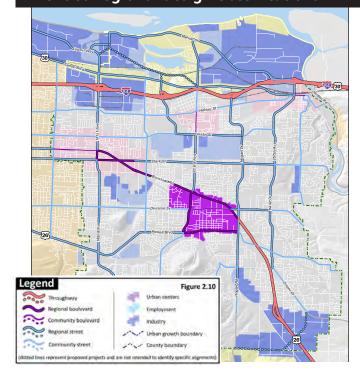
Consistent with the updated Freight Network, updates will also occur to the Arterial and Throughway Network and the System Design Network.

- Update the 238th/242nd link north of Glisan.
- Update the US 26/Hogan connector to be consistent with Springwater Plan (identified as a proposed link on the proposed freight network).

Amended arterial and throughway network



Amended regional design classifications



6.3.2.4 Gresham/Fairview/Wood Village/Troutdale to Damascus (Mobility Corridor #15)

The East Metro Connections Plan (EMCP) is a "mobility corridor refinement" plan which completed recommendations in June 2012. A mobility corridor refinement plan aims to better integrate land use, community and economic development, environmental and transportation goals when identifying projects along major transportation corridors. EMCP project partners include the cities of Fairview, Gresham, Troutdale and Wood Village, Multnomah County, ODOT, and Metro. Additional participating entities include Damascus, Portland, Clackamas County, the Port of Portland and TriMet.

This two year effort has analyzed present and future transportation needs and opportunities and has prioritized solutions/project for project implementation.

Transportation Projects as Investment Packages

Proposed bundles of projects, or "investment packages" have been grouped by the following three primary themes:

- 1. **North/south connections** Proposed projects improve the arterial road network connecting I-84 and US 26 and provide for regional mobility needs as well as access to key destinations in the plan area. Projects developed on designated freight routes will be developed to accommodate freight, and be designed accordingly.
- 2. **Downtowns and employment areas** Proposed projects improve way-finding, mobility and access to downtowns and jobs.
- 3. **Regional mobility** Proposed projects capitalize on previous investments by making the existing system smarter and more efficient through changes to signal timing, signage, enhanced transit service, and multimodal connections. Consistent with the Regional High Capacity System Plan, EMCP recommends advancing an alternative analysis for the Powell/Division transit corridor. EMCP also recommends the designation of a new regional multimodal connection between the Sandy River and the Springwater Corridor Trail.

The following summarizes the intent and overview of types of projects for each of the corridor segments based on the primary theme that they support.

1. North/south connections

181st/182nd safety corridor: 181st/182nd is an important community street. Projects will provide safety improvements in known areas of high crash rates and improve safe routes to schools in the Centennial School District. Consistent with transit analysis, this includes a recommendation to improve transit consisting of frequent service between Sandy and Powell boulevards and the elimination of the need to transfer between bus routes along this road.

182nd/190th connections to Clackamas County: Pleasant Valley is an important area for future residential and commercial development. Additionally, future population and employment growth in Clackamas County, including Happy Valley and Damascus means that road connections to the south are important connections. Leveraging Clackamas County's 172nd/190th Corridor Project,

targeted improvements to the road network in Pleasant Valley along Highland/190th will create opportunity for economic and residential development.

Eastman/223rd connections: Projects address future traffic growth with targeted north-south roadway capacity investments along 223rd/Eastman, including at Stark/223rd and Eastman and Powell. This area connects to existing industrial employment sites, including the Port of Portland's Gresham Vista (former LSI site) site. Projects will also address future needs on Glisan between 201st and Fairview Parkway. For example, projects to better coordinate the signal timing at intersections along Eastman/223rd will provide needed capacity improvements.

242nd connections to Clackamas County: Hogan/242nd is an important north/south connection from employment hubs in the Columbia Cascade River District, north central Gresham industrial, the Gresham Regional Center, and Springwater to Clackamas County and central Oregon. Projects along this arterial address future growth with additional roadway capacity, particularly south of Powell, along with opportunities for access and safety enhancements to the existing conditions. This includes intersection improvements at Glisan and Stark, including signal coordination.

Southeast gateway: The triangle of US 26, Burnside and Powell is an important gateway for the City of Gresham, east Multnomah County and the Portland Metropolitan region, providing an essential connection north to I-84, west to I-205, and south and east to Mt. Hood and central Oregon. Projects address several identified needs at the gateway, including 242nd/Hogan/Burnside. Projects address future capacity needs, safety (this area is one of the highest crash areas), way-finding and needed pedestrian improvements (there are sidewalk gaps and challenging crossings in this area, particularly along US 26). Way-finding treatments should be integrated with the adopted Mt Hood Scenic Byway route to bring people into the Gresham Regional Center, a vital commercial area.

257th safety, walking and biking connection: Projects create safe and attractive pedestrian crossings along 257th, particularly along the stretch between Reynolds High School and Mt Hood Community College. They will complete the sidewalk improvements along Stark adjacent to the college.

2. Downtowns and employment areas

<u>Rockwood/181st</u>: Projects include targeted bicycle and pedestrian improvements on 181st between I-84 and Stark, and Stark between 181st and Burnside to improve access to the important commercial areas in Rockwood. Projects improve safety and activate the arterial for businesses and walking.

<u>Gresham Vista Business Park:</u> The Port of Portland's November 2011 purchase of one of the area's largest shovel-ready employment sites is an immediate opportunity to bring jobs and revenue to East Metro communities. Projects increase mobility along the north/south and east/west arterials and improve access to industrial employment land.

Downtown Gresham/Civic: There are important public investments to support the vision of Downtown Gresham. Projects include boulevard treatments along all of Burnside and redevelopment opportunities along this important street. Projects better connect Main City Park, the Springwater Corridor Trail and Johnson Creek to Downtown Gresham. Sidewalk and streetscape projects in Downtown improve walking, window shopping and branding of Downtown Gresham as a unique place. Consider an urban renewal area for Downtown.

<u>Pleasant Valley</u>: Projects develop the necessary public infrastructure for development of Pleasant Valley town center consistent with the Pleasant Valley Community Plan.

<u>Catalyst for Springwater District:</u> Projects help develop the necessary public infrastructure for private investment and jobs in this regionally significant employment area. Projects include a new interchange on US 26 and an extension of Rugg Road to connect US 26 and Hogan, as well as collector street improvements to provide needed access for future jobs and employment.

Edgefield/Halsey main street implementation: Halsey is an important main street that connects the downtowns of Fairview, Wood Village and Troutdale. Projects implement features of the Halsey Street Concept Design Plan (2005), a joint effort of Fairview, Wood Village, Troutdale, and Multnomah County. Projects include realizing Halsey as a 2-lane road with median/turn lane, full bike lanes, sidewalks and pedestrian crossings. Projects support the downtown visions for the three cities and help attract commercial development.

<u>Downtown Troutdale</u>: Projects support future development of the urban renewal area in Downtown Troutdale, creating local road connections to the urban renewal area site and extending the regional trail system along the Sandy River from Troutdale Reynolds Industrial Park into Downtown Troutdale. Projects allow for future private investment and job growth in Downtown.

<u>Downtown Fairview and Wood Village</u>: Projects on Fairview Avenue between I-84 and Arata Road improve access provide needed safety and multi-modal improvements. Projects also improve connections between Arata Road and Halsey.

3. Regional mobility

<u>Sandy River to Springwater multi-modal connection:</u> Projects provide multi-modal connections from Downtown Troutdale to Mt Hood Community College and the Springwater Corridor Trail. Projects connect neighborhoods to commercial areas and Mt Hood Community College. This area is one of the most significant gaps in the 40-mile loop regional trail network, and connections will encourage tourism to areas along the Springwater Corridor Trail and Sandy River.

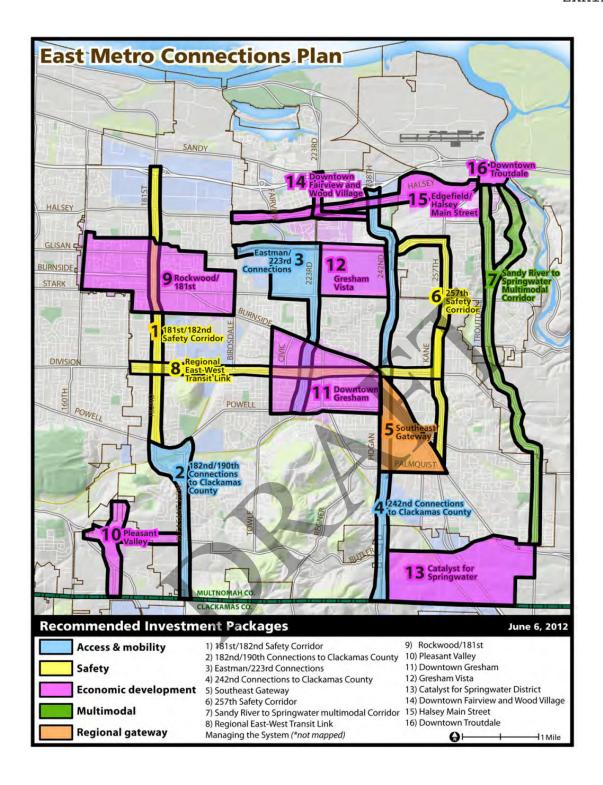
Managing the existing system (Transportation Systems Management and Operations/ Intelligent Transportation System Tools): There are opportunities to improve the current roadway network and enhance the performance of the transportation system using technology that coordinates signal timing and provides "real-time" information. Projects address congestion at intersections through the coordination of signal timing. Improvements to adaptive signal timing along 181st/182nd, Burnside, and Kane Drive. Other projects include signage, messaging and other techniques that improve way-finding and traffic flow. Signal coordination projects can provide as much as a 10% capacity increase to the roadway. Other projects include signage, messaging and other techniques that improve way-finding and traffic flow. Near-term investments include better signage and messaging on US 26 and coordinated signal improvements along all north-south arterials.

Regional east-west transit link: Projects improve east-west transit that connects Mt Hood Community College, Downtown Gresham, Portland and South Waterfront's Innovation Quadrant. Division is one of the top transit corridors for ridership in the region. Projects include enhanced bus/bus rapid transit and safety, and pedestrian and bike improvements (sidewalks, medians, crossings, access management) to make Division a great street for transit and walking.

Enhancements along this corridor create the potential for even greater ridership demand. Enhanced bus service can provide additional service to Downtown Gresham and the Civic Neighborhood, a vital commercial area. Gresham will continue street improvements for sidewalks and other features to make walking and access to transit easier. The phase I recommendation is to pursue a transit alternative analysis along the Powell/Division Corridor.

Figure 6.3
East Metro Connections Recommended Investments (as Recommended by the project's Steering Committee)





6.3.1.5 Gresham/Fairview/Wood Village/Troutdale to Damascus (Mobility Corridor #15)

A need to develop a long-term mobility strategy for the area between I-84 and Highway 26 exists, and has become increasingly critical since the time of the 2004 RTP. The addition of Springwater and Damascus within the UGB has heightened the need for the link. In 2007, the mayors of the east Multnomah County cities—Gresham, Troutdale, Wood Village and Fairview - entered into a MOU that identifies the need to comprehensively analyze I-84/US26 connectivity as their shared top transportation priority.

A series of interim improvements to Hogan Road are inadequate to meet projected demand through 2035. The modeling shows that Hogan will fail even with these arterial improvements. Since only projects on the financially constrained system are likely to be carried forward, the modeling actually underestimates the extent of the system failure.

The RTP calls for a series of interim improvements that will better connect Hogan Road to both I-84 on the north, and US 26 to the south. These improvements are needed to ensure continued development of the Gresham regional center and expected freight mobility demands of through traffic. The purpose of the refinement plan is to develop a long-term strategy for the area between 181st/182nd Avenue and 257th Avenue/Kane Road to address regional transportation needs. The refinement plan would consider a full range of transportation solutions that support planned land uses and recommend improvements for the connection between I-84 and US26, including but not limited to: 181st\181st Avenue, Fairview Parkway, 242nd Avenue/Hogan Road and 257th Avenue, per the MOU. The corridor refinement plan is necessary to make informed transportation investment decisions that will facilitate the development the underutilized industrial lands, foster economic growth and maintain and enhance the livability of east Metro communities.

An improved north/south corridor will also benefit transit-oriented development along the MAX light rail corridor, as it would move freight traffic from its current route along Burnside Street, where it conflicts with development of the Rockwood town center and adjacent station communities. In addition to planned improvements to the Hogan Road corridor and the analysis of alternative routes, a corridor study should address:

- More aggressive access management between Stark Street and Powell Boulevard on 181st, 207th and 257th avenues
- Redesigned intersection improvements on Hogan at Stark, Burnside, Division and Powell to streamline through-flow
- Need for a long-term primary freight route in the corridor
- Potential for a new alignment south of Powell Boulevard to US 26
- High capacity transit, including a potential to link Mt. Hood Community College to the light rail system.
- All local street improvements, including locally needed connections to I-84 and US-26.

STAFF REPORT

IN CONSIDERATON OF ORDINANCE NO.13-1304, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE FINANCIALLY CONSTRAINED 2035 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) TO ADD THE NE 238TH DRIVE: HALSEY STREET TO GLISAN STREET FREIGHT AND MULTIMODAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT; REMOVE THE EAST BUTTES LOOP TRAIL AND BEAVER CREEK TRAIL PROJECTS; AMEND POLICIES IN CHAPTER 2 AND 6.

Date: April 10, 2013 Prepared by: Grace Cho, John Mermin & Brian Monberg

BACKGROUND

The East Metro Connections Plan (EMCP) partners have requested amendments to the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) and the Metro Council together have the authority to approve amendments to the RTP.

The EMCP is the first "mobility corridor refinement" plan identified in the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan to be implemented in our region. A mobility corridor refinement plan aims to better integrate land use, community and economic development, environmental and transportation goals when identifying projects along major transportation corridors. EMCP project partners include the cities of Fairview, Gresham, Troutdale and Wood Village, Multnomah County, ODOT, and Metro. Additional participating entities include Damascus, Portland, Clackamas County, the Port of Portland and TriMet. This two year effort analyzed present and future transportation needs and opportunities and prioritized solutions for updates to the Regional Transportation Plan and project implementation. The EMCP was recommended by the steering committee for adoption in June 2012 and subsequently adopted by the Metro Council in August 2012.

Project amendment

Members of the EMCP process propose to include the top priority project, NE 238th Drive: Halsey Street to Glisan Street Freight and Multimodal Improvements to the 2035 RTP financially constrained project list. The project consists of improvements to the curvature of the road and construction of multimodal facilities. Elements include construction of a cross-section that includes a southbound travel lane with a passing lane, and a northbound travel lane, and bike/pedestrian facilities on both the northbound and southbound sides. Members of the EMCP process are proposing to drop: 1) RTP #11074, East Buttes Loop Trail: From Springwater Trail to Rodlun Road, a City of Gresham project, and 2) RTP #10409, Beaver Creek Trail, a Multinomah County project, from the Financially Constrained list. NE 238th Drive: Halsey Street to Glisan Street Freight and Multimodal Improvements project emerged as the top priority project through the two-year long planning effort. Adding the project to the 2035 financially constrained RTP makes it eligible for federal funding to be allocated in the current 2016-18 Regional Flexible Funding and 2015-18 STIP Enhance allocation processes.

Policy amendments

Consistent with the outcomes based planning framework of the Regional Transportation Plan and the mobility corridor strategy, the East Metro Connections Plan will advance updated policy elements to support project development identified in the plan. The RTP freight network map (RTP figure 2.20) will be amended to reflect the proposed East Metro Connections Plan "freight grid", including main roadway routes and road connectors. Projects developed on the "freight grid" will be designed for safe freight movement. Updates to the arterial and throughway network map (RTP figure 2.12), regional design classifications map (RTP figure 2.10) and regional bicycle network map (RTP figure 2.22) will be updated for policy consistency with the freight network map.

Exhibit D to Resolution No. 13-1304

The RTP chapter 6, "Implementation", will reflect that the proposed corridor refinement plan for Mobility Corridor #15 (Gresham/Fairview/Troutdale/Wood Village to Damascus) has now been completed. A summary of EMCP recommendations will be included in section 6.3.2.4. Edits to RTP bike and pedestrian system maps, e.g. a new proposed trail connection from the Sandy River to Mt Hood Community College, Springwater District and Springwater corridor trail, are expected to be made as part of recommendations from the Regional Active Transportation Plan during the next scheduled RTP update.

Consistency with RTP

These amendments are processed pursuant to Sections 6.6.1 and 6.6.2 of the RTP, which provides that *project list* amendments must include a demonstration of consistency with the RTP and that *policy or system map* amendments must include a demonstration of consistency with the Regional Framework Plan. EMCP partners have provided an analysis explaining why the proposed project amendment (NE 238th Ave) is consistent with the solutions hierarchy (Metro Code 3.08.220) of the Regional Transportation Functional Plan, which implements the policies, goals and objectives of the RTP. That analysis is provided in the memorandum included as Attachment 1, which staff concludes is sufficient to demonstrate that the project list amendment is consistent with the policies, goals and objectives of the RTP as required under Section 6.6.2 of the RTP. Additionally, EMCP partners have provided an analysis (p.5-10) in Attachment 1 explaining why the proposed policy and system map amendments are consistent with the Regional Framework Plan. Staff concludes this is sufficient to demonstrate the policy and system map amendments are consistent with the Regional Framework Plan.

Air Quality Conformity

An air quality conformity analysis was completed on the proposed amendment. The results indicate that adding the project to the 2035 financially constrained RTP will not exceed the permitted emissions "budget" and therefore conforms to air quality regulations. A copy of the air quality conformity report findings are included in Attachment 2.

Public Comments

Metro's Public Involvement Policy for Transportation Planning requires a 30-day public comment period for all major amendments to an RTP or MTIP. Major amendments are defined as those that "involve additions or deletions of projects or a significant change in scope of the project location or function." Staff determined that the amendments requested by Metro, meet the definition of major amendments.

Additionally, the EMCP also requests several policy amendments which triggered state rules requiring a 45-day public comment period. Therefore all the requested amendments to the RTP underwent a 45-day public comment period.

Metro conducted a 45-day public comment period on the requested amendments from February 22, 2013 to April 8, 2013. The comment period was advertized with a legal notice in The Oregonian on February 21, 2013 and to several other community news papers. The advertisements directed the public to a web page that provided detailed information on the requested amendments. For environmental justice outreach purposes, translation of the proposed RTP amendments were conducted to provide information to limited English proficiency populations. The translation materials of the RTP amendments was tailored to the languages spoken in the areas the projects are located. One comment was received in opposition to the 238th Ave project, which the commenter did not think was a cost-effective solution.

ANALYSIS/INFORMATION

- 1. **Known Opposition** None known at this time.
- 2. Legal Antecedents Metro Council Ordinance No. 10-1241B For the Purpose of Amending the 2035

Exhibit D to Resolution No. 13-1304

Regional Transportation Plan (Federal Component) and the 2004 Regional Transportation Plan to Comply with Federal and State Law; to add the Regional Transportation System Management and Operations Action Plan, the Regional Freight Plan and the High Capacity Transit System Plan; to Amend the Regional Transportation Functional Plan and Add it to the Metro Code; to Amend the Regional Framework Plan; and to Amend the Urban Growth Management Functional Plan, adopted by the Metro Council June 10, 2010.

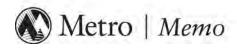
3. Anticipated Effects None

4. Budget Impacts None

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Metro staff recommends the approval of Ordinance No. 13-1304.





Date: March 19, 2013
To: John Mermin
From: Brian Monberg

Subject: Findings of Consistency

This memo provides findings of consistency for the NE 238th Drive: Halsey Street to Glisan Street Freight and Multimodal Improvements project ("the project") with the Regional Transportation Functional Plan solutions hierarchy and findings of consistency for updated regional policy maps with the Regional Framework Plan. The project consists of improvements to the curvature of the road and construction of multimodal facilities. Elements include construction of a cross-section that includes a southbound travel lane with a passing lane, and a northbound travel lane, and /bike and pedestrian facilities on both the northbound and southbound sides.

The project emerged as a priority in the East Metro Connections Plan (EMCP), the first "mobility corridor refinement" plan identified in the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan to be implemented in our region. A mobility corridor refinement plan aims to better integrate land use, community and economic development, environmental and transportation goals when identifying projects along major transportation corridors. EMCP project partners include the cities of Fairview, Gresham, Troutdale and Wood Village, Multnomah County, ODOT, and Metro. Additional participating entities include Damascus, Portland, Clackamas County, the Port of Portland and TriMet.

This two year effort analyzed present and future transportation needs and opportunities and has prioritized solutions/project for updates to the Regional Transportation Plan and project implementation. Decisions were conducted over 6 public meetings of a Steering Committee representing elected officials, business, neighborhood, and transportation constituencies. The final recommendation was endorsed by the city councils of Fairview, Gresham, Troutdale, Wood Village, Multnomah County Commission, JPACT, and Metro Council.

Findings of Consistency with Regional Transportation Functional Plan

This section demonstrates the proposed amendments to the Regional Transportation Plan are consistent with the Regional Transportation Functional Plan section 3.08.220 solutions hierarchy.

Section 3.08.220 is as follows:

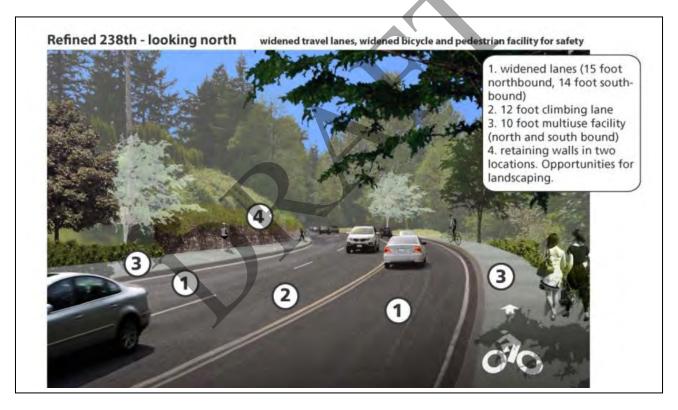
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1. TSMO strategies, including localized TDM, safety, operational and access management improvements;

The project is part of the East Metro Connections Plan, which has identified and prioritized TSMO strategies, including safety, signalization, and messaging projects. The project allows for 238th to have improved access consistent with the other primary north-south arterials in

East Multnomah County. System management strategies currently exist, and have been identified for future investments on these roadways. "Managing the System" emerged as one of the investment packages prioritized in the East Metro Connections Plan, and identified technologies such as signal timing and messaging to be applied to the arterials within East Multnomah County.

Safety is a key consideration for advancing the project. The project will address safety features for all users of the facility. The project includes safety features, and operational improvements to allow for truck mobility on an arterial where trucks are currently restricted. The project design includes improved drainage and landscaping. The project addresses access, safety, and livability concerns efficiently.

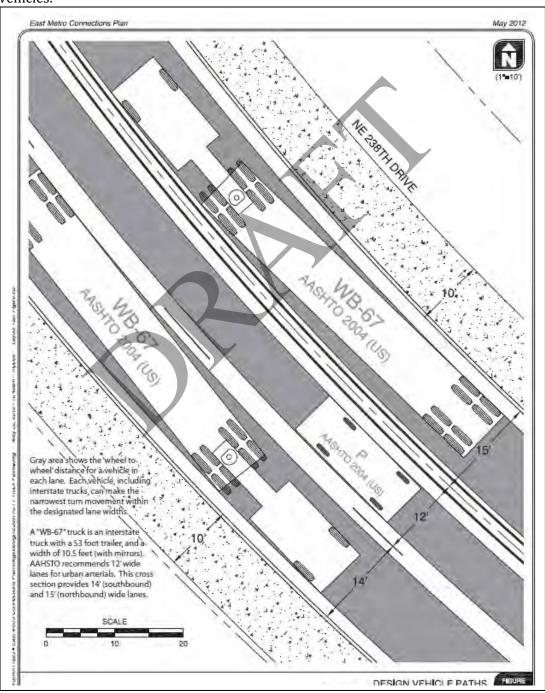


2. Transit, bicycle and pedestrian system improvements;

The current project area lacks sidewalks and bicycle facility on both sides of the roadway. The project specifically addresses this with a widened multiuse facility. There is currently no bus service along 238th/242nd, but the widened lanes would provide for improved bus movement if future transit service is considered. The project transforms a currently inadequate facility into a multimodal corridor. Concept design for the project was informed by, and is consistent with, the Halsey Street Conceptual Design Project, which the project will intersect with on the northern boundary. The project will connect to and support the bicycle and pedestrian improvements along Halsey.

3. Traffic-calming designs and devices;

The project includes designs focused on improving safety, allowing for greater separation between bicyclists, pedestrians and vehicles through a widened multi-use path separate from the roadway. The project will improve curvature of the road and the turning radius for vehicles.



4. Land use strategies in OAR 660-012-0035(2) to help achieve the thresholds and standards in Tables3.08-1 and 3.08-2 or alternative thresholds and standards established pursuant to section 3.08.230;

The project is adjacent to Halsey Street (which is a designated 2040 main street), town centers in Troutdale and Wood Village, and Gresham Vista, a regionally significant employment and industrial area. The project is intended to support and enhance existing land use policies currently in place, particularly in support of Troutdale Town Center, and Employment and Industrial lands along $242^{\rm nd}$ and Hogan. The project will increase access to these locations in a way that is consistent with current plans and policies. By creating a facility that is neighborhood oriented and allows for improved biking and walking, the project will support lane uses in these target areas, while improving access for residents in Wood Village, Troutdale, and Gresham, particularly along Arata Road.

5. Connectivity improvements to provide parallel arterials, collectors or local streets that include pedestrian and bicycle facilities, consistent with the connectivity standards in section 3.08.110 and design classifications in Table 2.6 of the RTP, in order to provide alternative routes and encourage walking, biking, and access to transit;

This project emerged as a key priority from the East Metro Connections Plan, with the greatest opportunity to improve connectivity on the four primary north-south arterials in East Multnomah County. The project is consistent with Regional Transportation Plan policy as it this project provides for increased vehicle, freight, bicycle, and pedestrian connectivity. Improvements identified in the project will allow for the facility to provide increased access and connectivity, particularly for those walking and biking between Arata Road, Halsey and Glisan. This area has many residences and will improve connectivity to commercial centers on Glisan and Halsey, including downtown Troutdale. The project also improves access to the I-84 interchange.

6. Motor vehicle capacity improvements, consistent with the RTP Arterial and Throughway Design and Network Concepts in Table 2.6 and section 2.5.2 of the RTP, only upon a demonstration that other strategies in this subsection are not appropriate or cannot adequately address identified transportation needs.

The East Metro Connections Plan, through technical outreach, community involvement, and public discussion, determined that a major new highway facility is not needed to provide for future transportation needs. The East Metro Connections Plan provided a comprehensive, multimodal, land use based recommendation. The East Metro Connections Plan did not find a need for, or recommend, a major new freeway within East Multnomah County, and directs limited public investments on projects to provide for the highest return on identified 2040 Target Areas. The project is widening existing lanes and improving freight mobility, but is not adding news lanes or increasing vehicle capacity.

Findings of consistency for Regional Framework Plan

This section provides findings of consistency with the Regional Framework Plan. Consistent with the outcomes based planning framework of the Regional Transportation Plan and the mobility corridor strategy, the East Metro Connections Plan is providing updated policy elements to support project development identified in the plan. These include:

- The RTP freight network map (RTP figure 2.20) will be amended to reflect the proposed East Metro Connections Plan "freight grid", including main roadway routes and road connectors. Projects developed on the "freight grid" will be designed for safe freight movement.
- These changes will include updates to the regional freight network map. Updates to the arterial and through network map and regional design classifications map will be updated for policy consistency with the freight network map.

The policy map changes are adopted to provide consistency to the functional classification of the four primary north-south arterials that connect I-84 to US 26 in East Multnomah County.

The East Metro Connections Plan is a Metro-led corridor refinement plan that identified transportation improvements in East Multnomah County that support the 10 Goals of the Regional Transportation Plan.

Goal 1: Foster Vibrant Communities and Efficient Urban Form

Land use and transportation decisions are linked to optimize public investments and support active transportation options and jobs, schools, shopping, services, recreational opportunities and housing proximity.

RTP Goal 1 calls for land use and transportation decisions to be linked together to provide for proximity to housing and jobs. Objective 1.1 Compact Urban Form and Design calls for transportation investments to reinforce growth in and multi-modal access to 2040 Target Areas and ensure that develop in the 2040 Target Areas is consistent with and support Transportation investments.

The proposed RTP policy map changes were developed as part of the East Metro Connections Plan, a planning process with the stated goals of Access and mobility, Economic Vitality, and supporting local jurisdiction's vision for land use and visibility. The East Metro Connections Plan is the first "mobility corridor refinement" plan identified in the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan to be implemented in our region. A mobility corridor refinement plan aims to better integrate land use, community and economic development, environmental and transportation goals when identifying projects along major transportation corridors. EMCP project partners include the cities of Fairview, Gresham, Troutdale and Wood Village, Multnomah County, ODOT, and Metro. Additional participating entities include Damascus, Portland, Clackamas County, the Port of Portland and TriMet. Policy map changes and projects were developed in accordance with "investment packages" that link transportation investments to specific land uses. The proposed policy map changes support local jurisdiction plans in the Springwater District, a regionally significant

employment area. The proposed RTP policy map changes will support a system where transportation investments are linked to a grid network to support access to housing and jobs throughout East Multnomah County. Accordingly, the proposed RTP amendments are consistent with this RTP policy.

Goal 2: Sustain Economic Competitiveness and Prosperity

Multi-modal transportation infrastructure and services support the region's well-being and a diverse, innovative, sustainable and growing regional and state economy.

RTP Goal 2 calls for infrastructure and services to be developed to support a strong regional and state economy.

The proposed RTP policy map changes were developed as part of the East Metro Connections Plan, a process with stated goals of Access and mobility and Economic Vitality. Updates to the freight network support a "freight grid" in East Multnomah County that support freight reliability by providing for policies to support freight access. Accordingly, the proposed RTP amendments are consistent with this RTP policy.

Goal 3: Expand Transportation Choices

Multi-modal transportation infrastructure and services provide all residents of the region with affordable and equitable options for accessing housing, jobs, services, shopping, educational, cultural and recreational opportunities, and facilitate competitive choices for goods movement for all businesses in the region.

Goal 3 of the RTP calls for the region to provide all residents with affordable and equity options for accessing housing, jobs, services, shopping, and to provide travel choices. The goal calls for the region to support multi-modal freight transportation that facilitate competitive choices for goods movement for businesses.

Investments in the East Metro Connections Plan were evaluated according to seven factors. Factor 1, Access and Mobility, included measures to assess investments based on improvements to transit ridership, pedestrian access and service, bicycle access and service, and freight operational efficiency. The proposed policy changes will support multi-modal freight transportation system through the Freight Network map changes. Accordingly, the proposed RTP amendments are consistent with this RTP policy.

Goal 4: Emphasize Effective and Efficient Management of the Transportation System Existing and future multi-modal transportation infrastructure and services are well-managed to optimize capacity, improve travel conditions and address air quality goals.

Goal 4 of the RTP calls for improved travel conditions through applying technology solutions to actively manage the transportation system, including traveler information, incident and demand management.

"Managing the System" emerged as one of the investment packages prioritized in the East Metro Connections Plan, and identified technologies such as signal timing and messaging to be applied to the arterials within East Multnomah County. The proposed policy updates provides for consistent designations on the primary north-south arterials in East Multnomah County, and system management strategies have been identified for future investments on these roadways. Accordingly, the proposed RTP amendments are consistent with this RTP policy.

Goal 5: Enhance Safety and Security

Multi-modal transportation infrastructure and services are safe and secure for the public and goods movement.

Goal 5 of the RTP calls for safe and secure movement of people and goods by reducing crashes, serious injury, crime, and vulnerability to terrorism and natural disasters.

Investments in the East Metro Connections Plan were evaluated according to seven factors. Factor 3, Safety and Security, evaluated projects based on reducing intermodal conflict, addressing high crash corridors, and increasing safe travel near schools, commercial areas, and vital services. The proposed changes to the policy elements provides consistent policy designations on the four primary north-south arterials in East Multnomah County. This transportation grid is consistent with the Regional Mobility Corridor concept, and the Regional Arterial and Throughway Network Concept (Figure 2.11) and ensures that future investments benefits and burdens will be distributed across the network and not focus on a single roadway facility. Investments identified will specifically provide improved safety on roadways. Accordingly, the proposed RTP amendments are consistent with this RTP policy.

Goal 6: Promote Environmental Stewardship

Promote responsible stewardship of the region's natural, community, and cultural resources.

Goal 6 of the RTP calls for responsible stewardship of the regions resources by avoiding or minimizing undesirable impacts on habitat areas, wildlife corridors, open spaces, and to reduce vehicle emissions, energy and land consumption in order to protect the region's air and water quality.

Investments in the East Metro Connections Plan were evaluated according to seven factors. Factor 4, Natural Environment, included measures to assess whether an investment increases or improves integrity of parklands, natural areas, wetlands; improves storm water drainage and water quality; improves wildlife habitat and fish passage; and protects species identified in the Oregon Conservation Strategy. The proposed policy changes will direct future investments in areas with existing transportation infrastructure, and does not direct investments into areas with sensitive water quality or habitat concerns. Accordingly, the proposed RTP amendments are consistent with this RTP policy.

Goal 7: Enhance Human Health

Multi-modal transportation infrastructure and services provide safe, comfortable and convenient options that support active living and physical activity, and minimize transportation-related pollution that negatively impacts human health.

Goal 7 of the RTP calls for transportation infrastructure and services to provide safe, comfortable, and convenient options that support active living and to minimize pollution impacts that provide negative health effects.

Investments in the East Metro Connections Plan were evaluated according to seven factors. Factor 4, Healthy Communities, included measures to evaluate investments based on network connections to food, walking, biking, and access to transit. Future investments have been identified for existing road facilities, reducing potential future adverse pollution impacts. The proposed changes to the policy elements provide consistent policy designations on the four primary north-south arterials. The proposed amendments do not find a need or recommend a major new freeway within East Multnomah County. Accordingly, the proposed RTP amendments are consistent with this RTP policy.

Goal 8: Ensure Equity

The benefits and adverse impacts of regional transportation planning, programs and investment decisions are equitably distributed among population demographics and geography, considering different parts of the region and census block groups with different incomes, races and ethnicities.

Goal 8 of the RTP calls for benefits and impacts of transportation decisions be equitably distributed among population demographics and geography. The goal includes objectives on environmental justice and ensuring that investments provide a range of options for people with low income, elders, and people with disabilities.

The proposed changes to the policy elements provides consistent policy designations on the four primary north-south arterials in East Multnomah County. This transportation grid is consistent with the Regional Mobility Corridor concept, and the Regional Arterial and Throughway Network Concept (Figure 2.11) and ensures that future investments benefits and burdens will be distributed across the network and not focus on a single roadway facility.

Investments in the East Metro Connections Plan were evaluated according to seven factors. Factor 5, Equity, included objectives and measures that assessed demographics and geography, particularly income, race, and ethnicity by census block groups within the project area. Decisionmakers were informed by community engagement, including early outreach to minority groups and people limited English proficiency to identify challenges and opportunities. Accordingly, the proposed RTP amendments are consistent with this RTP policy.

Goal 9: Ensure Fiscal Stewardship

Regional transportation planning and investment decisions ensure the best return on public investments in infrastructure and programs.

Goal 9 of the RTP calls for decision making the provides for the best return on public investment through asset management, using public resources effectively and efficiently, and securing stable and innovative funding.

The policy items for inclusion in the amended RTP provide for consistency to the functional classification of the four primary north-south arterials that connect I-84 to US 26 in East Multnomah County. As such, future investments are directed towards maintaining existing transportation facilities, and maximizing return on public investment through the prioritization of future investments. The proposed amendments do not find a need or recommend a major new freeway within East Multnomah County, and direct limited public investments on projects to provide for the highest return on identified 2040 Target Areas. Accordingly, the proposed RTP amendments are consistent with this RTP policy.

Goal 10: Deliver Accountability

The region's government, business, institutional and community leaders work together in an open and transparent manner so the public has meaningful opportunities for input on transportation decisions and experiences an integrated, comprehensive system of transportation facilities and services that bridge governance, institutional and fiscal barriers.

Goal 10 of the RTP calls for meaningful opportunities for input on decisions affecting transportation facilities and services. The goal calls for opportunities during plan development and review for interested and affected stakeholders, including people who have traditionally been underrepresented, and that representation is equitable among affected jurisdictions and stakeholders.

The policy items for inclusion in the amended RTP were the result of a The East Metro Connections Plan, a two year deliberative process. The Steering Committee charged with providing a recommendation comprised elected officials, business, neighborhood, community, resource and transportation constituencies. Meetings were advertised, open to the public, and included public testimony. Public comment on key decisions were solicited by web comment and public discussion, and provided to the steering committee prior to meetings. As detailed in the Public Process below, the project was developed to provide meaningful opportunities for input from the public, and to provide equitable representation for decision-making. Accordingly, the proposed RTP amendments are consistent with this RTP policy.

Public Process

The East Metro Connections Plan is the first "mobility corridor refinement" plan identified in the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan to be implemented in our region. A mobility corridor refinement plan aims to better integrate land use, community and economic development, environmental and transportation goals when identifying projects along major transportation corridors. EMCP project partners include the cities of Fairview, Gresham, Troutdale and Wood

Village, Multnomah County, ODOT, and Metro. Additional participating entities include Damascus, Portland, Clackamas County, the Port of Portland and TriMet.

The two year effort analyzed present and future transportation needs and opportunities and is has prioritized solutions/project for updates to the Regional Transportation Plan and project implementation. Decisions were made incrementally over 6 public meetings of a Steering Committee made up of elected officials, business and neighborhood members, and transportation constituencies. Decision-makers were informed by community engagement, including early outreach to minority groups and people limited English proficiency to identify challenges and opportunities. This input, along with other community surveys were provided to the Steering Committee in advance of each decision-making milestone. The final recommendation was endorsed by the city councils of Fairview, Gresham, Troutdale, Wood Village, Multnomah County Commission, JPACT, and Metro Council.

There has been extensive public outreach for this project. The following outlines primary outreach:

- 2011 -2012: 8 visits to Gresham neighborhood associations, 2 visits to the Coalition of Gresham Neighborhoods and one neighborhood information fair
- Summer and Fall 2011: Co-created and administered joint EMCP/Gresham TSP online survey about travel challenges; published summary of responses (December steering committee materials)
- 2010 2012: 4 articles in Neighborhood Connections, Gresham's e-newsletter
- 2010 2012: Engagement of experts including school districts, parks and natural environment, freight, and equity
- March, 2012: Project update presentation to Gresham City Council; presentations to Planning Commission and City Council, May – July, 2012
- Spring, 2012: Presentations and discussions with community and business groups including Gresham Area Chamber of Commerce (April 17, 2012), East Metro Economic Alliance (March 8, 2012), Mt Hood Community College (April 11, 2012)
- 2011 2012: Joint outreach with Gresham's Healthy Eating Active Living program, including open houses
- February March 2012: Presentations to Fairview, Gresham, Troutdale, Wood Village City Councils. Presentation to Gresham and Troutdale Planning Commissions.
- March 2012: EMCP Open House
- 2011 2012: Regular updates to East Multnomah County Transportation Committee (EMCTC) by Metro Councilor Shirley Craddick and Metro staff
- 2010 -2012: Regular email updates to interested parties list
- Sept. 2011 and April 2012: Oregonian coverage (Sept 2011 and April 2012)

Overall Conclusion

All relevant regional policies included in the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan have been examined in these findings concerning the proposed RTP policy amendments. Application of the regional goals, as documented above, demonstrates that the proposed changes are also consistent with the Regional Framework Plan.

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE FINANCIALLY CONSTRAINED 2035 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) TO CHANGE THE TERMINUS OF THE CITY OF BEAVERTON'S CRESCENT STREET MULTIMODAL PROJECT FROM CEDAR HILLS BOULEVARD TO WESTGATE DRIVE	 RESOLUTION NO. 13-4420 Introduced by Chief Operating Officer Marth Bennett in concurrence with Council President Tom Hughes
WHEREAS, the 2035 Regional Transportat Region 2040 Growth Concept, and constitutes a poli Plan; and	ion Plan (RTP) is a central tool for implementing the icy component of the Metro Regional Framework
	amittee on Transportation (JPACT) and the Metro amendments to add or remove projects from the RTP;
WHEREAS, the Metro Council adopted the 1241B on June 10, 2010; and	RTP and related elements by Ordinance No. 10-
WHEREAS, the City of Beaverton's Cresce financially constrained RTP (project # 10619); and	ent Street Multimodal project was included in the 2035
WHEREAS, the scope of the Crescent Street improvements from Rose Biggi Road to Cedar Hills	t Multimodal project is to make multimodal Road; and
WHEREAS, the City of Beaverton has requ Multimodal project to extend the project from Cedan	ested to amend the scope of the Crescent Street r Hills Road to Westgate Drive; and
WHEREAS, an air quality conformity analy conformity status of the RTP; now therefore	vsis demonstrates that the project will not affect the
BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council	hereby adopts the recommendation of JPACT to:
1. Amend the financially constrained RTP pro	eject list as shown in Exhibit A attached and
	ril 10, 2013 and its Attachment 1, which are attached olution, and which explain how the amendments are a Plan.
ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 16th day of M	1 ay 2013.
Approved as to Form:	Tom Hughes, Council President
Alison Kean Campbell, Metro Attorney	

Exhibit A to Resolution No. 13-4420

2035 Regional Transportation Plan Appendix 1.1 project list amendment

Action: Amend the 2035 RTP financially constrained project Crescent Street Multimodal project to end at Westgate Drive.

Metro	Facility	Project/Program	Project	Project	Local	Description	Estimated	Time	Federal	Primary Mode
Project	Owner/Operator	Name	Start	End	Functional		Cost	Period	FC	
ID			Location	Location	Class				Project	
10619	Beaverton	Crescent Street	Rose	Cedar Hills	Major	Extend 2	\$3,500,000	2008-		Roads/Bridges
		Multimodal	Biggi	Boulevard	Arterial	lane		2017		
		Extension to	Avenue	<u>Westgate</u>		Crescent				
		Cedar Hills		<u>Drive</u>		from Cedar			Х	
		Boulevard				Hills to Rose				
						Biggi				
						Avenue.				

Exhibit B to Resolution No. 13-4420

STAFF REPORT

IN CONSIDERATON OF RESOLUTION NO.13-4420, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE FINANCIALLY CONSTRAINED 2035 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) TO CHANGE THE TERMINUS OF THE CRESCENT STREET MULTIMODAL PROJECT FROM CEDAR HILLS ROAD TO WESTGATE DRIVE

Date: April 10, 2013 Prepared by: Grace Cho & John Mermin

BACKGROUND

The City of Beaverton has requested amendments to the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) and the Metro Council together have the authority to approve amendments to the RTP.

The City of Beaverton has requested to amend project #10619, Crescent St multimodal extension from Rose Biggi Avenue to Cedar Hills Boulevard on the 2035 RTP financially constrained list. The amendment proposes extending the terminus to Westgate Drive, instead of Cedar Hills Boulevard. The new terminus supports redevelopment potential in the Beaverton Regional Center and has been included in the City's application for ODOT Enhance funding through its STIP process.

Consistency with RTP

These amendments are processed pursuant to Section 6.6.2 of the RTP, which provides that project list amendments must include a demonstration of consistency with the RTP. Beaverton staff has provided an analysis explaining why the proposed project amendment is consistent with the solutions hierarchy (Metro Code 3.08.220) of the Regional Transportation Functional Plan, which implements the policies, goals and objectives of the RTP. That analysis is provided in the memorandum included as Attachment 1, which staff concludes is sufficient to demonstrate that the project list amendment is consistent with the RTP as required under Section 6.6.2 of the RTP.

Air Quality Conformity

An air quality conformity analysis was completed on the proposed amendments. The results indicate that adding the projects to the 2035 financially constrained RTP will not exceed the permitted emissions "budget" and therefore conforms to air quality regulations. A copy of the air quality conformity report findings are included in Attachment 2.

Public Comments

Metro's Public Involvement Policy for Transportation Planning requires a 30-day public comment period for all major amendments to an RTP or MTIP. Major amendments are defined as those that "involve additions or deletions of projects or a significant change in scope of the project location or function." Staff determined that the amendment requested by the City of Beaverton meet the definition of major amendments.

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Exhibit B to Resolution No. 13-4420

ANALYSIS/INFORMATION

- 1. **Known Opposition** None known at this time.
- 2. **Legal Antecedents** Metro Council Ordinance No. 10-1241B For the Purpose of Amending the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (Federal Component) and the 2004 Regional Transportation Plan to Comply with Federal and State Law; to add the Regional Transportation System Management and Operations Action Plan, the Regional Freight Plan and the High Capacity Transit System Plan; to Amend the Regional Transportation Functional Plan and Add it to the Metro Code; to Amend the Regional Framework Plan; and to Amend the Urban Growth Management Functional Plan, adopted by the Metro Council June 10, 2010.

Metro Council Resolution No.10-4186 For the Purpose of Approving the 2010-13 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program for the Portland Metropolitan Area adopted by the Metro Council September 16, 2010

- 3. Anticipated Effects None
- 4. Budget Impacts None

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Metro staff recommends the approval of Resolution No. 13-4420

MEMORANDUM

Community & Economic Development

To: John Mermin, Metro

Brenda Perez, FHWA

From: Luke Pelz, Associate Transportation Planner

Date: 2/26/13

Subject: Regional Transportation Functional Plan Solutions Hierarchy

RTP Amendment: Crescent Street Extension Realignment

The City of Beaverton has requested a minor amendment to the RTP in order to realign the end location of the Crescent Street Extension from Cedar Hills Boulevard to SW Westgate Drive. You have asked that we provide supplemental documentation that addresses the Regional Transportation Functional Plan Solutions Hierarchy. This memo serves as our response to your request.

Response to Transportation Solutions Hierarchy

Metro Code Chapter 3.08 Regional Transportation Functional Plan, Section 3.08.220 Transportation Solutions

A. Each city and county shall consider the following strategies, in the order listed, to meet the transportation needs determined pursuant to section 3.08.210 and performance targets and standards pursuant to section 3.08.230. The city or county shall explain its choice of one or more of the strategies and why other strategies were not chosen:

1. TSMO strategies, including localized TDM, safety, operational and access management improvements;

Response: The existing alignment of the Crescent Street Extension ends at Cedar Hills Boulevard near TriMet's MAX Blue Line, while the proposed realignment ends at SW Westgate Drive. The realignment improves safety by removing any potential conflicts with vehicle turn movements and the MAX Blue Line, and by using a local street design to reduce traffic speeds (Crescent Street is classified as a collector). Furthermore, the realignment reduces the number of access points along Cedar Hills Boulevard (classified as an arterial), which provides for improved traffic operation.

2. Transit, bicycle and pedestrian system improvements:

Response: The proposed realignment is located adjacent to the Round Transit Oriented Development within the Beaverton Regional Center. The realignment will improve mobility for people traveling between the Beaverton Central MAX Station and employment and shopping areas. Futhermore, the proposed street design includes pedestrian walkways and adequate right of way to accommodate bicycles in the shared travel lane.

3. Traffic-calming designs and devices;

Response: In order to reduce traffic speeds the proposed street design includes two twelve foot wide travel lanes; curb extensions located at the intersections of Crescent Street and Rose Biggi Avenue, and Crescent Street and Westgate Drive; an approximate ninety degree turn; and on-street parking in a few locations.

4. Land use strategies in OAR 660-012-0035(2) to help achieve the thresholds and standards in Tables 3.08-1 and 3.08-2 or alternative thresholds and standards established pursuant to section 3.08.230;

Response: The proposed realignment allows the undeveloped site located south of the project to achieve complete high-density development build out. The Crescent Street Extension realignment is located within the RC-TO (Regional Center - Transit Oriented) zone, which has a minimum required floor-to-area ratio of 0.60. To help achieve the non-drive alone modal target of 45-55% as shown in Table 3.08-1 of the Metro Code, the City of Beaverton has adopted parking minimum and maximum ratios for the RC-TO zone consistent with subsection 3.08.410A, which are included in Section 60.30 of the Beaverton Development Code.

5. Connectivity improvements to provide parallel arterials, collectors or local streets that include pedestrian and bicycle facilities, consistent with the connectivity standards in section 3.08.110 and design classifications in Table 2.6 of the RTP, in order to provide alternative routes and encourage walking, biking and access to transit; and

Response: The proposed realignment is located adjacent to the Round Transit Oriented Development within the Beaverton Regional Center. The realignment will improve mobility for people traveling between the Beaverton Central MAX Station and employment and shopping areas. Additionally, the proposed street design includes pedestrian walkways and adequate right of way to accommodate bicycles in the shared travel lane.

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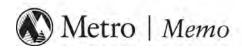
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Public Process

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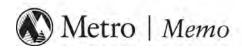
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WHEREAS, the City of Portland was recently awarded an Oregon State Department of Transportation (ODOT) Transportation Enhancement grant for the N. Williams Traffic Safety Operations project; and

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WHEREAS, an air quality conformity analysis demonstrates that the project will not affect the conformity status of the 2035 RTP and the 2012-15 MTIP; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council hereby adopts the recommendation of JPACT to:

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- 2. Amend the 2012-15 MTIP to include the N. Williams Traffic Safety Operations project as shown in Exhibit B, attached and incorporated into this Resolution.

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ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 16th day of May 2013.

Approved as to Form:	Tom Hughes, Council President
Alison Kean Campbell, Metro Attorney	

2035 Regional Transportation Plan Appendix 1.1 project list amendment

Action: Amend the 2035 RTP financially constrained project list to add the N. Williams Traffic Safety Operations project.

Metro	Facility	Project/Program	Project	Project End	Local	Description	Estimated	Time	Federal	Primary Mode
Project	Owner/Operator	Name	Start	Location	Functional		Cost	Period	FC	
ID			Location		Class				Project	
11372	Portland	N. Williams	N.	N.	Collector	Enhanced	\$1,640,000	2008-		Roads/Bridges
		Traffic Safety	Winning	Killingsworth		crossings,		2017		
		Operations	Way	Street		buffered bike				
						lanes, traffic				
						calming, new			X	
						traffic signal,			^	
						and				
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2012-2015 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program Table 3.1.1 amendment

Action: Amend the 2012-2015 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program to add the N. Williams Traffic Safety Operations project.

Amended Programming

Project/Program	ODOT	Lead	Estimated	Project	Fund Type	Program	Federal	Minimum	Other Funds	Total
Name	Key #	Agency	Total	Phase		Year	Funding	Local Match		Funding
			Project							
			Cost (all							
			phases, all							
			years)							
N. Williams		Portland		PE	State	2013	*	\$49,731	\$434,503	\$1,640,000
Traffic Safety					Bike/Ped					
Operations			\$1,484,234	1						
				Construction	State	2014		\$102,700	\$897,300	\$1,484,234
					Bike/Ped					

STAFF REPORT

IN CONSIDERATON OF RESOLUTION NO.13-4421, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE FINANCIALLY CONSTRAINED 2035 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) AND THE 2012-2015 METROPOLITAN IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (MTIP) TO ADD THE N. WILLIAMS TRAFFIC SAFETY OPERATIONS PROJECT

Date: April 10, 2013 Prepared by: Grace Cho & John Mermin

BACKGROUND

The City of Portland has requested an amendment to the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) and the Metro Council together have the authority to approve amendments to the RTP.

The City of Portland has requested an amendment for the N. Williams Traffic Safety operations project, (N Winning Way to N Killingsworth Street): Pedestrian and bicycle traffic safety and operational improvements, including enhanced crossings, buffered bike lane, traffic calming, a new traffic signal and modifications at existing signals on N Williams and neighborhood greenway improvements on NE Rodney. The project was the outcome of an extensive public outreach process that lasted 16 months and included a 26 member stakeholder advisory committee with a broad, diverse representation of community stakeholders. The stakeholder advisory committee evaluated many different engineering solutions and painstakingly developed the N Williams Traffic Safety and Operations Plan to address both the local community's wishes to shape the corridor's future and the City's need to improve safety and mobility for multiple modes.

Because this project has been award funding through the ODOT Transportation Enhancement program process, the project will be incorporated into the 2012-2015 MTIP. However, the project is currently not included in the 2035 RTP and it needs to be added to the 2035 financially constrained RTP for federal funding eligibility.

Consistency with RTP

These amendments are processed pursuant to Section 6.6.2 of the RTP, which provides that project list amendments must include a demonstration of consistency with the RTP. Portland staff has provided an analysis explaining why the proposed project amendment is consistent with the solutions hierarchy (Metro Code 3.08.220) of the Regional Transportation Functional Plan, which implements the policies, goals and objectives of the RTP. That analysis is provided in the memorandum included as Attachment 1, which staff concludes is sufficient to demonstrate that the project list amendment is consistent with the RTP as required under Section 6.6.2 of the RTP.

Air Quality Conformity

An air quality conformity analysis was completed on the proposed amendments. The results indicate that adding the projects to the 2035 financially constrained RTP will not exceed the permitted emissions "budget" and therefore conforms air quality regulations. A copy of the air quality conformity report findings are included in Attachment 2.

Public Comments

Metro's Public Involvement Policy for Transportation Planning requires a 30-day public comment period for all major amendments to an RTP or MTIP. Major amendments are defined as those that "involve additions or deletions of projects or a significant change in scope of the project location or function."

Staff determined that the amendment requested by the City of Portland meet the definition of major amendments.

Metro conducted a 30-day public comment period on the requested amendments from February 22, 2013 to April 8, 2013. The comment period was advertized with a legal notice in The Oregonian on February 21, 2013 and to several other community news papers. The advertisement directed the public to a web page that provided detailed information on the requested amendments. For environmental justice outreach purposes, translation of the proposed RTP amendments was conducted to provide information to limited English proficiency populations. The translated materials was tailored to the languages spoken in the areas the projects are located. Four comments were received relating to the N.Williams project – one in support and three in opposition. Of the three opposed, one commenter disagreed with a design decision (left-side bike lane), one preferred that spending occur in outer SE Portland rather than in inner N.Portland, and one did not provide a reason.

ANALYSIS/INFORMATION

- 1. **Known Opposition** None known at this time.
- 2. **Legal Antecedents** Metro Council Ordinance No. 10-1241B For the Purpose of Amending the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (Federal Component) and the 2004 Regional Transportation Plan to Comply with Federal and State Law; to add the Regional Transportation System Management and Operations Action Plan, the Regional Freight Plan and the High Capacity Transit System Plan; to Amend the Regional Transportation Functional Plan and Add it to the Metro Code; to Amend the Regional Framework Plan; and to Amend the Urban Growth Management Functional Plan, adopted by the Metro Council June 10, 2010.

Metro Council Resolution No.10-4186 For the Purpose of Approving the 2010-13 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program for the Portland Metropolitan Area adopted by the Metro Council September 16, 2010

- 3. Anticipated Effects None
- 4. Budget Impacts None

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Metro staff recommends the approval of Resolution No. 13-4421.



March 1, 2013



Charlie Hales Mayor

John Widmer

Interim Director

TO: John

TO: John Mermin, Metro

FROM: April Bertelsen, City of Portland Bureau of Transportation

SUBJECT: Proposed RTP Amendment Additional Information for N Williams Traffic

Safety and Operations Project

The purpose of this memorandum is to demonstrate that the City of Portland Bureau of Transportation has met the Regional Transportation Functional Plan Solutions hierarchy (3.08.220) requirements for our requested RTP amendment to add the *N Williams Traffic Safety and Operations Project* to the 2035 RTP Financially Constrained Project List.

Memorandum

Public Process

The *N Williams Traffic Safety and Operations Project* was the outcome of an extensive public outreach planning process led by the Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT). This project planning process lasted a year and a half and included a 26 member stakeholder advisory committee with a broad, diverse representation of community stakeholders. This committee met 17 times to help develop the final recommendations. In addition, two formal public open houses were hosted by PBOT, along with several other meetings in the community.

The process was originally focused on the N Williams bikeway project #8325 in the Bicycle Plan for 2030. During that process, a number of alternative solutions were considered. With assistance from City of Portland traffic engineers and project managers, the stakeholder advisory committee evaluated many different engineering solutions and painstakingly developed the *N Williams Traffic Safety and Operations Plan* to address both the local community's wishes to shape the corridor's future and the City's need to improve safety and mobility for multiple modes.

The public involvement process for this plan was extended in duration and expanded in scope given the related issues associated with race and gentrification, and a poor history of community involvement through prior large scale projects that has had significant impacts on the neighborhood (I-5 freeway, Emanuel Hospital). The project received extensive media coverage and generated a much broader community wide discussion about neighborhood change and public involvement.

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The N Williams Traffic Safety and Operations Project was developed based on the N Williams Traffic Safety and Operations Plan to respond to the above issues and concerns raised during the public involvement process. Because of the issues raised during the plan development phase required an in-depth discussion with the community, and the resulting process and recommendations have helped forge a new, stronger relationship with the local community, PBOT feels it is very important that we demonstrate that we have listened, learned and are willing to change the negative history by completing construction of the project as soon as possible. Therefore, PBOT submitted this project for a grant from the State Transportation Enhancement (TE) – OBPAC combined grant program. These grant funds are available as soon as July 2013. Given the priority of this project, the RTP amendment is requested to so that construction can proceed as soon as possible.

The following sections explain the considerations and outcomes for each step in the Regional Transportation Functional Plan Solutions hierarchy (3.08.220).

1. TSMO strategies, including TDM, safety, operational and access management improvements.

North Williams Ave is a major multi-modal link and rapidly developing retail and residential corridor in North Portland. The corridor is asked to satisfy many demands and different travel modes and its current configuration is not safely or efficiently meeting all of the demands. N Williams is a one-way, north-bound couplet with N Vancouver Ave and the project includes a two-mile section of the corridor.

Foremost, safety is a key concern for all modes, particularly pedestrian crossings, bicyclebus conflicts, and auto traffic speeds. The influx of new retail and residential development is bringing more pedestrians and bicyclists to the corridor; however 31-52% of vehicles are exceeding the speed limit. Enhanced crossings and slower traffic speeds are vital to protect the increasing number of pedestrians crossing N Williams Ave and cyclists traveling the corridor.

In addition, N Williams Ave has one of the highest bicycle volumes in the City and capacity is a key concern for bicycle traffic. The current bike lane includes substandard widths in certain sections and the increasing number of bicyclists and buses using the right side of the street has created stressful and unsafe conditions. The high crash intersection at N Cook St. and N Williams Ave., where freeway off-ramp traffic connects to local streets, is creating safety issues for all modes.

This project will increase safety for all users, increase multi-modal capacity, spur greater economic development, and create a corridor that meets all transportation demands more efficiently. This project includes several multi-modal safety and operational improvements.

The main emphasis of the project is to:

- 1) improve capacity and safety for bicycling,
- 2) improve pedestrian crossing safety, and
- 3) provide traffic calming.

2 3/1/2013 The project accomplishes this through 5 main elements:

- a) road diet, through the elimination of one travel lane to provide additional capacity and buffering for the bicycle lane, as well as traffic calming
- b) shifting the bicycle facility to the left side of the roadway to eliminate bus/bike conflicts,
- c) curb extensions at various locations to improve pedestrian crossing safety,
- d) a new traffic signal at N Cook St to address safety issues related to traffic coming off the Freemont Bridge at this intersection.; and
- e) signal timing and transit signal priority that will improve multimodal performance.

This project will increase motor vehicle capacity by adding pedestrian push buttons at select locations on the corridor to reduce unnecessary delays for all travelers on the corridor. There was extensive Synchro traffic modeling done for the entire corridor. We have also spent time retiming the traffic signals and would continue that work as a part of this effort, to manage speeds on the corridor and preserve person movement capacity and performance. The project will provide increased person movement capacity by enhancing transit, pedestrian and bicycle travel.

The N Williams Traffic Safety and Operations project meets AASHTO standards in all elements. The traffic signal in the plan is warranted under the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for the traffic volumes and crashes experienced at N Cook St. and N Williams Ave.

2. Transit, bicycle and pedestrian system improvements.

See response above for relevant transit, bicycle and pedestrian system improvements.

The main design elements on N Williams Ave include a left-side buffered bicycle facility, 11 curb extensions at eight different locations, a traffic signal at N Williams and N Cook St, and a public art component that honors N Williams Avenue's importance in local African-American history. Other construction elements of the project include left turn boxes for bicycles at 3 locations and a traffic signal queue jump for transit vehicles at one location. Between N Cook St. and N Skidmore St., the project includes four additional traffic calming elements as part of the bicycle facility.

The project efficiently and inexpensively addresses safety, capacity, and livability concerns. The project is specifically designed to provide needed additional bicycle capacity by significantly increasing the width of the bicycle facility on N Williams Ave, as well as, developing a lower speed, more family-friendly parallel bikeway on NE Rodney. The additional space enhances safety by buffering cyclists from on-street parking doors and adjacent traffic, while the left-hand bicycle facility eliminates the vast majority of bicycle-bus conflicts.

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The rapid retail and residential development along N Williams has brought more and more pedestrians to N Williams sidewalks and crossings. Curb extensions will enhance the walking environment and provide critical safety improvements for people crossing the street.

The project also removes one auto travel lane, which provides benefits to all modes through increased space for bikes and pedestrians, and traffic calming. By bringing the travel and parking lanes up to American Association of State and Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO) standards, motorists will experience a more predictable, comfortable, and safer streetscape without negative congestion impacts.

The plan also meets National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) Urban Bikeway Design guidelines for the bicycle facilities on N Williams Ave. and NE Rodney St.

3. Traffic - calming designs and devices.

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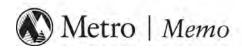
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NORTHBOUND AT POWELL, AND EXTEND)	
AN EXISTING AUXILLARY LANE ON		
INTERSTATE 5 SOUTHBOUND AT LOWER		
BOONES FERRY		

WHEREAS, the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is a central tool for implementing the Region 2040 Growth Concept, and constitutes a policy component of the Metro Regional Framework Plan; and

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 RTP and any subsequent amendments to add or remove projects from the RTP; and

WHEREAS, JPACT and the Metro Council must approve the MTIP and any subsequent amendments to add or remove projects to the MTIP per federal regulation 23 CFR 450.324; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council adopted the RTP and related elements by Ordinance No. 10-1241B on June 10, 2010; and

WHEREAS, initial recommendations from the ODOT Corridor Bottleneck Operations Study recommends to extend the auxiliary lane on Interstate 205 southbound from Interstate 84 and on Interstate 5 from Lower Boones Ferry road which were not included in the RTP financially constrained project list; and

WHEREAS, initial recommendation from the ODOT Corridor Bottleneck Operations Study recommends to extend an acceleration lane on Interstate 205 northbound from Powell which was not included in the RTP financially constrained project list; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon Department of Transportation requests that the RTP be amended to include the three new projects; and

WHEREAS, an air quality conformity analysis demonstrates that the project will not affect the conformity status of the RTP; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council hereby adopts the recommendation of JPACT to:

1. Amend the financially constrained RTP project list to include the three auxiliary and acceleration lane extension projects as shown in Exhibit A, attached and incorporated into this Resolution.

2. Adopt as findings the staff report dated April 10, 2013 and its Attachment 1, which are attached as Exhibit B and incorporated into this Resolution, and which explain how the amendments are consistent with the Regional Transportation Plan.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 16TH day of May 2013.

Approved as to Form:	Tom Hughes, Council President
Alison Kean Campbell, Metro Attorney	

2035 Regional Transportation Plan Appendix 1.1 project list amendment

Action: Amend the 2035 RTP financially constrained project list to add the Interstate 205 Southbound Auxiliary Lane project.

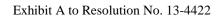
Metro	Facility	Project/Program	Project	Project End	Local	Description	Estimated	Time	Federal	Primary Mode
Project	Owner/Operator	Name	Start	Location	Functional		Cost	Period	FC	
ID			Location		Class				Project	
11369	ODOT	Interstate 205	Interstate	Stark/Washington	Principal	Extend	\$8,500,000	2008-		Roads/Bridges
		Southbound	84	Street	Arterial	existing		2017		
		Auxiliary Lane	Eastbound			auxiliary			Х	
			Entrance			lane.				
			Ramp							



2035 Regional Transportation Plan Appendix 1.1 project list amendment

Action: Amend the 2035 RTP financially constrained project list to add the Interstate 205 Northbound Acceleration Lane project.

Metro	Facility	Project/Program	Project	Project End	Local	Description	Estimated	Time	Federal	Primary Mode
Project	Owner/Operator	Name	Start	Location	Functional		Cost	Period	FC	
ID			Location		Class				Project	
11370	ODOT	Interstate 205	Powell	Stark/Washington	Principal	Extend	\$7,500,000	2008-		Roads/Bridges
		Northbound	Entrance	Street	Arterial	existing	,	2017	V	
		Acceleration	Ramp			acceleration			^	
		Lane				lane.				



2035 Regional Transportation Plan Appendix 1.1 project list amendment

Action: Amend the 2035 RTP financially constrained project list to add the Interstate 5 Lower Boones Ferry Auxiliary Lane project.

Metro	Facility	Project/Program	Project	Project	Local	Description	Estimated	Time	Federal	Primary Mode
Project	Owner/Operator	Name	Start	End	Functional		Cost	Period	FC	
ID			Location	Location	Class				Project	
11371	ODOT	Interstate 5 Lower	Lower	Lower	Principal	Extend	\$8,500,000	2008-		Roads/Bridges
		Boones Ferry	Boones	Boones	Arterial	existing		2017		
		Auxiliary Lane	Ferry Exit	Ferry		auxiliary			Х	
			Ramp	Entrance		lane.				
				Ramp						

STAFF REPORT

IN CONSIDERATON OF RESOLUTION NO.13-4422, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE FINANCIALLY CONSTRAINED 2035 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) TO ADD PROJECTS THAT EXTEND AN EXISTING AUXILLARY LANE ON INTERSTATE 205 SOUTHBOUND AT INTERSTATE 84, EXTEND AN EXSTING ACCELERATION LANE ON INTERSTATE 205 NORTHBOUND AT POWELL, AND EXTEND AN EXISTING AUXILLARY LANE ON INTERSTATE 5 SOUTHBOUND AT LOWER BOONES FERRY

Date: April 10, 2013 Prepared by: Grace Cho & John Mermin

BACKGROUND

The Oregon State Department of Transportation (ODOT) has requested amendments to the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) and the Metro Council together have the authority to approve amendments to the RTP.

ODOT requested to have added three new projects to the 2035 RTP financially constrained project list. These three projects emerged as initial recommendations from ODOT's Corridor Bottleneck Operational Study (CBOS). CBOS was initiated in 2009 to identify, rank and provide conceptual solutions for the worst bottlenecks on I-5 south of the Marquam Bridge, I-205, I-84, I-405 and US 26 in the Portland Metro Region. The three projects proposed to be amended into the RTP were selected as providing the best value of benefits and cost and are intended to enhance safety by reducing the weaves and merging that happens near freeway on and off ramps. The three new projects include:

- Extending an existing auxiliary lane on I-205 southbound from I-84 eastbound entrance-ramp to Stark/Washington Street.
- Extending an existing acceleration-lane on I-205 northbound from Powell entrance ramp to match with existing auxiliary lane from Division Street entrance ramp to Stark/Washington Street exit ramp, and provide two lane exit at Stark/Washington.
- Extending an I-5 southbound auxiliary lane from Lower Boones Ferry exit-ramp to Lower Boones Ferry entrance-ramp.

Consistency with RTP

These amendments are processed pursuant to Section 6.6.2 of the RTP, which provides that project list amendments must include a demonstration of consistency with the RTP. ODOT staff has provided an analysis explaining why the proposed project amendments are consistent with the solutions hierarchy (Metro Code 3.08.220) of the Regional Transportation Functional Plan, which implements the policies, goals and objectives of the RTP. That analysis is provided in the memorandum included as Attachment 1, which staff concludes is sufficient to demonstrate that the project list amendments are consistent with the RTP as required under Section 6.6.2 of the RTP.

Air Quality Conformity

An air quality conformity analysis was completed on the proposed amendments. The results indicate that adding the projects to the 2035 financially constrained RTP will not exceed the permitted emissions "budget" and therefore conforms air quality regulations. A copy of the air quality conformity report findings are included in Attachment 2.

Public Comments

Metro's Public Involvement Policy for Transportation Planning requires a 30-day public comment period for all major amendments to an RTP or MTIP. Major amendments are defined as those that "involve additions or deletions of projects or a significant change in scope of the project location or function." Staff determined that the amendments requested by the ODOT meet the definition of major amendments.

Metro conducted a 30-day public comment period on the requested amendments from February 22, 2013 to April 8, 2013. The comment period was advertized with a legal notice in The Oregonian on February 21, 2013 and to several other community news papers. The advertisements directed the public to a web page that provided detailed information on the requested amendments. For environmental justice outreach purposes, translation of the proposed RTP amendments was conducted to provide information to limited English proficiency populations. The translated materials was tailored to the languages spoken in the areas the projects are located.

Two letters supporting the ODOT I-5 SB project were received: one joint letter from the Mayors of Tualatin, Lake Oswego, Wilsonville, Tigard and the Washington County Chair; and one letter from the Tualatin Chamber of Commerce.

Online comments received included:

- One supportive and one opposed to the I-5 SB project (The commenter did not see it as a high priority compared to Hwy 217).
- Two opposed to the I-205 SB project. (One commenter did not see it as a high priority compared to 217. The other commenter felt that funds would be better spent improving low-traffic bicycle boulevard routes then freeways.)

ANALYSIS/INFORMATION

- 1. **Known Opposition** None known at this time.
- 2. **Legal Antecedents** Metro Council Ordinance No. 10-1241B For the Purpose of Amending the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (Federal Component) and the 2004 Regional Transportation Plan to Comply with Federal and State Law; to add the Regional Transportation System Management and Operations Action Plan, the Regional Freight Plan and the High Capacity Transit System Plan; to Amend the Regional Transportation Functional Plan and Add it to the Metro Code; to Amend the Regional Framework Plan; and to Amend the Urban Growth Management Functional Plan, adopted by the Metro Council June 10, 2010.

Metro Council Resolution No.10-4186 For the Purpose of Approving the 2010-13 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program for the Portland Metropolitan Area adopted by the Metro Council September 16, 2010

- 3. Anticipated Effects None
- 4. **Budget Impacts** None

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Metro staff recommends the approval of Resolution No. 13-4422.



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February 28, 2013

TO:

John Mermin, Metro

FROM:

Rian Windsheimer, ODOT

SUBJECT: Proposed RTP Amendments

This memo provides additional information regarding the projects that ODOT has requested to be amended into the RTP. As noted in our letter of request (attached), these projects originated from a Region 1 study intended to identify and rank bottleneck problems and develop costeffective, operational improvements to address these problems on I-5 south of the Marquam Bridge, I-205, I-84, I-405, and US 26.

The study consisted of three steps:

Corridor-level reconnaissance

This step consisted of corridor-level reconnaissance to provide the foundation for specific investigation to identify and validate bottleneck activity and causes.

- Bottleneck analysis, evaluation, screening and selection of solutions This step focused primarily on design and operations. Bottlenecks were analyzed and potential solutions were developed, evaluated and screened by an expert multidisciplinary design panel.
- Refinement of solutions

The final step conducted a more thorough operations and design evaluation of potential solutions deemed feasible by the screening panel. The detailed evaluation and refinement included traffic modeling to assess various performance measures, then assessment of project feasibility.

Projects were selected as providing the best value of benefits and cost. The proposed projects will alleviate congestion at identified bottlenecks, particularly on the peak commute shoulders, and enhance safety by improving the weaves and merges that occur at interchanges.

The intent and outcome of the study was to provide transportation solutions in a manner consistent with Regional Transportation Functional Plan (RTFP) Section 3.08.220 and with Oregon Highway Policy 1G¹. Section 3.08.220 requires consideration of a list of strategies in a certain order. The first strategy listed is transportation system management and operations (TSMO). The RTP definition of TSMO includes two components. The first "includes strategies

¹ It is the policy of the State of Oregon to maintain highway performance and improve safety by improving system efficiency and management before adding capacity.

that focus on making the infrastructure better serve the users by improving efficiency, safety and capacity of the system." Since the solutions that came out of this study and the projects that we are requesting for inclusion in the financially constrained list of the RTP are consistent with this definition, the projects meet this requirement of the RTFP.

cc: Andy Johnson Kelly Brooks Kirsten Pennington Lainie Smith Tim Wilson





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March 25, 2013

TO: John Mermin, Metro

FROM: Lainie Smith, ODOT

SUBJECT: Proposed RTP Amendments

This memo provides information regarding the public process addressing the four projects that ODOT has requested to be amended into the RTP. This public participation and outreach is in addition to the RTP amendment comment period, MTAC, MPAC, TPAC, JPACT and Metro approvals for amendments and supplements a letter of request for the RTP amendments from Andrew Johnson, ODOT Region 1, and a February 28, 2013 memo from Rian Windsheimer.

Public Process

The four projects were first identified in a generalized manner as #11304 and #11305 in the aspirational "state" list of the adopted 2010 RTP. As such, the generalized projects were subject to the public process associated with that RTP update.

Subsequently, ODOT embarked on a study—the Corridor Bottleneck Operations Study (CBOS)—to identify the specific projects that would address the need identified in the state RTP list. ODOT then submitted the four projects that are the subject of the RTP amendment request for inclusion in the 2015-18 STIP. The STIP project selection process has been subject to a thorough and ongoing public outreach process. To date, this has included:

- 1. Publication on ODOT's website of a description of the projects along with a location map. The website provides a link for the public to use to submit comments and another link where those interested can sign up to receive email updates regarding the process.
- 2. Review, along with all the project requests, by a Project Selection Committee made up of local elected officials, regional agency officials, and citizens. The members of this committee were appointed by the Oregon Transportation Commission and charged with prioritizing the requested projects. Committee members were also charged with soliciting input as needed from community groups, JPACT, and others before making independent recommendations for a list of projects that totaled approximately 150% of the funding available.
- 3. The committee met on December 19th, 2012 for an initial review of the 94 project applications. It met for a second time on February 26th and agreed on a narrowed "150% list." Three of the four request projects were included on the 150% list. (I-205 NB

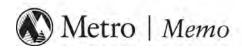
Powell/Division to Stark/Washington was not.) Both of these meetings were open to the public.

4. A period of outreach regarding the narrowed list of projects has now commenced. This will include consultation with the Oregon Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee, the Oregon Freight Advisory Committee, county coordinating committees, and JPACT.

In addition to the public process for the 2015-18 STIP, ODOT Region 1 gave a presentation to TPAC on March 1, 2013 regarding these projects. Region 1 staff has also consulted with DEQ and officials from the cities of Tigard, Tualatin, and Wilsonville regarding the I-5 SB Lower Boones Ferry to Nyberg project.

cc: Rian Windsheimer Andy Johnson





Date: March 1, 2013

To: TPAC and Interested Parties

From: Tom Kloster, Transportation Planning Manager

Grace Cho, Assistant Transportation Planner

Subject: Pre-Conformity Plan and Draft 2035 RTP Air Quality Conformity Determination

Introduction

To comply with federal mandates, Metro is required to conduct an air quality impact analysis with each update of Metro's Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and development of a new Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP). As part of the conducting the analysis, Metro consults and solicits feedback from our local and regional partners about the analysis. TPAC has been identified as the forum of local and regional partners for consultation and soliciting feedback. Metro staff seeks comments from TPAC regarding the Draft 2035 RTP Air Quality Conformity Determination.

Background

Prior to the scheduled update of Metro's 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), several project sponsors requested RTP project amendments due to project delivery schedules and are unable to wait until the next scheduled update. As a result, Metro solicited RTP amendments at the end of 2012 where a total of 13 projects were submitted. In review of the proposed amendments, all but one were deemed regionally significant projects as defined federal transportation conformity rules (40 CFR 93.101). Therefore a new air quality conformity determination must be made on Metro's 2035 RTP in complying with federal regulations.

In anticipation of conducting a new conformity determination, Metro staff consulted with federal partners (FHWA, FTA, EPA) as well as regional and state partners (DEQ, ODOT, TriMet) to about the approach and methodology to the air quality conformity analysis. The federal, state, and regional partners all came to agreement on the approach and methodology to the analysis. Metro conducted the analysis in February 2013. Metro staff developed and released a draft 2035 RTP Air Quality Conformity Determination on February 22, 2013 for public comment.

Air Quality Analysis and Results

To demonstrate conformity, the projected emissions must be less than or equal to the motor vehicle emissions budget(s) established for each analysis year (OAR 340-252-0190(b)(A)). In addition, the regional emissions analysis must be performed for the last year of the transportation plan's forecast period. The results for each analysis year can be found below.

2035 Regional Transportation Plan (Federal Component) Regional Air Quality Assessment

Year	Carbon Monoxide Motor Vehicle Emission Budgets (Budgets are Maximum Allowed Emissions) (pounds/ winter day)	Forecast Carbon Monoxide Motor Vehicle Emissions (pounds/ winter day)
2010	1,033,578	877,841
2017	1,181,341	708,286
2025	1,181,341	830,714

2035	1,181,341	835,142

Per the results, the projected emissions is less than the approved motor vehicle emissions budgets for each analysis year. Therefore the 2035 RTP with the proposed amendments conforms to air quality rules. The full report with details of the analysis can be found on Metro's website.

Request

Metro staff requests the feedback of TPAC members on the draft 2035 RTP air quality conformity determination report prior to the end of the public comment period. The public comment period for the 2035 RTP air quality conformity determination is scheduled to close on April 8, 2013.

Next Steps

Metro will summarize and incorporate any public comments on the draft 2035 RTP air quality conformity determination following the close of the public comment period. Metro will return to TPAC in April and ask for recommendation to forward the revised draft of the 2035 RTP air quality conformity determination to JPACT. Once recommended, Metro staff will ask for JPACT and Metro Council approval of the conformity determination at the May meetings.

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE)	RESOLUTION NO. 13-4423
FINANCIALLY CONSTRAINED 2035)	
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP))	Introduced by Chief Operating Officer Martha
AND THE 2012-15 METROPOLITAN)	Bennett in concurrence with Council
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT)	President Tom Hughes
PROGRAM (MTIP) TO ADD THE SCHOLLS)	
FERRY ROAD: ROY ROGERS ROAD TO TEAL)	
BOULEVARD PROJECT AND REMOVE THE)	
174 TH /173 RD UNDERCROSSING PROJECT		
FROM THE FINANCIALLY CONSTRAINED		
2035 RTP		

WHEREAS, the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is a central tool for implementing the Region 2040 Growth Concept, and constitutes a policy component of the Metro Regional Framework Plan; and

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 RTP and any subsequent amendments to add or remove projects from the RTP; and

WHEREAS, JPACT and the Metro Council must approve the MTIP and any subsequent amendments to add or remove projects to the MTIP per federal regulation 23 CFR 450.324; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council adopted the RTP and related elements by Ordinance No. 10-1241B on June 10, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) and the Metro Council approved by Resolution the 2012-15 MTIP on March 15, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Scholls Ferry Road: Roy Rogers Road to Teal Boulevard project was not included in the financially constrained RTP or 2012-2015 MTIP; and

WHEREAS, Washington County requests that the RTP and 2012-15 MTIP be amended to include the Scholls Ferry Road: Roy Rogers to Teal Boulevard project; and

WHEREAS, Washington County requests that the 174th/173rd Undercrossing at U.S. Highway 26 (project # 10547) be removed from the financially constrained RTP project list; and

WHEREAS, an air quality conformity analysis demonstrates that the project will not affect the conformity status of the RTP and the 2012-15 MTIP; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council hereby adopts the recommendation of JPACT to:

- 1. Amend the financially constrained RTP project list to include the Scholls Ferry Road: Roy Rogers Road to Teal Boulevard project as shown in Exhibit A, attached and incorporated into this Resolution.
- 2. Amend the 2010-13 MTIP to include the Scholls Ferry Road: Roy Rogers Road to Teal Boulevard Project as shown in Exhibit B, attached and incorporated into this Resolution.

- 3. Amend the financially constrained RTP project list to remove the 174th/173rd Undercrossing U.S. Highway 26 project (project # 10547) as shown in Exhibit A, attached and incorporated into this Resolution.
- 4. Adopt as findings the staff report dated April 10, 2013 and its Attachment 1, which are attached as Exhibit C and incorporated into this Resolution, and which explain how the amendments are consistent with the Regional Transportation Plan.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 16TH day of May 2013.

	Tom Hughes, Council President
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Alison Kean Campbell, Metro Attorney	

2035 Regional Transportation Plan Appendix 1.1 project list amendment

Action: Amend the 2035 RTP financially constrained project list to add the Scholls Ferry Road: Roy Rogers Road to Teal Boulevard Widening project.

Metro	Facility	Project/Program	Project	Project	Local	Description	Estimated	Time	Federal	Primary Mode
Project	Owner/Operator	Name	Start	End	Functional		Cost	Period	FC	
ID			Location	Location	Class				Project	
11362	Washington	Scholls Ferry	Roy	Teal	Major	Add	\$12,000,000	2008-		Roads/Bridges
	County	Road: Roy Rogers	Rogers	Boulevard	Arterial	eastbound		2017		
		Road to Teal	Road			and				
		Boulevard				westbound				
		Widening				through			Х	
						lanes and a				
						continuous				
)		center turn				
						lane.				

2035 Regional Transportation Plan Appendix 1.1 project list amendment

Action: Amend the 2035 RTP financially constrained project list to remove the 173rd/174th Undercrossing Improvement project.

Metro	Facility	Project/Program	Project	Project	Local	Description	Estimated	Time	Federal	Primary Mode
Project	Owner/Operator	Name	Start	End	Functional		Cost	Period	FC	
ID			Location	Location	Class				Project	
10547	Washington	173 rd /174 th	Cornell	Bronson	Minor	Construct	\$58,641,000	2008-		Roads/Bridges
	County	Undercrossing	Road	Road	Arterial	three-lane		2025		
		Project				undercrossing				
						of Highway			X	
						26 with bike				
						lanes and				
						sidewalks.				

2012-2015 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program Table 3.1.1 amendment

Action: Amend the 2012-2015 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program to include the Scholls Ferry Road: Roy Rogers Road to Teal Boulevard Widening project.

Amended Programming

Project/Program	ODOT	Lead	Estimated	Project	Fund Type	Program	Federal	Minimum	Other Funds	Total
Name	Key #	Agency	Total	Phase		Year	Funding	Local Match		Funding
			Project							
			Cost (all							
			phases, all							
			years)							
Scholls Ferry		Washington	12,200,000	DE	Local -	2012	NI/A	N1/A	10 000 000	10 000 000
Road: Roy Rogers		County		PE	MSTIP	2013	N/A	N/A	10,000,000	10,000,000
Road to Teal				1	Local -					
Boulevard				Construction	MSTIP	2013			1,600,000	1,600,000
Widening				Right-of-	Local –	2012			¢c00,000	¢600,000
				Way	MSTIP	2013			\$600,000	\$600,000

STAFF REPORT

IN CONSIDERATON OF RESOLUTION NO.13-4423, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE FINANCIALLY CONSTRAINED 2035 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) AND THE 2012-2015 METROPOLITAN IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (MTIP) TO ADD SCHOLLS FERRY ROAD FROM ROY ROGERS ROAD TO TEAL BOULEVARD WIDENING PROJECT AND REMOVE THE $173^{\rm RD}/174^{\rm TH}$ UNDERCROSSING IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Date: April 10, 2013 Prepared by: Grace Cho & John Mermin

BACKGROUND

Washington County has requested amendments to the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) and the Metro Council together have the authority to approve amendments to the RTP.

Washington County requested to add the Scholls Ferry Road: Roy Rogers Road to Teal Boulevard project to the 2035 RTP financially constrained project list and remove project # 10547, a proposed 174th/173rd undercrossing of US 26. The Scholls Ferry Road project would add eastbound and westbound through lanes and a continuous center turn lane.

Because this project will be funded locally, the project will be incorporated into the 2012-2015 MTIP. However, the project is currently not included in the 2035 RTP and it needs to be added to the 2035 financially constrained RTP for federal funding eligibility.

Consistency with RTP

These amendments are processed pursuant to Section 6.6.2 of the RTP, which provides that project list amendments must include a demonstration of consistency with the RTP. Washington County staff has provided an analysis explaining why the proposed project amendment is consistent with the solutions hierarchy (Metro Code 3.08.220) of the Regional Transportation Functional Plan, which implements the policies, goals and objectives of the RTP. That analysis is provided in the memorandum included as Attachment 1, which staff concludes is sufficient to demonstrate that the project list amendment is consistent with RTP as required under Section 6.6.2 of the RTP.

Air Quality Conformity

An air quality conformity analysis was completed on the proposed amendments. The results indicate that adding the projects to the 2035 financially constrained RTP will not exceed the permitted emissions "budget" and therefore conforms air quality regulations. A copy of the air quality conformity report findings are included in Attachment 2.

Public Comments

Metro's Public Involvement Policy for Transportation Planning requires a 30-day public comment period for all major amendments to an RTP or MTIP. Major amendments are defined as those that "involve additions or deletions of projects or a significant change in scope of the project location or function." Staff determined that the amendments requested by Washington County meet the definition of major amendments.

Metro conducted a 30-day public comment period on the requested amendments from February 22, 2013 to April 8, 2013. The comment period was advertized with a legal notice in The Oregonian on February 21, 2013 and to several other community news papers. The advertisements directed the public to a web

page that provided detailed information on the requested amendments. For environmental justice outreach purposes, translation of the proposed RTP amendments was conducted to provide information to limited English proficiency populations. The translated materials was tailored to the languages spoken in the areas the projects are located. Three comments (all supportive) were received relating to the Scholls Ferry Rd project.

ANALYSIS/INFORMATION

- 1. **Known Opposition** None known at this time.
- 2. **Legal Antecedents** Metro Council Ordinance No. 10-1241B For the Purpose of Amending the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (Federal Component) and the 2004 Regional Transportation Plan to Comply with Federal and State Law; to add the Regional Transportation System Management and Operations Action Plan, the Regional Freight Plan and the High Capacity Transit System Plan; to Amend the Regional Transportation Functional Plan and Add it to the Metro Code; to Amend the Regional Framework Plan; and to Amend the Urban Growth Management Functional Plan, adopted by the Metro Council June 10, 2010.

Metro Council Resolution No.10-4186 For the Purpose of Approving the 2010-13 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program for the Portland Metropolitan Area adopted by the Metro Council September 16, 2010

- 3. Anticipated Effects None
- 4. **Budget Impacts** None

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Metro staff recommends the approval of Resolution No. 13-4423.



WASHINGTON COUNTY OREGON

March 27, 2013

John Mermin, Senior Planner Metro Planning & Development 600 NE Grand Ave. Portland, OR 97232-2736

RE: Scholls Ferry Road RTP Amendment

Dear Mr. Mermin:

The following analysis is intended to demonstrate compliance with the Regional Transportation Functional Plan (RTFP) solutions hierarchy section 3.08.220 for Washington County's Scholls Ferry: Roy Rogers Rd. to Teal Blvd. improvement project. This project will consist of adding 11.5 to 12 foot-wide eastbound and westbound through-lanes, a 13 foot-wide continuous center turn lane, four foot-wide planter strips, five foot-wide bike lanes with two foot-wide buffer striping, five foot-wide sidewalks and dark sky friendly lighting. A contract award for construction is anticipated in May or June 2013 with construction expected to be completed by December 2014.

Public Process

The public outreach processes followed in the plans and studies pertaining to Scholls Ferry Road were as follows:

Beaverton 2035 Transportation System Plan Update -

The Beaverton Traffic Commission served as the forum for public involvement throughout the development of the 2035 TSP. The public was invited to attend, participate, and provide comment at each meeting. Between December 2008 and July 2009 there were three of these forums, each preceded by an open house with an additional open house held in October 2009. Prior to the Traffic Commission Public Forum in December 2008. Meeting schedules and draft products were continually posted throughout the development of the draft TSP update on the city's web site.

A joint Planning Commission and City Council Study Session on the 2009 Draft 2035 Transportation System Plan Update was held on October 12, 2009. Comments were taken and a subsequent Planning Commission work session and public hearing were held on December 9, 2009. Comments were collected, and a revised December 2009 draft of the 2035 TSP was reviewed at the February 10, 2010, Planning Commission public hearing. This public hearing was continued to May 26th and once again continued to July 19, 2010. At the July 19, 2010, public hearing, the Planning Commission approved CPA 2009-0014 Comprehensive Plan Amendment 2035 Transportation System Plan and the Staff Report dated July 9, 2010, that replaced the existing Comprehensive Plan Transportation Element with an updated element, adopted the December 2009 Draft 2035 TSP with the recommended changes and corrections and authorized staff to make any final changes based on comments received at that hearing.

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West Bull Mountain Concept Plan

Lead by Washington County, public involvement activities for the West Bulll Mountain Concept Plan included formation of a 12-member stakeholder working group consisting of property owners, residents, developers and institutional stakeholders. This group met 14 times leading up to adoption of the concept plan. Additional outreach was achieved through nine neighborhood coffee klatches, three open houses and presentations to citizen participation organizations 4B and 4K. Supplemental outreach methods included a project web site, web-based surveys, newsletters and media releases.

SW Scholls Ferry Road Traffic Analysis and Design Report

As a part of the technical analysis intended to feed into the larger project development effort for the Scholls Ferry Road project, this report had no public outreach component. Public outreach for the project, however, was conducted within the larger scope of the Washington County 2020 Transportation Plan (2002) process that supported widening Scholls Ferry to five lanes in this area. The 2020 plan included an extensive public outreach effort consisting of a 23-member citizen advisory committee, 11 public open houses, five public hearings before the planning commission and eight public hearings in front of the board of commissioners. Copies of the proposed ordinance were provided to all citizen participation organizations, interested individuals and groups. Individual notices were mailed to 914 people who requested them, 14 days prior to the first public hearing. Display ads for the ordinance were published in the Hillsboro Argus, and the Oregonian, West Metro Edition at least 14 days prior to the first hearing.

Design is currently underway for the Scholls Ferry Road project, and a public open house was held in October to review background information on the project, including analysis from the previously mentioned traffic analysis and design report. Project information has been posted on the county's web site, including a schedule of events, project timeline and contact information for commenting on or asking questions about the project.

South Cooper Mountain Prospectus

The intent of this project was to explore multiple alternatives for creating a complete community that would address Beaverton's need for additional land to provide a balanced housing supply. One of the project's main purposes was to help determine the potential for annexation of this area into Beaverton and to help gauge the city's willingness to undertake a more comprehensive concept and community planning effort for the area.

For these reasons, the amount of public outreach to date has been minimal. With the start of the comprehensive concept and community planning effort in March 2013, however, a full set of public involvement activities including formation of a citizen advisory committee, community outreach meetings to neighborhood groups, open houses, a visioning workshop, project videos, online surveys and creation of a project web site are now underway.

Regional Transportation Functional Plan Solutions (RTFP) Hierarchy Compliance

Compliance with section 3.08.220 of the RTFP is demonstrated through a variety of studies and plans, including the Transportation System Solutions Report of the adopted Beaverton 2035 Transportation System Plan Update (DKS and Associates, June 2009), the West Bull Mountain area concept planning effort (Washington County, otak, DKS and Associates et al, 2010), the SW Scholls Ferry Road Traffic Analysis and Design Report (Kittelson & Associates, Sept. 2012), the South Cooper Mountain Prospectus (City of Beaverton, Fregonese Assoc., Lancaster Engineering and JPR Engineering, June 2011) and modeling by Washington County staff using the 2035 regional travel model. For each of the six solutions hierarchy steps below, compliance with 3.08.220 is demonstrated through the following explanation of the choice of strategies and why other strategies were not chosen.

1. TSMO strategies, including localized TDM, safety, operational and access management improvements;

Potential transportation system management (TSM) measures, which could include improved access spacing and adaptive signal timing, were considered in Beaverton's Transportation System Solutions Report (page 49). Such improvements were projected to improve v/c ratios by 0.1 to 0.2, however, while these improvements were projected to more than offset the increase in volume that would be likely to shift to the facility with improved flow, they did not provide sufficient congestion relief to eliminate the need to include a project to widen Scholls Ferry to five lanes between Teal and 175th/Roy Rogers in the transportation system plan (see Chapter Six: Transportation Element, page VI-35, TSP project ID #232). To more specifically determine the impact of TSM improvements Washington County staff ran a traffic assignment using the 2035 Financially Constrained network. Consistent with the traditionally assumed maximum potential benefit of improved access management (Beaverton 2035 Transportation System Plan Update. Transportation System Solutions Report, DKS and Assoc., Sept. 2009, page 14), model lane capacities were increased by 20 percent. The results of this modeling exercise showed v/c ratios of 0.98 to 1.05 for the p.m. peak period in the eastbound direction and 1.43 to 1.06 westbound along the project length. Both sets of v/c ratios exceed Washington County's maximum v/c standard of 0.99.

2. Transit, bicycle and pedestrian system improvements;

No current bus routes serve the entire length of the proposed project. The closest bus service is the route #62, which serves Murray Road and loops through Teal Road with 30 minute headways and weekday service from 4:57 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.TriMet's ongoing Westside Service Enhancements study process has considered the possibility of extending transit service along Scholls Ferry Rd. west to Roy Rogers Road, this work has not been completed, and given TriMet's current financial

predicament it is unlikely that bus service will be extended to the Scholls Ferry: Teal to Roy Rogers area anytime in the foreseeable future.

Intermittent bicycle and pedestrian facilities exist along the subject project length of Scholls Ferry Road, and are generally limited to those locations fronting on recently constructed commercial and residential developments. Adding bike lanes from Murray to 175th/Roy Rogers and adding sidewalks from Roy Rogers to Barrows (west end) were determined to be low priorities based upon their proximity to various activity generators including transit stops, parks and schools (Transportation Systems Solutions Report, page 51, Table 18, projects #196 and #521). The West Bull Mountain Planning Area Concept Plan went a step further by recommending a multi-use trail on the south side of Scholls Ferry Road between 175th Ave. and the west end of Barrows Road, with two additional north-south trails connecting to future neighborhoods south of Scholls Ferry (West Bull Mountain Concept Plan, Parks, Trails & Open Space Framework map, Oct. 2010). While these improvements would undoubtedly reduce the need to widen Scholls Ferry by some unquantifiable but probably minor degree, they were not sufficient to eliminate the need to retain a five-lane road widening project (also proposed to include sidewalks and buffered bike lanes) on Scholls Ferry Road.

3. Traffic-calming designs and devices;

Scholls Ferry Road has a functional classification designation of Arterial Road in Washington County's current transportation plan (Washington County 2020 Transportation Plan, Oct. 2002, Figure 4E). Given that the primary function of arterial roads is to move traffic, traffic calming devices are not permitted on county roads other than those with a functional classification of Neighborhood Route or Local Road. Therefore, traffic calming is not a solution that can be considered along Scholls Ferry Road.

 Land use strategies in OAR 660-012-0035(2) to help achieve the thresholds and standards in Tables 3.08-1 and 3.08-2 or alternative thresholds and standards established pursuant to section 3.08.230;

To summarize, the land use strategies to be considered from the OAR above include the following: increasing densities in residential, new office and retail developments in community centers; designating lands for neighborhood shopping within convenient walking and cycling distance of residential areas; designating land uses to provide a better balance between jobs and housing considering the total number of jobs and housing units; and the availability of affordable housing and provision of housing opportunities in close proximity to employment areas. The discussion below mainly focuses on describing the planned densities, neighborhood retail and employment opportunities. Access between these areas is discussed in the item #5 dealing with connectivity.

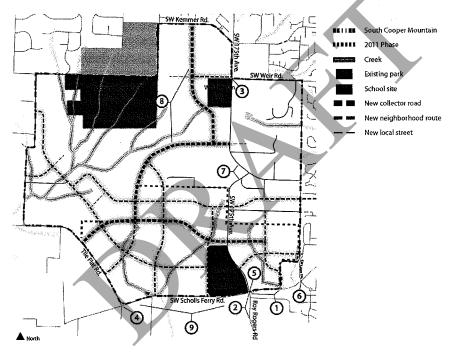
Two land use planning efforts, one for the South Cooper Mountain area and the other for West Bull Mountain best exemplify the above OAR land use strategies. The South Cooper Mountain area consists of 1776 acres brought into the UGB during the 2010-11 Urban & Rural Reserves process. In 2012, Beaverton annexed 543 of these acres into the city, and has started a concept planning process for the entire Urban Reserve area. This effort is expected to conclude in late 2014. To help meet Beaverton's projected need for 13,555 new housing units by 2035. several housing scenarios are being examined for the 1776 acre area. These scenarios range from adding 8.996 to 12.342 new housing units at densities ranging from 12.8 to 17.7 units per net residential acre. Scenarios include a varying mix of single-family, compact single-family, clustered housing, townhome and multi-family housing types as well as an average of 166,000 gross square feet of Neighborhood Retail, most of this in the form of small format Main Street mixed-use buildings intended not to compete with the larger Murray-Scholls Town Center to the east. In addition to these uses, 40 acres at the northwest corner of Scholls Ferry and 175th Ave. is the site of a potential new high school in Beaverton. Zoning in the Murray-Scholls Town Center, centered on the area between Scholls Ferry and Barrows Road, is mostly intended for Office/Commercial, Neighborhood Service Center and Community Service types of uses.

On the south side of Scholls Ferry Road, the West Bull Mountain Concept Plan includes 714 gross acres (327 net buildable acres) of urban and rural land that is being designed to accommodate 3.766 housing units at a density of 11.5 units per acre. West Bull Mountain is primarily a residential community that contains urban and rural lands. Located in a 2040-designated Outer Neighborhood, planned residential densities of 10.7 units per net residential acre comply with the Title 11 required minimum residential density of 10.7 units per net residential acre. A range of densities is planned for West Bull Mountain, with the highest densities planned along future transit corridors and near commercial centers to promote future transit service and support affordable housing. Title 11 also requires that new communities contain commercial uses to meet the needs of the area. The West Bull Mountain Concept Plan includes two neighborhood retail mixed-use centers. The northern center is located approximately 1000-1500 feet north of existing Bull Mountain Road and east of Roy Rogers Road. It will be the primary retail anchor for the community and will be designed as a mixed-use development with retail uses on the ground floor and office or "live-work" residential units above the retail. It is estimated that this area will support from 12,000 to 25,000 square feet of retail use without competing with or adversely affecting existing and future commercial uses outside of West Bull Mountain.

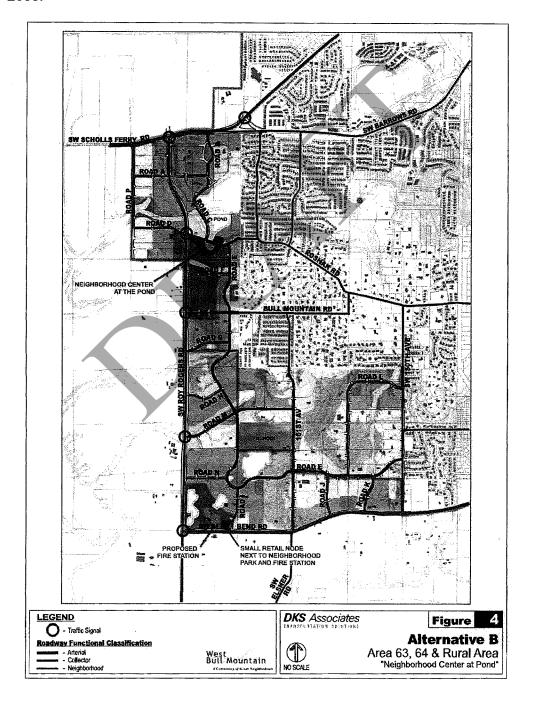
5. Connectivity improvements to provide parallel arterials, collectors or local streets that include pedestrian and bicycle facilities, consistent with the connectivity standards in section 3.08.110 and design classifications in

Table 2.6 of the RTP, in order to provide alternative routes and encourage walking, biking and access to transit; and

Travel demand modeling for the South Cooper Mountain area shows that 50 percent of the future trips will be to and from the east on facilities north of Scholls Ferry Road. The majority of these trips will use Weir Road, a Collector road, located on the northern boundary of the study area, and Beard Road, an Arterial road, located north of the study area. To access these east-west roads, a new north-south collector street is planned from north or the proposed future high school site to Kemmer Road. Another new collector street is planned, running parallel to Scholls Ferry Rd. and north of the proposed high school site. New Neighborhood Route and Local roads are also planned; however, despite these new roads, analysis still indicates a need to widen Scholls Ferry to five lanes from Loon Drive to Teal.



To conserve capacity on Scholls Ferry Road, several new east-west collector streets and numerous local roadway connections are included in the West Bull Mountain Concept Plan. In addition to these new collector streets, the West Bull Mountain Concept Plan ensures a maximum degree of Neighborhood Route and Local Road connectivity through a requirement that all existing Bull Mountain streets as well as those designated to be connected in the concept plan (except where impractical due to wetlands) will be extended. Despite such improvements, however, background traffic growth is projected to be sufficient to warrant the widening of Scholls Ferry Road to five lanes by 2035.



 Motor vehicle capacity improvements, consistent with the RTP Arterial and Throughway Design and Network Concepts in Table 2.6 and section 2.5.2 of the RTP, only upon a demonstration that other strategies in this subsection are not appropriate or cannot adequately address identified transportation needs.

As background, Scholls Ferry Road is a designated Arterial road in the Washington County 2020 Transportation Plan and as a Major Arterial road in the 2035 RTP. It connects to Hwy. 219 on its west end and to Hwy. 217, Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy., and U.S. 26 to the east. Between these endpoints it links to other arterial roads such as Roy Rogers Road, Murray Boulevard and 125th Avenue. Average daily 2012 traffic volumes on Scholls Ferry between Barrows Road and Roy Rogers Road were 16,730. Further to the east, just west of Hwy. 217, volumes increased to a high of 37,916. Scholls Ferry Road is also an important freight route in Washington County. It is designated as a Road Connector on the RTP Regional Freight Network (Figure 2.20) with 7.4 percent or 1238 of its total average daily traffic volume being trucks 2012.

The proposed project design is consistent with the RTP arterial and throughway network concept. It meets the definition of a "complete street" by providing improved facilities for all modes of travel, including bicyclists, pedestrians, future transit vehicles and trucks. West of the Murray/Scholls Town Center, Scholls Ferry has a Regional Design Classification of Regional Street intended to serve industrial and employment areas, corridors and intermodal facilities. The proposed design of this road is consistent with the Regional Street design template Table 2.6, which calls for no more than four through-travel lanes, a turn lane, a bikeway and a sidewalk separated by a landscape buffer.

As demonstrated in the discussion under item 5 above, plans for the South Cooper Mountain and the West Bull Mountain Concept Plan call for improved local and collector road connectivity within the areas adjacent to Scholls Ferry Road.

As indicated by the Traffic Analysis and Design Report for SW Scholls Ferry Road (Kittelson & Assoc., Sept. 2012, page 20) all intersections currently meet Washington County performance standards with v/c ratios less than 0.99. Therefore, management strategies have not been implemented. Looking at the 2035 No-Build capacity analysis, however, indicates that three signalized intersections (Scholls Ferry at Roy Rogers, Barrows and Teal) and three unsignalized intersections (Scholls Ferry at 155th, Sagehen and 147th) are projected to have v/c ratios greater than 1.0 in the morning peak. Several of these intersections are also projected to exceed a v/c of 1.0 in the afternoon peak. This analysis concluded that a five-lane section is needed to keep all intersection v/c ratios below 1.0 along Scholls Ferry Road. Additional analysis from Beaverton's 2035 TSP and Washington County staff discussed in #1 above both concluded that traffic management strategies alone would

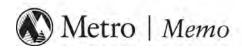
not provide the additional needed capacity to serve projected growth in this area.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Clark F. Berry Senior Planner

Cc: Chris Deffebach, Policy Analyst



Date: March 1, 2013

To: TPAC and Interested Parties

From: Tom Kloster, Transportation Planning Manager

Grace Cho, Assistant Transportation Planner

Subject: Pre-Conformity Plan and Draft 2035 RTP Air Quality Conformity Determination

Introduction

To comply with federal mandates, Metro is required to conduct an air quality impact analysis with each update of Metro's Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and development of a new Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP). As part of the conducting the analysis, Metro consults and solicits feedback from our local and regional partners about the analysis. TPAC has been identified as the forum of local and regional partners for consultation and soliciting feedback. Metro staff seeks comments from TPAC regarding the Draft 2035 RTP Air Quality Conformity Determination.

Background

Prior to the scheduled update of Metro's 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), several project sponsors requested RTP project amendments due to project delivery schedules and are unable to wait until the next scheduled update. As a result, Metro solicited RTP amendments at the end of 2012 where a total of 13 projects were submitted. In review of the proposed amendments, all but one were deemed regionally significant projects as defined federal transportation conformity rules (40 CFR 93.101). Therefore a new air quality conformity determination must be made on Metro's 2035 RTP in complying with federal regulations.

In anticipation of conducting a new conformity determination, Metro staff consulted with federal partners (FHWA, FTA, EPA) as well as regional and state partners (DEQ, ODOT, TriMet) to about the approach and methodology to the air quality conformity analysis. The federal, state, and regional partners all came to agreement on the approach and methodology to the analysis. Metro conducted the analysis in February 2013. Metro staff developed and released a draft 2035 RTP Air Quality Conformity Determination on February 22, 2013 for public comment.

Air Quality Analysis and Results

To demonstrate conformity, the projected emissions must be less than or equal to the motor vehicle emissions budget(s) established for each analysis year (OAR 340-252-0190(b)(A)). In addition, the regional emissions analysis must be performed for the last year of the transportation plan's forecast period. The results for each analysis year can be found below.

2035 Regional Transportation Plan (Federal Component) Regional Air Quality Assessment

Year	Carbon Monoxide Motor Vehicle Emission Budgets (Budgets are Maximum Allowed Emissions) (pounds/ winter day)	Forecast Carbon Monoxide Motor Vehicle Emissions (pounds/ winter day)
2010	1,033,578	877,841
2017	1,181,341	708,286
2025	1,181,341	830,714

Per the results, the projected emissions is less than the approved motor vehicle emissions budgets for each analysis year. Therefore the 2035 RTP with the proposed amendments conforms to air quality rules. The full report with details of the analysis can be found on Metro's website.

Request

Metro staff requests the feedback of TPAC members on the draft 2035 RTP air quality conformity determination report prior to the end of the public comment period. The public comment period for the 2035 RTP air quality conformity determination is scheduled to close on April 8, 2013.

Next Steps

Metro will summarize and incorporate any public comments on the draft 2035 RTP air quality conformity determination following the close of the public comment period. Metro will return to TPAC in April and ask for recommendation to forward the revised draft of the 2035 RTP air quality conformity determination to JPACT. Once recommended, Metro staff will ask for JPACT and Metro Council approval of the conformity determination at the May meetings.

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE)	RESOLUTION NO. 13-4424
FINANCIALLY CONSTRAINED 2035)	
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP))	Introduced by Chief Operating Officer Martha
TO ADD TWO NEW COLLECTOR)	Bennett in concurrence with Council
CONNECTIVITY PROJECTS; FOUR)	President Tom Hughes
ROADWAY WIDENING PROJECTS AND)	
REMOVE THE 174 TH /173 RD UNDERCROSSING)	
PROJECT)	

WHEREAS, the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is a central tool for implementing the Region 2040 Growth Concept, and constitutes a policy component of the Metro Regional Framework Plan; and

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

WHEREAS, the Metro Council adopted the RTP and related elements by Ordinance No. 10-1241B on June 10, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hillsboro has two new 3-lane collector roadway construction projects at Gibbs Drive and at 253rd which were not included in the RTP financially constrained project list; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hillsboro has four widening of existing roadways at Brookwood Parkway, Butler Drive, Cornelius Pass Road, and U.S. Highway 26 westbound off-ramp at Cornelius Pass Road which were not included in the 2035 RTP financially constrained project list; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hillsboro requests that the RTP be amended to include the six new projects; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Safety Plan guides safe integration of all modes and the Regional Active Transportation Plan is expected to further provide guidance for multimodal designs on high-traffic and high-speed arterial streets such as Cornelius Pass Road and Brookwood Parkway; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hillsboro requests that the 174th/173rd Undercrossing at U.S. Highway 26 (project # 10547) be removed from the financially constrained RTP project list; and

WHEREAS, an air quality conformity analysis demonstrates that the projects to be added will not affect the conformity status of the RTP; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council hereby adopts the recommendation of JPACT to:

- 1. Amend the financially constrained RTP project list to include the six projects as shown in Exhibit A, attached and incorporated into this Resolution.
- 2. Amend the financially constrained RTP project list to remove the 174th/173rd Undercrossing U.S. Highway 26 project (project # 10547) as shown in Exhibit A, attached and incorporated into this Resolution.
- 3. Adopt as findings a the staff report dated April 10, 2013 and its Attachment 1, which are attached as Exhibit B and incorporated into this Resolution, and which explain how the amendments are consistent with the Regional Transportation Plan.

Approved as to Form:	Tom Hughes, Council President	
Alison Kean Campbell, Metro Attorney		



2035 Regional Transportation Plan Appendix 1.1 project list amendment

Action: Amend the 2035 RTP financially constrained project list to add the Gibbs Drive project.

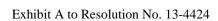
Metro	Facility	Project/Program	Project	Project	Local	Description	Estimated	Time	Federal	Primary Mode
Project	Owner/Operator	Name	Start	End	Functional		Cost	Period	FC	
ID			Location	Location	Class				Project	
11363	Hillsboro	Gibbs Drive	Stucki	Walker	Collector	New three	\$2,000,000	2008-		Roads/Bridges
			Road	Road		lane street		2017		
						with cycle	•		Х	
						tracks and				
						sidewalks.				



2035 Regional Transportation Plan Appendix 1.1 project list amendment

Action: Amend the 2035 RTP financially constrained project list to add the 253rd project.

Metro	Facility	Project/Program	Project	Project	Local	Description	Estimated	Time	Federal	Primary Mode
Project	Owner/Operator	Name	Start	End	Functional		Cost	Period	FC	
ID			Location	Location	Class				Project	
11364	Hillsboro	253rd	Huffman	Meek	Collector	New three	\$4,000,000	2008-		Roads/Bridges
			Road	Road		lane street		2017		
						with bike	•		Х	
						lanes and				
						sidewalks.				



2035 Regional Transportation Plan Appendix 1.1 project list amendment

Action: Amend the 2035 RTP financially constrained project list to add the Brookwood Parkway project.

Metro	Facility	Project/Program	Project	Project	Local	Description	Estimated	Time	Federal	Primary Mode
Project	Owner/Operator	Name	Start	End	Functional		Cost	Period	FC	
ID			Location	Location	Class				Project	
11365	Hillsboro	Brookwood	Evergreen	US 26	Major	Widen from	\$9,000,000	2008-		Roads/Bridges
		Parkway	Road		Arterial	five lanes to		2017		
						seven lanes				
						with			x	
						buffered			^	
						bike lanes				
						and				
						sidewalks.				

2035 Regional Transportation Plan Appendix 1.1 project list amendment

Action: Amend the 2035 RTP financially constrained project list to add the Butler Drive project.

Metro	Facility	Project/Program	Project	Project	Local	Description	Estimated	Time	Federal	Primary Mode
Project	Owner/Operator	Name	Start	End	Functional		Cost	Period	FC	
ID			Location	Location	Class				Project	
11366	Hillsboro	Butler Drive	229 th	Cornell	Minor	Widen from	\$2,000,000	2008-		Roads/Bridges
			Avenue	Road	Arterial	three lanes		2017		
						to five lanes			V	
						with bike			^	
						lanes and				
						sidewalks.				

2035 Regional Transportation Plan Appendix 1.1 project list amendment

Action: Amend the 2035 RTP financially constrained project list to add the Cornelius Pass Road project.

Metro	Facility	Project/Program	Project	Project	Local	Description	Estimated	Time	Federal	Primary Mode
Project	Owner/Operator	Name	Start	End	Functional		Cost	Period	FC	
ID			Location	Location	Class				Project	
11367	Hillsboro	Cornelius Pass	Cornell	US 26	Major	Widen from	\$8,600,000	2008-		Roads/Bridges
		Road	Road		Arterial	five lanes to		2017		
						seven lanes				
						with			X	
						buffered			^	
						bike lanes				
				_		and				
						sidewalks.				

2035 Regional Transportation Plan Appendix 1.1 project list amendment

Action: Amend the 2035 RTP financially constrained project list to add the Cornelius Pass Road project.

Metro	Facility	Project/Program	Project	Project	Local	Description	Estimated	Time	Federal	Primary Mode
Project	Owner/Operator	Name	Start	End	Functional		Cost	Period	FC	
ID			Location	Location	Class				Project	
11368	Hillsboro	US 26 Westbound	Cornelius	US 26	Major	Add second	\$5,000,000	2008-		Roads/Bridges
		Off Ramp	Pass Road		Arterial	lane on		2017		
						westbound	•			
						loop off				
						ramp and			Х	
						third				
						southbound				
						approach				
				\		lane.				

2035 Regional Transportation Plan Appendix 1.1 project list amendment

Action: Amend the 2035 RTP financially constrained project list to remove the 173rd/174th Undercrossing Improvement project.

Metro	Facility	Project/Program	Project	Project	Local	Description	Estimated	Time	Federal	Primary Mode
Project	Owner/Operator	Name	Start	End	Functional		Cost	Period	FC	
ID			Location	Location	Class				Project	
10547	Washington	173 rd /174 th	Cornell	Bronson	Minor	Construct	\$58,641,000	2008-		Roads/Bridges
	County	Undercrossing	Road	Road	Arterial	three-lane		2025		
		Project				undercrossing				
						of Highway			X	
						26 with bike				
						lanes and				
						sidewalks.				

STAFF REPORT

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 13-4424, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE FINANCIALLY CONSTRAINED 2035 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) TO ADD TWO NEW COLLECTOR CONNECTIVY PROJECTS; FOUR ROADWAY WIDENING PROJECTS AND REMOVE THE $174^{\rm TH}/173^{\rm RD}$ UNDERCROSSING PROJECT

Date: April 10, 2013 Prepared by: Grace Cho & John Mermin

BACKGROUND

The City of Hillsboro has requested amendments to the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) and the Metro Council together have the authority to approve amendments to the RTP.

The City of Hillsboro requested to have added six new projects to the 2035 RTP financially constrained project list and remove project # 10547, a proposed 174th/173rd undercrossing of US 26. The six new projects include:

- The Gibbs Drive project adds a new 3-lane collector street with cycle tracks and sidewalks in Amber Glen Regional Center. Gibbs Drive will provide the needed connectivity in order to support the type of intense, mixed-land use and multi-modal transportation environment envisioned in the Amber Glen Community Plan.
- The 253rd Ave project adds a new 3-lane street with bike lanes and sidewalks near the US 26/Brookwood Parkway area. It was identified as part of the US 26/Brookwood Interchange Area Management Plan (IAMP) process. Current development opportunities have surface which is contingent upon the opening of 253rd by summer 2014.
- Road widenings in the US 26/Brookwood Parkway area to support recent and planned Intel expansions on the Ronler acres campus and on adjacent industrial green field sites:
 - o Brookwood Parkway project would widen an existing 5-lane road to7-lanes with buffered bike lanes and sidewalks.
 - o Butler Drive project would widen an existing 3-lane road to 5-lanes with bike lanes and sidewalks.
 - o Cornelius Pass Road would widen an existing 5-lane project to7-lanes with buffered bike lanes and sidewalks.
 - o US 26 westbound off-ramp at Cornelius Pass Road project would add a second lane on westbound off-ramp and third southbound approach lane on Cornelius Pass Road.

Consistency with RTP

These amendments are processed pursuant to Section 6.6.2 of the RTP, which provides that project list amendments must include a demonstration of consistency with the RTP. Hillsboro staff has provided an analysis explaining why the proposed project amendments are consistent with the solutions hierarchy (Metro Code 3.08.220) of the Regional Transportation Functional Plan, which implements the policies, goals and objectives of the RTP. That analysis is provided in the memorandum included as Attachment 1, which staff concludes is sufficient to demonstrate that the project list amendments are consistent with the RTP as required under Section 6.6.2 of the RTP.

The proposed bicycle lanes for Brookwood and Cornelius Pass are consistent with polices from the current RTP, but the final design of the projects will be informed by recommendations from the recent Regional Safety Plan and the Regional Active Transportation Plan (expected adoption in June 2013).

Newer, more protected types of bikeway designs, including buffered bicycle lanes and cycle tracks have been piloted in a few places across the region, including other parts of Washington County, such as Tualatin-Sherwood Road. The County's Bicycle Facility Design Toolkit supports these types of designs for high speed or high volume roadways, and these designs that offer increased protection for cyclists would be essential on a facility with 7 lanes.

Air Quality Conformity

An air quality conformity analysis was completed on the proposed amendments. The results indicate that adding the projects to the 2035 financially constrained RTP will not exceed the permitted emissions "budget" and therefore conforms to air quality regulations. A copy of the air quality conformity report findings are included in Attachment 2.

Public Comments

Metro's Public Involvement Policy for Transportation Planning requires a 30-day public comment period for all major amendments to an RTP or MTIP. Major amendments are defined as those that "involve additions or deletions of projects or a significant change in scope of the project location or function." Staff determined that the amendments requested by the City of Hillsboro meet the definition of major amendments.

Metro conducted a 30-day public comment period on the requested amendments from February 22, 2013 to April 8, 2013. The comment period was advertized with a legal notice in The Oregonian on February 21, 2013 and to several other community news papers. The advertisements directed the public to a web page that provided detailed information on the requested amendments. For environmental justice outreach purposes, translation of the proposed RTP amendments was conducted to provide information to limited English proficiency populations. The translated materials were tailored to the languages spoken in the areas the projects are located.

Three letters were received in support of all of the Hillsboro projects (especially the US 26 interchange, Brookwood and Cornelius Pass projects) from the Hillsboro Area Chamber of Commerce, the Westside Economic Analysis and the Oregon Chapter of the National Commercial Real Estate Development Association. Online comments received include the following:

- Brookwood Parkway 2 supportive, 2 opposed (One felt that wider roads are less safe for bicycles, pedestrians, and assisted mobility devices and negatively impacts nearby farming; The other did not express a reason for opposition)
- Cornelius Pass Rd 2 supportive, 1 opposed (the respondent expressed that wider roads are less safe for bicycles, pedestrians, and assisted mobility devices and negatively impacts nearby farming)
- Butler Dr 2 supportive, 1 opposed (the respondent felt that widening the road would worsen speeding problems).
- 253rd Ave 1 supporting comment received.
- Gibbs Dr 2 supportive comments received.

ANALYSIS/INFORMATION

- 1. **Known Opposition** None known at this time.
- 2. **Legal Antecedents** Metro Council Ordinance No. 10-1241B For the Purpose of Amending the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (Federal Component) and the 2004 Regional Transportation Plan to Comply with Federal and State Law; to add the Regional Transportation System Management and Operations Action Plan, the Regional Freight Plan and the High Capacity Transit System Plan; to Amend the Regional Transportation Functional Plan and Add it to the Metro Code; to Amend the Regional Framework Plan; and to Amend the Urban Growth Management Functional Plan, adopted

by the Metro Council June 10, 2010.

Metro Council Resolution No.10-4186 For the Purpose of Approving the 2010-13 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program for the Portland Metropolitan Area adopted by the Metro Council September 16, 2010

- 3. Anticipated Effects None
- 4. Budget Impacts None

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Metro staff recommends the approval of Resolution No. 13-4424.





MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 9, 2013

TO: Mr. John Mermin, Metro

Ms. Brenda Perez, FHWA

FROM: Brad Choi, City of Hillsboro

SUBJECT: Proposed RTP Amendment Additional Information Request:

Brookwood Pkwy and Cornelius Pass Rd Seven-Lane Widening

The City of Hillsboro recently submitted a request to Metro for the consideration of amending several projects into the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). In particular, Brookwood Pkwy and Cornelius Pass Rd are proposed to be widened to seven lanes (three lanes in each direction with center turn lane) from Evergreen Pkwy to US 26 (for Brookwood Pkwy) and from Cornell Rd to US 26 (for Cornelius Pass Rd). The City of Hillsboro recognizes that seven-lane arterials exceed what the regional arterial streets design concepts typically call for; as such, this memorandum is intended to: 1) demonstrate the need for the seven-lane projects and why other solutions are not adequate to meet the growing traffic demand; and 2) document the public involvement process taken to arrive at the decisions of adding capacity.

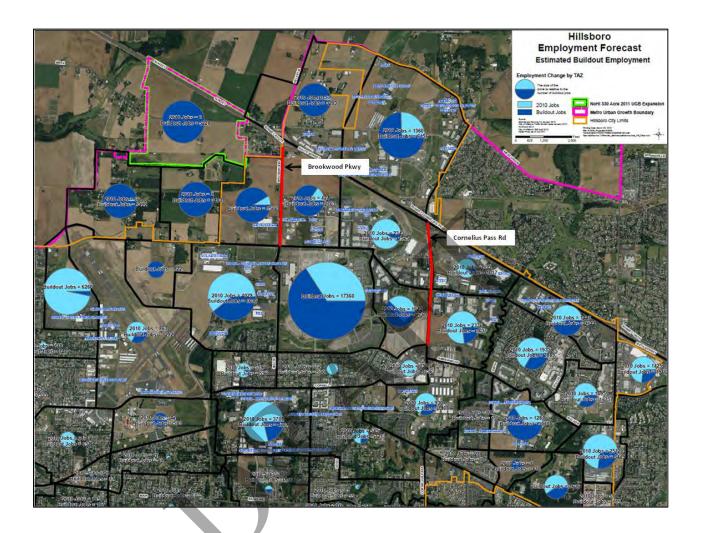
Background

Brookwood Pkwy and Cornelius Pass Rd are the two main arterials for traffic to access the North Hillsboro industrial area from US 26 and areas north and northeast of US 26 which house a significant share of the Silicon Forest workforce. As an example, at over 400 acres, the Intel Ronler Acres campus is one of the largest industrial campuses in the vicinity of the two roads and relies on both for workers access and freight mobility. The Ronler Acres campus currently has a sustaining work force (Intel plus contract employees) of about 10,000. Since 2010, Intel began investing \$6 billion to expand the Ronler Acres campus, which is expected to house an additional 8,400 workers by full occupancy. In the meantime, the construction of the expansion will bring up to 8,200 contractors and construction workers to the campus during peak construction.

While much of the current urgency is driven by the expansion of Intel Ronler Acres campus, it should be noted that Intel is not the only source of future traffic demand; there are other industrial employers in the area in addition to a large amount of undeveloped industrial "green fields". South of the industrial area, construction is underway at the nationally acclaimed Orenco Station community to add over 1,200 high density apartment units next to the MAX light rail station. While a significant share of trips is expected to be served by light rail, these new residents will also add significant demand to Brookwood Pkwy and Cornelius Pass Rd for access to US 26.

The following figure illustrates the capacity for future employment growth in the North Hillsboro industrial area. The number of jobs in 2010 and additional jobs expected at buildout are represented by

the light and dark blue colors in each circle respectively. The size of each circle is relative to the number of jobs anticipated at buildout.



Regional Transportation Functional Plan (RTFP) Solutions Hierarchy

The following explains the consideration and steps taken in accordance with the RTFP (RTFP) 3.08.220 Transportation Solution Hierarchy:

1. TSMO strategies, including TDM, safety, operational and access management improvements

- (TSMO) Adaptive signal timing is deployed on Cornell Road and funded for Cornelius
 Pass Road. Adaptive signal timing systems adjust signal timing in response to changing
 traffic patterns and are more efficient when compared to conventional coordinated
 signal timing systems.
- (TDM) Intel Ronler Acres campus peak hour trip generation rate is currently at about 65% of ITE General Office Building rate (e.g. Intel 0.30 trip/employee vs. ITE 0.46

- trip/employee in P.M. peak hour) due to aggressive flexible work hours, compressed work weeks, and telecommuting practices.
- (Safety) The proposed additional lanes on Brookwood Pkwy and Cornelius Pass Road are intended to serve as auxiliary lanes to and from the US 26 on- and off-ramps. Without the additional lanes, southbound morning commute traffic will back up from the signalized intersections on the arterial through the off-ramps and onto westbound US 26 mainline. In the afternoon rush hour, traffic trying to get on to US 26 eastbound which is metered at its freeway approach currently already backs up all northbund lanes on both arterials for close to a mile (20-minute delays). The third lane allows traffic headed north of US 26 to travel across the interchange without impedance from the ramp meter storage deficiencies.

2. Transit, bicycle and pedestrian system improvements

- (Bicycle, pedestrian) The City has completed a substantial amount of the bicycle and pedestrian network in the North Hillsboro industrial area. Missing bike lanes and sidewalk along Brookwood Pkwy and Cornelius Pass Road will be filled in as part of the proposed widening. In some instances, including Cornelius Pass Road and sections of Brookwood Pkwy, the City, along with Washington County, is pursuing opportunities to acquire additional right-of-way to build separated multi-use path instead of (or in addition to) on-street bike lanes. The final design will be informed by recommendations from the recent Regional Safety Plan and the Regional Active Transportation Plan.

 Newer, more protected types of bikeway designs, including buffered bicycle lanes and cycle tracks, have been piloted in a few places across the region, including other parts of Washington County such as Tualatin-Sherwood Road. Washington County's Bicycle Facility Design Toolkit supports these types of designs on high speed or high volume roadways. The City is also actively working with the County to look at the broader scale bicycle and pedestrian connectivity for the area which reaches beyond simply the industrial area.
- It should be noted that given the homogenous industrial land use surrounding the project area and being close to the edge of the Urban Growth Boundary, this is not an area that attracts a significant amount of walk or bicycle trips.
- TriMet currently has three routes (46, 47, and 48) in addition to the MAX Blue line serving the project area. Intel runs its own shuttles to transport employees to and from the Orenco Station MAX station. TriMet has future plans to enhance the westside service area by providing better connections between housing and employment; however, its deployment is dependent on labor contracts and future revenue.

3. Traffic-calming designs and devices

 Brookwood Pkwy and Cornelius Pass Rd are arterial roadways surrounded by industrial land uses. Typical traffic calming practices such as speed humps, roundabouts, raised intersections, and bulb-outs are generally not suitable on arterials due to adverse effects on trucks operations, traffic safety, and emergency services.

- 4. Land use strategies in OAR 660-012-0035(2) to help achieve the thresholds and standards in Tables 3.08-1 and 3.08-2 or alternative thresholds and standards established pursuant to section 3.08.230
 - The surrounding land use is entirely industrial in nature.
 - The City is actively working to bring high density residential and mixed-use development closer to the employment areas. Examples include Orenco Station (ongoing), and the planned AmberGlen and South Hillsboro communities.
- 5. Connectivity improvements to provide parallel arterials, collectors or local streets that include pedestrian and bicycle facilities, consistent with the connectivity standards in section 3.08.110 and design classification in Table 2.6 of the RTP, in order to provide alternative routes and encourage walking, biking and access to transit
 - The planned Century Blvd overcrossing across US 26 (RTP project # 10831) will be
 located approximately halfway between Brookwood Pkwy and Cornelius Pass Road.
 Once completed, it will provide a much needed direct north-south connection from Intel
 Ronler Acres to the north side of US 26 that will help relieve the traffic burden on
 Brookwood Pkwy and Cornelius Pass Road. However, it is not viable as an immediate
 solution due to the extensive lead time, cost and effort required for this project.
 - Traffic demand modeling conducted with the buildout of the UGB land use shows that in addition to the Century overpass, the seven lanes on Brookwood Pkwy and Cornelius Pass Road, and enhanced transit will all be needed to handle future traffic demand.
 - The third lanes in each direction are a direct result of the limited number of connections linking this employment area to US 26. The sheer volume of workforce traffic results in the need for the added lanes to avoid incoming queues onto US 26 and the resulting gridlock.
- 6. Motor vehicle capacity improvements, consistent with the RTP Arterial and Throughway Design and Network Concepts in Table 2.6 and section 2.5.2 of the RTP, only upon a demonstration that other strategies in this subsection are not appropriate or cannot adequately address identified transportation needs
 - The widening of Brookwood Pkwy and Cornelius Pass Road are necessary in conjunction with all the other strategies to address the future traffic demand in the North Hillsboro industrial area.

Public Involvement Process

Because the amendment of the project into the City's Transportation system Plan constituted a "major plan amendment", it required the City to establish and conduct a citizen involvement program with the

advice and assistance of a Citizen Involvement Advisory Committee (CIAC). City staff met with the CIAC in July, 2012 to establish the citizen involvement program. It was determined that public involvement process of the Interchange Area Management Plan (IAMP) developed by ODOT in support of the Brookwood interchange project that occurred between May, 2011, and June, 2012 met the requirement for public involvement for the Brookwood Pkwy widening project. A separate public involvement program was undertaken for the Cornelius Pass Rd widening project. The two public involvement programs are described below.

Brookwood Pkwy:

The widening of Brookwood Pkwy is a supporting improvement as part of the US 26/Brookwood-Helvetia interchange improvement project funded by the Jobs and Transportaiton Act (JTA) enacted by the 2009 Oregon Legislature. The 2012 Legislature approved additional funding for this interchange through SB 1543. ODOT, in partnership with the city of Hillsboro and Washington County, developed the Interchange Area Management Plan (IAMP) in order to support the interchange project and related planning, land use, and economic development efforts, as well as recommend transportation system improvements in the vicinity of the interchange in order to protect the future function of the interchange and accommodate traded sector employment growth on over 1,180 acres of adjacent industrial land within the existing Urban Growth Boundary. At buildout, this area will accommodate up to 65,000 jobs, up from the current 31,000.

The priorities of the IAMP include the following:

- Maintain or improve safety and operations at the interchange and other facilities in the vicinity of the interchange area;
- Identify and address the interchange operation needs associated with current and future industrial land designated in the existing adopted comprehensive plan and recently expanded Urban Growth Boundary, to the extent feasible;
- Develop a local street network that provides for local connectivity and helps minimize the need for local travel using or traveling through the interchange;
- Identify facilities for adequate bicycle and pedestrian circulation in the area.

Project committees guided the process and provided important policy, community, and technical feedback through the project. Interviews, public meetings and briefings were held with neighbors, business interests, and local community organizations. Informational materials including newsletters, the project website, and a press release provided project updates to the general public.

The decision process involved three groups, one of which was the Project Advisory Committee (PAC) which included one representative each from the Helvetia Community Association, Meek Neighborhood, Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce, Brookwood area bicyclists, Jacobson Road, City of Hillsboro, Washington County, and the ODOT project manager. Project team members and members of the public also attended the PAC meetings. The PAC held four meetings between May, 2011 and June, 2012.

Public outreach was conducted through the project website and newsletters. The project website served as the central location for project information and resources. Two newsletters were mailed out to approximately 3,100 addresses covering the area extending between Jackson School Rd, Cornelius Pass Rd, West Union Rd, and Evergreen Rd with project updates and invitation to the two project open

houses. In addition, e-mail notifications were sent to approximately 200 individuals who had expressed interest in the project. The two public open houses were held on January 17, 2012 and June 25, 2012. Invitations to the two project open houses were provided via the project website, newsletters, and area media.

Public hearings were held before the Hillsboro Planning Commission, The Washington County Board of County Commissioners, and the Hillsboro City Council on the resulting roadway and related transportation improvements to consider their adoption into the County and City Transportation System Plans (TSP). Of the public testimony received, none was in opposition to the seven-lane widening of Brookwood Pkwy. Both County and City adopted the seven lane designation into their respective TSPs in September and October, 2012, respectively.

Cornelius Pass Road:

The widening of Cornelius Pass Rd and related improvements on Imbrie Dr and Evergreen Pkwy (not part of the RTP amendments) resulted from a series of transportation analyses conducted by Intel's traffic consultant along with a City of Hillsboro transportation study completed concurrent with the Brookwood interchange IAMP. Studies were completed in coordination with City, ODOT, Washington County, the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce, and local neighboring businesses. Through the course of the analyses, various solutions such as operational and access improvements; transit, bicycle, and pedestrian facilities; traffic calming designs; and future connectivity opportunities were identified and recommended in addition to the capacity improvement on Cornelius Pass Rd. It was determined that future transit service improvements being planned (although uncertain as to when they could be deployed) would not be enough to meet the increasing demand on Cornelius Pass Road.

A public open house was held on August 16, 2012 at Quatama Elementary School to provide information and receive feedback for the proposed widening of Cornelius Pass Rd and other related improvements. Public notices for the open house were mailed to approximately 7,400 property owners located in the project vicinity and also published in the Hillsboro Argus newspaper and on the City's website. About 30 people attended the open house and provided feedback on the project. Additional comments were received through emails and phone calls from residents who were not able to attend the open house. A significant majority of testimony received supported the need for the seven lane designation and recommended the corridor improvement include enhanced landscape treatment and provide off-street bicycle solutions utilizing the adjacent abandoned railroad right of way.

The City's Planning Commission held a public hearing on September 26, 2012 to consider amendment of the City Transportation System Plan including all elements of the IAMP (including both the Brookwood Pkwy seven-lane widening) plus the seven-lane Cornelius Pass Rd designation. Public notice was published in the Hillsboro Argus newspaper on September 4, 2012



MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 16, 2013

TO: Mr. John Mermin, Metro

Ms. Brenda Perez, FHWA

FROM: Brad Choi, City of Hillsboro

SUBJECT: Proposed RTP Amendment Additional Information

This memorandum is provided to Metro as a supplement to the April 9, 2013 memorandum "Proposed RTP Amendment Additional Information Request". This memorandum explains the RTFP Transportation Solutions strategies hierarchy and public involvement process for the proposed projects of NW 253rd Avenue, Gibbs Drive, Butler Drive, and the US 26 westbound off-ramp at Cornelius Pass Road.

NW 253rd Avenue

The need for NW 253rd Avenue was identified as part of the US 26/Brookwood Interchange Area Management Plan (IAMP) process. In addition, NW 253rd Avenue was recently recommended for inclusion in the Regional Economic Opportunity Fund (REOF) portion of the Regional Flexible Fund to construct this roadway from Evergreen Road to Meek Road. NW 253rd Avenue is currently a gravel road extending approximately 2,700 feet north from Evergreen Rd. The construction of 253rd Ave from Evergreen Rd to Huffman extension as a three-lane roadway with bike lanes and sidewalks is already in the RTP as project # 10822. This current RTP amendment request is to add the portion from Huffman extension to Meek Road. Current development opportunities have surfaced which is contingent upon the opening of NW 253rd Avenue by summer 2014.

The area in the vicinity of NW 253rd Avenue (generally bounded by US 26 to the north, Brookwood Parkway to the east, Evergreen Road to the south, and Sewell road to the west) roadways encompasses approximately 700 acres of industrial land, with an estimated net buildable acreage of 623 acres. The different pieces that make up this industrial area were added to the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) over the last ten or so years. There are currently no roadways that provide internal access to this area other than a gravel road (NW 253rd Avenue) that extends about a half-mile into the area from Evergreen Road. The proposed construction of NW 253rd Avenue will create the needed access in order to "unlock" the industrial area for investment and future employment.

Given that this 700-acre area is generally undeveloped and lacks any real roadway infrastructure, it is difficult to apply the Regional Transportation Functional Plan (RTFP) 3.08.220 Transportation Solutions strategies "hierarchy". The construction of NW 253rd Avenue, along with future roadways in this area, will provide the roadway capacity and connectivity for motor vehicles, transit, bicycle, pedestrian, and other transportation maanagement strategies in the future.

Similar to the Brookwood Parkway widening project, the construction of NW 253rd Avenue is also a supporting improvement as part of the US 26/Brookwood-Helvetia Interchange Improvement project.

Therefore, it went through the same public involvement process as the Brookwood Parkway widening project. Please refer to pages 5 and 6 in the March 8, 2013 memorandum "Proposed RTP Amendment Additional Information Request" for the details on the public involvement process.

Gibbs Drive

Gibbs Drive is a planned collector road in the adopted AmberGlen Community Plan. It will provide the needed connectivity in order to support the type of intense, mixed-land use and multi-modal transportation environment envisioned in the AmberGlen Community Plan. Current development interests in the area prompted the urgency to amend this road to the RTP.

The AmberGlen Community Plan is a guiding document for transforming an approximately 606-acre suburban development area in southeast Hillsboro into an urban, high-density, mixed-use community where transit, walking, cycling will be primary modes of transportation. An extensive planning effort has gone into this project; the detail can be found at:

http://www.ci.hillsboro.or.us/Planning/OHSUAmberGlen.aspx?g1dd=8&g2dd=5.

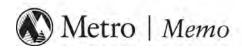
Excerpts from the AmberGlen Community Plan which details the public involvement process is provided an attachment to the memorandum.

Butler Drive and US 26/Cornelius Pass Road Westbound Off-Ramp

The widening of Butler Drive to five lanes (two through lanes in each direction plus center turn lane) and adding a second lane at the US 26/Cornelius Pass Road westbound loop off-ramp are both part of the needed roadway improvements identified through the development review process conducted in late 2012 and early 2013 as part of the Intel Ronler Acres campus expansion.

The development review process for the Intel Ronler Acres expansion included a detailed transportation study which analyzed the impact of the increase of employment at Intel Ronler Acres campus over the coming years. The transportation review process looks at different solutions and issues such as network connectivity, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, transit, intelligent transportation systems, safety, operations, and mobility. The widening of Butler Drive between 229th Avenue and Cornell Road was identified as a needed improvement to handle the anticipated increase in traffic that will be entering and exiting in the southeast part of the Ronler Acres campus. Butler Drive is currently a three-lane roadway with one through lane in each direction and one center turn-lane. It should be noted that the length of this improvement is approximately 850 feet from intersection to intersection (229th Avenue to Cornell Road). The addition of a second lane to the US 26/Cornelius Pass Road westbound loop off-ramp is needed from a safety and capacity standpoint. Without this improvement, future morning peak hour traffic is projected to back up onto US 26 mainline in the westbound direction, thereby creating a significant safety concern.

The City's development review process is a Type II administrative review process with public notice. This particular project has gone through review by partner agencies. As part of the development review process, the City sent out a public notice to surrounding property owners on October 30, 2012 for public comments. In addition, Intel held its own neighborhood meetings independent from the City to address transportation issues and improvements related to its campus expansions.



Date: March 1, 2013

To: TPAC and Interested Parties

From: Tom Kloster, Transportation Planning Manager

Grace Cho, Assistant Transportation Planner

Subject: Pre-Conformity Plan and Draft 2035 RTP Air Quality Conformity Determination

Introduction

To comply with federal mandates, Metro is required to conduct an air quality impact analysis with each update of Metro's Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and development of a new Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP). As part of the conducting the analysis, Metro consults and solicits feedback from our local and regional partners about the analysis. TPAC has been identified as the forum of local and regional partners for consultation and soliciting feedback. Metro staff seeks comments from TPAC regarding the Draft 2035 RTP Air Quality Conformity Determination.

Background

Prior to the scheduled update of Metro's 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), several project sponsors requested RTP project amendments due to project delivery schedules and are unable to wait until the next scheduled update. As a result, Metro solicited RTP amendments at the end of 2012 where a total of 13 projects were submitted. In review of the proposed amendments, all but one were deemed regionally significant projects as defined federal transportation conformity rules (40 CFR 93.101). Therefore a new air quality conformity determination must be made on Metro's 2035 RTP in complying with federal regulations.

In anticipation of conducting a new conformity determination, Metro staff consulted with federal partners (FHWA, FTA, EPA) as well as regional and state partners (DEQ, ODOT, TriMet) to about the approach and methodology to the air quality conformity analysis. The federal, state, and regional partners all came to agreement on the approach and methodology to the analysis. Metro conducted the analysis in February 2013. Metro staff developed and released a draft 2035 RTP Air Quality Conformity Determination on February 22, 2013 for public comment.

Air Quality Analysis and Results

To demonstrate conformity, the projected emissions must be less than or equal to the motor vehicle emissions budget(s) established for each analysis year (OAR 340-252-0190(b)(A)). In addition, the regional emissions analysis must be performed for the last year of the transportation plan's forecast period. The results for each analysis year can be found below.

2035 Regional Transportation Plan (Federal Component) Regional Air Quality Assessment

Year	Carbon Monoxide Motor Vehicle Emission Budgets (Budgets are Maximum Allowed Emissions) (pounds/ winter day)	Forecast Carbon Monoxide Motor Vehicle Emissions (pounds/ winter day)
2010	1,033,578	877,841
2017	1,181,341	708,286
2025	1,181,341	830,714

2035	1,181,341	835,142

Per the results, the projected emissions is less than the approved motor vehicle emissions budgets for each analysis year. Therefore the 2035 RTP with the proposed amendments conforms to air quality rules. The full report with details of the analysis can be found on Metro's website.

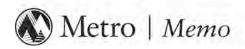
Request

Metro staff requests the feedback of TPAC members on the draft 2035 RTP air quality conformity determination report prior to the end of the public comment period. The public comment period for the 2035 RTP air quality conformity determination is scheduled to close on April 8, 2013.

Next Steps

Metro will summarize and incorporate any public comments on the draft 2035 RTP air quality conformity determination following the close of the public comment period. Metro will return to TPAC in April and ask for recommendation to forward the revised draft of the 2035 RTP air quality conformity determination to JPACT. Once recommended, Metro staff will ask for JPACT and Metro Council approval of the conformity determination at the May meetings.

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Date: April 17, 2013

To: TPAC, MTAC and interested parties

From: Kim Ellis, Principal Transportation Planner

Re: Climate Smart Communities Scenarios Project: Summaries of Community Leader

Workshops and Focus Groups

This memorandum transmits summaries of a series of workshops and focus groups conducted to inform the Climate Smart Communities Scenarios project.

BACKGROUND

Working together with city, county, state, business and community leaders, Metro is researching how land use and transportation policies and investments can be leveraged to help us create great communities, support the region's economy and meet goals for reducing greenhouse gas emissions. In summer 2013, Metro and local partners will test three scenarios that represent what the region could look like in 2035, if various transportation and land use strategies are pursued, and what it could mean for how we live, how we work and how we get around. The workshops and focus groups informed development of the evaluation approach to be used, including the investment choices framework and evaluation criteria.

SUMMARIES OF WORKSHOPS AND FOCUS GROUPS

Summaries of workshops and focus groups with community leaders have been prepared for your consideration. The summaries have already been provided to the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) and the Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC).

Full reports documenting the Environmental and Equity/Environmental Justice workshops can be downloaded from the project website – www.oregonmetro.gov/climatescenarios.

A full report of the business focus groups will be prepared upon completion of the final focus group with developers, and will be made available in May.



Business focus groups

Date conducted December 2012 and early 2013

Focus group goal The goal of the focus groups was to gain an understanding of what business owners viewed as the most significant challenges to the growth of their businesses and the region's future economic growth, and what they considered priorities for investment.

Participants Clackamas County Business Alliance, Westside Economic Alliance, Columbia Corridor Association, East Metro Economic Alliance, Portland Business Alliance Small Business Council, and the Oregon City, North Clackamas, Tualatin, Wilsonville, and Greater Hillsboro chambers of commerce.



Primary outcome Participant feedback indicated that the most significant challenges to business growth stem from regulations and policies that hinder efficiency and competitiveness, the region's growing congestion, inefficient use of infrastructure and lack of available financing to improve the existing transportation system. They identified investment in infrastructure, business development and reliable transit options as essential for future business growth.

Recommendations Participants suggested potential metrics that Metro can use to evaluate the greenhouse gas reduction strategies and investments under consideration in terms of their ability to help existing local businesses grow and attract new businesses to the region. They highlighted the importance of implementing incentives and strategies that allow for flexibility while maintaining the viability of businesses in the region. Participants encouraged more coordination and cooperation between jurisdictions and developing consensus around a shared set of local and regional goals. They noted the importance of continuing to engage stakeholders in the planning



process to carefully think through the consequences of different actions and to ensure support for the preferred scenario selected at the end of the process.

Emergent focus group themes

Challenges/barriers to future growth

- Congestion that is in part caused by people living and working in different communities
- Regulations that cause inefficiency and hinder competitiveness
- Inefficient use of the existing transportation system and infrastructure
- Transit connectivity and frequency (service does not connect people directly from home to work or the services hours available do not match the shift schedules for many employees)
- Lack of sustainable long-term financing for transportation e.g., existing funding sources are not indexed to inflation (e.g., gas tax) or that are tied directly to job growth (e.g., payroll tax)
- Lack of coordination between public agencies
- · Health insurance costs for employees
- Workforce does not have the education needed for the types of traded-sector jobs the region has been seeking
- Lower per capita incomes relative to other metropolitan areas
- More diversity of the "business ecosystem" needed e.g., larger traded-sector businesses rely on more local small and medium-sized businesses

Evaluation metrics

- · Maintaining businesses' viability and competitiveness
- · Attracting business to the region
- Consider whether the policy is practical and helps businesses be more sustainable
- Equity, access, mobility
- Cost of doing business
- Number and type of jobs created

Investment priorities

- Investments in business development
- Creating reliable transportation options
- · More coordinated and interconnected planning and implementation
- Maintaining and improving existing infrastructure
- Education, trade programs and training to attract traded-sector businesses and expand work force opportunities
- · Expanding supply of development-ready land
- Attracting smaller businesses to business corridors to help expand services available to nearby neighborhoods

For more information

Sign up to receive email updates about additional public events, forums, and web surveys at www.oregonmetro.gov/climatescenarios or by calling 503-797-1551.



Equity and environmental justice workshop summary

Date conducted Summer 2012

Workshop goal The goal of the equity and environmental justice workshop was to inform and engage community leaders about the Climate Smart Communities Scenarios Project and foster collaboration, mutual learning and relationship building between Metro planning staff and equity and environmental justice community leaders. The desired outcome of the workshop was to gain an understanding of what outcomes are most important to consider from a social equity perspective and to prioritize land use and transportation strategies that could advance equity and environmental justice in the region while meeting greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals.

Participants Metro partnered with the Coalition of Communities of Color and the Coalition for a Livable Future in developing the workshop agenda and activities, and creating the participant list of public agency staff and community leaders. Participants included Albina Ministerial Alliance, Oregon Environmental Council, Ride Connection, Verde, Environmental Professionals of Color, Community Cycling Center, Upstream Public Health, OPAL Environmental Justice Oregon, NAYA Family Center, Oregon Tradeswoman Inc., Urban League of Portland, Northwest Health Foundation, Familias en Accion, Rose Community Development, APANO, 1000 Friends of Oregon, Reach Community Development, Inc.,



Community Housing Fund, East Portland Action Plan, Portland Community College ETAP Program, Portland State University, Multnomah County Health Department, TriMet and the cities of Gresham, Hillsboro and Portland.

Primary outcome Participants recommended that, in developing scenarios for reducing greenhouse gas emissions in the region, project staff should expand discussions of strategies and outcomes to include building a shared understanding of existing disparities and their root causes.

Recommendations Workshop participants suggested broadening the scope of proposed land use and transportation strategies to include education, racial prosperity and neighborhood stability. They stressed the importance of including community leaders and members as an integral and visible component of the

Equity and environmental justice workshop summary

project as the process moves forward. Participants encouraged project staff to consider what is already being done by communities and organizations and build on these existing relationships and efforts. They suggested that the strategies implemented need to address both the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions as well as the reduction of existing disparities.

Follow up One-on-one follow-up meetings were scheduled with eight of the participants to further discuss and gain clarification on issues and concerns expressed during the workshop.

Emergent workshop themes

- **Diversity** Respect the value of different communities.
- Inclusivity Invite people of color and members of other communities as contributors, speakers and
 panel members in future meetings. Begin working with community leaders and members earlier in the
 process.
- **Networks** Build on existing relationships with communities and organizations.
- Follow up Invest in one-on-one follow up with equity and environmental justice community leaders.
- **Meaningful engagement** Foster difficult but honest conversations on inclusionary zoning, reducing gentrification, and maintaining transit services.
- Transit Deepen understanding of who transit riders are, how dependent are they on transit, and the
 extent to which they have safe and convenient access to transit service that connects to where they
 need to go.
- Demographics Use data and community discussions to improve understanding of existing disparities.
- **Community investments** Creating communities where everyone is able to safely walk, bike or use transit and implementing land use and transportation strategies in ways that do not displace vulnerable communities will be key to creating a prosperous region.
- Measuring social equity Measure the achievement of outcomes at a community level to better connect policy choices and community impacts. Bring neighborhood stability and education into the evaluation.

Evaluation metrics

- Neighborhood stability
- Education
- Racial prosperity
- Investment across population groups
- · Reduction of existing disparities through implementation

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Environmental workshop

Date conducted Summer 2012

Workshop goal The goal of the environmental workshop was to inform and engage community leaders about the Climate Smart Communities Scenarios Project and foster collaboration, mutual learning and relationship building between Metro



planning staff and environmental community leaders. The desired outcome of the workshop was to gain an understanding of what outcomes are most important to consider from an environmental perspective and prioritize land use and transportation strategies in the context of advancing environmental goals.

Participants Metro partnered with the Oregon Environmental Council and 1000 Friends of Oregon in developing the workshop agenda and activities, and creating the participant list of community leaders. Workshop participants represented the following organizations: Oregon Global Warming Commission, Environment Oregon, Upstream Public Health, Association of Oregon Rail and Transit Advocates, Clackamas County Urban Green, Willamette Pedestrian Coalition, Bicycle Transportation Alliance, Earth Advantage Institute, Clean Water Services, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, The Intertwine, and staff from TriMet, Oregon Department of Transportation, the cities of Tualatin, Gresham, Hillsboro, Beaverton and Clackamas County.

Primary outcome A theme highlighted throughout the workshop was maintaining the right perspective on outcomes. Participants noted that increasing transit service can be both a strategy and an outcome in that it supports other strategies and goals such as equity and environmental justice. They also stated that equity and environmental justice are high priority outcomes that should be used as a lens for evaluating other desired outcomes.

Recommendations There was significant discussion regarding how the project can move from strategies to outcomes – including prioritizing strategies that link and address economic, equity and environmental issues. Participants noted that many of the strategies can have negative or positive impacts, depending on how they are implemented. For example, strategies involving changing fuels or changing to more electric vehicles might have a positive impact on reducing GHG emissions locally, but could have a negative impacts at the source of power/fuels production and it is important for the project to fully consider these impacts as strategies are implemented. Participants in the workshop cited the importance of the project establishing both short- and long-term implementation goals and to measure the short and long-term impact of

Environmental workshop

strategies. Participants agreed implementation of strategies will need to be tailored to be most effective and that a one-size-fits-all approach would not work.

Emergent workshop themes

- **Impacts of strategies** Many of the strategies can have negative or positive impacts, depending on how they are implemented.
- **Community design** Local connectivity and access to essential services, transportation choices, parks and natural areas is important.
- Marketing incentives More transit-related marketing and incentives are needed.
- **Pricing strategies** The impacts of all pricing strategies depend on how the revenue is used pricing strategies can be a burden on smaller communities and those who commute to work, which is an equity concern.
- Implementation timeframe Include short- and long-term goals and monitoring system to track progress.
- Financing concerns More funding needed to pay for transit service, sidewalks, bicycle facilities, etc.
- Levels of transit Increased transit service is a strategy for getting to environmental and social equity goals related to clean air and water and improved access to services and jobs.

Evaluation metrics

- Water supply/quantity
- Social equity across all outcomes
- · Access to services and transit
- Affordability housing and transportation
- Connectivity
- · Clean air and water
- · Public health
- · Protection of farms, forestlands and natural areas

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Strategies

- Mixed-use development
- Active transportation
- Traffic management

Beaverton Community case study

Beaverton builds economic opportunity

Beaverton is revitalizing its downtown with targeted investments and partnerships to create jobs and civic destinations, increase housing choices, provide access to nature and expand travel options for residents and visitors. These actions are helping the city grow in a sustainable manner, create a healthy, livable community and reduce greenhouse gas emissions from transportation.

Downtown Beaverton is served by three state highways, one commuter rail line, two light rail lines and one freight rail line that connect Beaverton to other communities in the region. Since opening in 1998, TriMet's MAX light rail stations have attracted housing, employment and retail development to the area. A project known as The Round, featuring a mix of office and housing, was built around the Beaverton Central station surrounding a circular plaza that includes the MAX station.

Old Town, south of Farmington Road, offers a well connected street grid and historic buildings with small businesses and pedestrian-oriented retail. The Beaverton Central Library, Beaverton City Park and the Beaverton Farmers Market are gathering places that serve nearby neighborhoods and visitors from across the region.

The city has built strong public support for and remains committed to expanding housing and transportation choices, creating parks and natural areas, and supporting local businesses to spur downtown revitalization.

Key challenges

- Major transportation corridors divide the north and south parts of downtown Beaverton.
- An incomplete street network, high traffic volumes, long blocks and inadequate bike and pedestrian crossings limit access and mobility.
- The Round remains incomplete, contributing to the lack of downtown housing choices and job opportunities.
- Aging infrastructure and empty or underutilized development sites limit the vibrancy of the area.

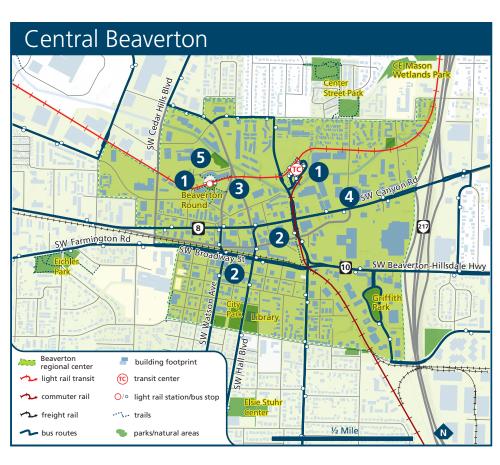


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Investments and partnerships revitalize downtown Beaverton

The City of Beaverton is leveraging its existing transportation system, infrastructure, land and financial resources to build a prosperous and vibrant community that will also help reduce greenhouse gas emissions, especially from transportation. The city has targeted policies, financial incentives and investments to support local businesses, grow local jobs, encourage more people to live and work in downtown, manage parking, make the area safer and more convenient to walk and bike, improve traffic operations, and transform Canyon Road to be more pleasant and attractive. Hosting activities such as the Beaverton Farmer's Market, regular arts and culture events like the expanded Old Town Festival, the annual International Festival, Flicks by the Fountain, and painting downtown murals attracts residents and customers to the area. The city's actions leverage local, regional, state and federal partnerships and resources that further catalyze downtown revitalization efforts.



Growing the economy with jobs, housing and transit

Nearly 1,100 businesses and more than 14,000 jobs exist within one mile of downtown Beaverton. The Beaverton Transit Center serves as the primary transit hub of Washington County and has one of the highest ridership rates in the TriMet system with two light rail lines, a WES commuter line, and eleven bus lines. While housing options in the downtown area are limited, the city is leveraging public and private investments and innovative tools to encourage people to live and work in the downtown core and attract new restaurants, shops and services that people want to visit.

Community and economic development efforts currently underway include:

- policies and investments that encourage new housing and businesses to locate downtown near
- an inventory of brownfield sites for potential redevelopment
- business programs and incentives for microenterprises, start-ups and target industries, including tax credits, storefront improvement grants and workforce development assistance
- financial incentives and partnerships with nonprofit organizations to build affordable housing choices
- allowing businesses to share parking spaces and removing minimum parking requirements in designated areas,

including areas located near transit, to encourage efficient use of available parking

• installing electric vehicle charging stations downtown.

Making way for biking and walking

The city has prioritized investments to:

- implement a wayfinding system that provides directional guidance to area destinations for biking, walking and taking transit
- create bicycle boulevards on lowtraffic streets, add east-west bike corridors that parallel Canyon Road, increase bicycle parking, and fill gaps in the bicycle network
- improve pedestrian access to area businesses and transit service by making street crossings safer, filling sidewalk gaps, and adding curb ramps, benches and lighting to make walking safer, more convenient and pleasant.

Improving traffic operations

Congestion along major travel corridors causes delays that increase vehicle idling and emissions. To address this, the city:

- constructed multi-modal streets that parallel state highways to provide an alternative for local traffic
- installed adaptive traffic signals that are synchronized to optimize traffic flow.

Transforming Canyon Road

Canyon Road emerged as a high priority during Beaverton's Community Vision and Civic Plan process. It is a noisy and intimidating place to walk with few crossings and heavy traffic. Beaverton is collaborating with the Oregon Department of Transportation to redesign Canyon Road to be pedestrianfriendly and more attractive for development. Key investments identified to transform the corridor include:

- safer pedestrian and bicycle crossings at key intersections
- sidewalk improvements, landscaping, transit stop improvements, pedestrianscale lighting and stormwater treatment facilities
- an off-Canyon Road bicycle boulevard network, providing parallel routes for biking
- new street connections to provide multiple routes for travel

Connecting people with nature

The Beaverton Creekside District, comprising nearly 50 acres in the downtown area, is located near Beaverton's downtown creeks. It sits at the core of the area's transit system, providing a focal point for revitalization efforts.

Restoring and enhancing the downtown creeks will improve water quality and provide places for residents and visitors to enjoy the natural environment.











Timeline

2010

Beaverton Community Vision calls for creating a vibrant downtown and improving mobility

2011

Beaverton Civic Plan emphasizes greater connectivity, economic opportunity, and environmental sustainability

Voters adopt \$150 million Beaverton Urban Renewal Plan

\$1 million HUD Sustainable Communities

2012

Challenge Grant awarded to help implement Beaverton Civic Plan

Improvements made to Canyon Road streetscape and downtown creek, park and plaza

2015-2020

Off-Canyon Road bicycle boulevard network launched

2020-2040

Completion of the Beaverton Urban Renewal Plan projects attracts business and housing, improves traffic flow and public safety, and spurs private investment



Climate benefits Mixed-use development Active transportation Traffic management ******

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Keys to success

Develop a broad strategy for revitalization

In addition to promoting a mix of new housing and businesses within a well-connected street, bicycle and sidewalk network, revitalization efforts should also provide opportunities for recreation and enjoying art. Marketing and economic development are enhanced by projects that improve storefronts and signage.

Combine community investment tools

Beaverton continues to build its toolbox of policies and investments to grow local jobs and expand downtown housing choices, provide needed infrastructure, and demonstrate the city's commitment to sustainability and revitalization efforts.

Leverage partnerships and resources

Downtown revitalization requires the cooperation of public agencies, chambers of commerce, local businesses and civic organizations, as well as leveraging local, regional, state and federal resources to build needed investments.

Build community and business champions

The ideas borne out of the Beaverton Community Vision and refined through the Beaverton Civic Plan have helped achieve successes with residents and businesses.

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Strategies

- Vehicle technologies and fuels
- Fleet mix
- Traffic management

Hillsboro Community case study

Addressing greenhouse gas emissions with 21st century technology

ome to more than 90,000 residents, host to dozens of high tech firms, and an employment area supporting 55,000 jobs, Hillsboro attracts more than 40,000 commuters to the city every weekday. To create a healthy, livable community where residents, visitors and employees have access to everyday needs, area attractions, and employers, the City of Hillsboro has invested in new technologies to accomplish these goals and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Building on a strong history of community, collaboration and leadership, Hillsboro has installed electric vehicle charging stations around the city, incorporated alternative fuel vehicles in its fleet mix, and invested in traffic signal coordination and other traffic management systems. The City of Hillsboro is using these and other new technology strategies to meet its aggressive, long-term (2030) operational sustainability goals, including an 80 percent reduction in GHG emissions and 100 percent fossil fuel-free city fleet vehicles (except for those vehicles with no fossil fuel alternative).

This case study highlights accomplishments and challenges to be addressed as new technologies, such as charging station networks, continue to grow in Hillsboro and throughout the region.

Key challenges

- The cost of new technology such as traffic signal coordination and system management is high.
- The expense of electric vehicle infrastructure relative to the number of electric vehicles in use is difficult to justify.
- There's insufficient funding for widespread electric vehicle infrastructure such as charging stations.
- There's a hesitancy to assume the risks that come with early adoption of new electric vehicle technology.



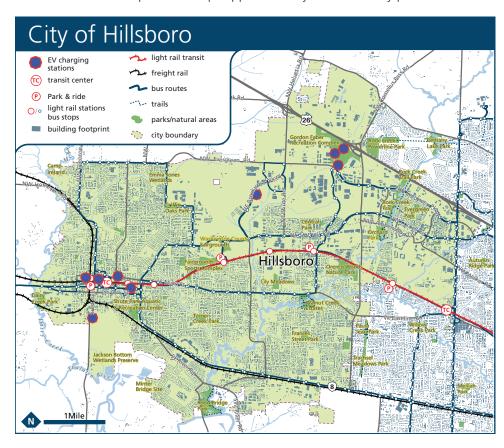
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Leading the way through installation of new technologies

The City of Hillsboro has made sustainability a high priority, demonstrated by the Hillsboro 2020 Vision and Action Plan, the city's sustainability plan and a fiveyear organizational strategic plan that supports these initiatives.

Since 2000, the Hillsboro 2020 Vision and Action Plan has engaged the broader community in developing and implementing projects that strengthen the community, create economic opportunity and protect the environment. In 2010, a 10-year review of this plan resulted in two new strategies and ten new actions for protecting the environment. This same year, the city completed its first comprehensive greenhouse gas inventory, which provided a critical baseline to measure how effective the city is in reducing greenhouse gas emissions over time. Below are three examples that help support the city's sustainability policies.



Installing electric vehicle charging stations

Electric vehicle (EV) charging stations are necessary to support what is expected to be a growing fleet of EVs throughout Oregon. But their popularity will only increase to the degree that there are charging stations available for owners to re-charge their cars. The charging stations must be conveniently located to ensure that EV owners have the confidence to travel around the region without the fear of being stranded with no power. Hillsboro's commitment to achieving the goals set out in its guiding documents can be seen in its EV charging infrastructure, the largest in the state.

In 2009, Hillsboro installed the first of its 35 electric vehicle charging stations in the downtown area to support existing EV users, encourage the widespread use of EVs, and spur economic development. Since then, the city has installed many more units, including the first Level III Fast Charger in Washington County which can charge an electric vehicle to 80 percent battery capacity within 30 minutes. Located near major employers and civic destinations, most of the stations are available to the public. Recently, Washington County, Clean Water Services, and several businesses have installed EV charging stations at their sites, with over 50 available in Hillsboro.

In 2012, Hillsboro's Electric Vehicle Program was one of 27 programs nationwide recognized for their innovative practices at the National League of Cities conference in Boston.

Diversifying fleet mix

Over a ten year period beginning in 2000, Hillsboro maintained a substantial fleet of natural gas powered vehicles. One of the city's sustainability goals is to achieve a fleet of 100 percent fossil fuel-free vehicles by 2030. With EV charging stations installed at the Civic Center, two electric vehicles were purchased for the city fleet in 2011 and 2012. Hillsboro will continue to work toward this sustainability goal by adding EVs and other alternative fuel vehicles to its fleet.

Installing traffic signal coordination/system management

Hillsboro has made a strong commitment to improving the efficiency of traffic flow within the city by installing street signal timing technology. These improvements benefit operations and have a positive impact on reducing traffic delay, idling, fuel consumption and greenhouse gas emissions.

Funded in part with U.S. Department of Energy grant funds, in 2011 the

city completed several traffic signal upgrades including the first use of the InSync adaptive signal system on the West Coast. The InSync system consists of coordinated traffic signals and video detection to optimize real time traffic flow through nine intersections on a major arterial. Also completed was the retiming of all 28 city intersection signals and a comprehensive re-work of the 185th Avenue and Baseline Road intersection. The results of these measures include an annual savings of 26,400 gallons of fuel, a reduction of carbon dioxide by 232 metric tons per year, a 10 percent reduction in traffic delays and a significant cost savings.

Next Steps

2013

In 2012, the City of Hillsboro hosted a New Energy Cities Community Partners workshop with Climate Solutions to map the flow of energy and emissions in the community and identifying action areas for reducing fuel consumption and greenhouse gas emissions. The outcome included a community energy map and Climate Action Plan Opportunities Framework. These tools will be used in conjunction with an energy sector analysis to identify opportunities for implementation. In 2013, a Hillsboro Sustainability Task Force will be convened to take this work forward.











Timeline

2009

Hillsboro installed the first of 35 Hillsboro's award-winning intermodal transit facility opened with 13 electric electric vehicle charging stations in the downtown area next to the Civic vehicle charging stations and solar Center panel energy production

2010

Major traffic signal timing upgrades are

completed throughout the city

2011

Additional Level II electric vehicle chargers installed

Hillsboro purchased its first electric vehicle complementing the city's existing fleet of alternative fuel vehicles

2012

The first Level III Fast Charger in Washington County is installed at the Hillsboro Civic Center

Philanthropies Mayors Challenge, Hillsboro proposed a GoPoint Mobility Hub concept at light rail stations which included installation of EV charging stations to better connect neighborhoods and employment

centers with more travel choices

As a finalist for the national Bloomberg



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Keys to success

Demonstrate innovation Test the barriers and opportunities of cutting edge technologies to influence similar investment by other public entities, the private sector, and residents.

Promote public education Help make cutting edge technologies more accessible to the public through education about their locations, operations and efficiencies.

Form partnerships Public-private partnerships encourage widespread use of cutting edge technologies.

Build community champions Base goals and policies on community visions that make it more politically feasible to create financing mechanisms for investments and facilitate community action.

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Strategies

- Transit
- Active transportation
- Employer-based commuter programs
- Public education and marketing

Wilsonville Community case study

A vision for a connected community

Wilsonville's transportation system has been shaped by the vision of city and business leaders over the last twenty-four years to create a healthy community where people have easy access to transportation to meet everyday needs. The development of SMART (South Metro Area Regional Transit) in 1989, and TriMet's WES (Westside Express Service) Commuter Rail service in 2009 are examples of transportation investments that support this vision.

Over the years, SMART has evolved into a full service, dependable transit system offering a safe and convenient way to travel within Wilsonville and to other areas, including Canby and Salem. At SMART Central Station, TriMet's WES Commuter Rail offers train service to Tualatin, Tigard and Beaverton where it connects with other bus lines and the MAX light rail system. The city also made important investments to improve community walking and biking connections to transit and expand the information available to residents, visitors and businesses about their travel choices. These investments help reduce the number of vehicle miles traveled by the more than 18,000 commuters who come to Wilsonville from other communities every day to work.

As a result, people of all ages choose SMART for travel to work, the grocery store, appointments, and nearby parks and natural areas. These choices help support sustainable development in the region and meet the state mandate to reduce greenhouse gas emissions for cars and small trucks.

Key challenges

- Increasing congestion and frequent traffic backups on I-5 hamper freight movement and access to Wilsonville jobs and impacts the city's economy.
- I-5 and the Willamette River are major barriers to developing connected walking and biking networks within the community.
- Ninety percent of the employees working in the city live in other communities.



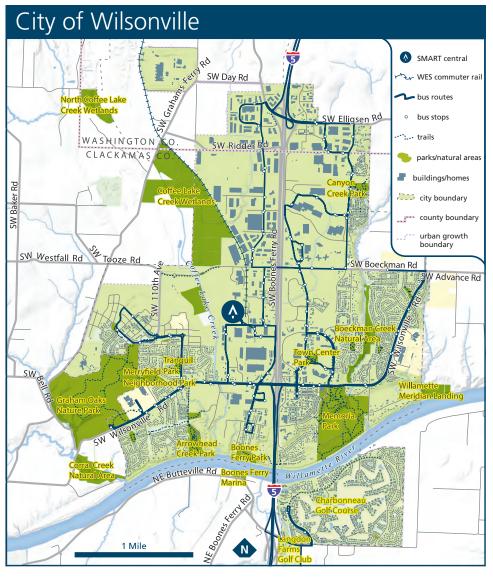
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Investing in smart travel options and public education

The community vision for city-operated SMART is to provide convenient, safe and reliable transportation services to meet the needs of Wilsonville residents, commuters, and visitors of all ages, income levels, and points of travel origin. SMART is dedicated to providing mobility for those who do not drive and creating a viable, attractive transportation option for those who do.



Connecting SMART and TriMet mobility options

SMART provides a variety of services with its fleet of over thirty-five vehicles ranging from 40-foot buses to minivans and a trolley-bus. The services are free within Wilsonville, but a fee is charged for service between Wilsonville and other cities. SMART also operates a Dial-a-Ride program that provides door-to-door service within Wilsonville, and medical transport services to Portland and other nearby cities for the elderly and disabled.

In February 2009, TriMet's Westside Express Service Commuter Rail, a self-propelled diesel rail line servicing five stations from Beaverton to Wilsonville, began operation. Wilsonville leverages this service by having SMART buses take WES commuters to businesses and neighborhoods throughout the city as well as offering transfers to Salem and Canby.

2 Expanding commuter information

The SMART Options program promotes alternatives to driving alone such as taking the bus or commuter train, car/vanpooling, walking, biking or telecommuting. The program provides free assistance to employers for setting up employee commuter programs. This includes help with compliance with state commuter laws and providing bus service from the WES station to businesses throughout the city. SMART

also provides buses for special citysponsored events and pre-scheduled senior lunches, shopping, and other trips.



Expanding resident and visitor information

SMART provides information to help area residents get around in healthy, fun ways and to promote its creative education programs for students. These include Bike Smart, Walk Smart and Wilsonville Sunday Streets.

Bike Smart Bike Smart is a one-stop shop for information about biking in and around the Wilsonville area. It helps residents and visitors plan commute and recreational trips, and provides maps and other information to make biking more convenient and fun.

Walk Smart Walk Smart is a free program that encourages participants to walk more by providing tools and inspiration. It provides maps, educational resources, "walk to lunch" group walks, and monthly rewards for participants.

Wilsonville Sunday Streets This event helps connect neighborhoods, parks, and people. Adults, children and seniors who bike, walk and run enjoy traffic-free streets filled with fun and interactive entertainment, music, physical activities and food.



Connecting art with transportation

SMARTArt works with Wilsonville students to link artistic creativity and

transportation. Students are asked to depict a Wilsonville road with heavy congestion and how that road looks when other travel options are used. This project helps student artists see the connection of transportation choices to their health, the environment, their community, and traffic. The winning projects are displayed on the outside of a SMART bus and other entries are displayed on the interior of buses.

Beauty and the Bridge When the Wilsonville Road interchange area was expanded to increase vehicle capacity, walking and biking also benefited from better east-west crossings under I-5. In 2012, Wilsonville's student artists created tile art that was installed as part of the project to make it an inviting, comfortable, and aesthetically pleasing environment with the goal of improving mobility and encouraging biking and walking.



Financing SMART services and programs

The city's public transportation system is funded by a payroll tax paid by Wilsonville businesses and based on total payroll or self-employment income. The tax rate is currently .5 percent (.005) of gross wages. Despite the closure of high-profile businesses in Wilsonville during the recession that resulted in the loss of nearly 1,000 jobs, a number of other businesses have either expanded or announced plans to increase employment, which has helped keep

SMART ridership numbers and revenue relatively steady over the last few years.

Intergovernmental grants help pay for special transportation programs, bus operations and bus purchases. The amount of grants received varies from year to year based upon grant awards. Over the past decade, SMART has successfully competed for more than \$10 million in federal and state grants. The primary funding sources are supplemented by fare-box revenues and sale of surplus properties.







Timeline

1988 1997 2002 2009 2013
Wilsonville Innovative Transportation Now operating as SMART, the The SMART Options program begins SMART changes bus routes and SMART

Wilsonville Innovative Transportation Association creates independent city-owned transit system and begins service in 1989 as Wilsonville Area Rapid Transit (WART) Now operating as SMART, the transit agency begins offering express service to Salem

The SMART Options program begins helping employers promote commuter benefits to employees

expands service for WES commuter rail; all routes now transfer at the SMART Central Station

SMART moves into brand new operations and fleet facility located near SMART Central Station



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Keys to success

Cultivate community involvement and support A community should develop a vision in partnership with government agencies, residents and businesses. Wilsonville's Parks and Recreation, Bicycle and Pedestrian, and Transit master plans were all created under the umbrella of one advisory committee.

Develop and foster public-private partnerships Many Wilsonville businesses are proud sponsors of public programs such as Walk Smart, Movies in the Park, and Wilsonville Sunday Streets.

Support local businesses with transportation options Wilsonville businesses employ a skilled, diverse workforce from throughout the Portland metropolitan and North Willamette Valley regions. SMART provides a crucial service for many of the 9 out of 10 Wilsonville workers commuting from elsewhere to jobs in Wilsonville.

Leverage location within the region The southern-most city in the region, Wilsonville is located halfway between Portland, Oregon's largest city, and Salem, the state capital. With ongoing planning and investment in its transportation system, the city can continue to serve its residents, businesses and the northern Willamette Valley.

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Date: April 26, 2013

To: TPAC Members and Alternates

From: Ted Leybold, Andy Cotugno, Josh Naramore Subject: TIGER V regional endorsement process

The Federal Highway Administration recently announced the fifth round of funding for transportation projects as a part of the TIGER program. This will be administered as a competitive application process at the national level. In the previous round of TIGER funding, JPACT identified the priority application for the metropolitan area. Below is the proposed schedule and process for JPACT to identify a priority TIGER V project application.

April 30th Announce the regional process for letters of endorsement and selection of a priority

application.

May 9th Brief JPACT on process for their endorsement, receive concurrence to proceed.

May 10th Applicants seeking endorsement need to submit ODOT's project proposal form to

Metro by 9 am.

May 16-17th Meetings between Metro evaluation staff and lead applicant staff.

May 20 – 23rd Release technical evaluation of project applications.

May 21 or 30th Special JPACT meeting for endorsement of TIGER applications.

May 31st Provide letters of endorsement and identify regional priority application.

June 3rd Final applications due to FHWA.

The Metro staff evaluation team will complete an initial review and evaluation of each application based on the federal TIGER criteria. The team will meet with each applicant team interested to further our understanding/adjust our evaluation and to provide input to the applicant on what could improve their chances for federal approval.

The evaluation will then be provided to JPACT for their decision on a single regional priority application. This will require a special JPACT meeting.

The selected priority applicant would receive a letter recognizing the JPACT decision. All other applicants that qualify (meet minimum grant requirements and are consistent with the Regional Transporation Plan) would receive a letter of general support.

US DOT TIGER V Grant Program

The US DOT National Infrastructure Investment grant program (TIGER V) will provide \$473.8 million for surface transportation projects across all modes. Funding will be awarded on a competitive basis for projects that have a significant impact on the nation, a metro area, or a region.

The TIGER V program is essentially identical to the TIGER III and IV programs, with minor changes such as dropping the requirement of a pre-application.

Application Process and Deadlines

Final applications are due June 3. Unlike past rounds, a pre-application is not required. All grants will be submitted through Grants.gov.

Funding and Setasides

A total of \$473.8 million is available. A number of set-asides were included in the legislation:

- At least \$120 million will be provided to projects in rural areas (areas outside a Census Bureau-defined Urbanized Area of 50,000 or more population).
- Not more than \$165.8 million can be used for subsidies under the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) program.
- Not more than \$20 million can be retained by US DOT for administration and oversight.

Grant Sizes

US DOT can make grant awards for projects in urban areas as small as \$10 million and as large as \$200 million. In rural areas awards may be as small as \$1 million. However, US DOT has indicated that the largest grants are likely to be less than \$200 million. In the TIGER II program, grants ranged from \$1 million to \$47.6 million, with an average award of \$13.25 million.

Matching Funds and Leverage

For projects in urban areas, at least 20 percent of project costs must be provided from non-federal funds. Projects in rural areas may receive up to 100 percent federal funding. US DOT will give priority to projects for which federal funding is required to complete an overall financing package. Projects can increase their competitiveness by demonstrating significant non-federal contributions. In the first four rounds of TIGER, on average projects awarded funding attracted more than four additional non-federal dollars for every TIGER grant dollar.

Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants include state, local, and tribal governments, including U.S. territories, transit agencies, port authorities, metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs), other political subdivisions of State or local governments, and multi-State or multi-jurisdictional groups applying through a single lead applicant.

An organization can be the lead applicant on no more than three applications. This limit applies only to applications where the applicant is the lead applicant, and there is no limit on applications for which an applicant can be listed as a partnering agency.

Eligible Projects

All surface transportation capital projects are eligible, including highways and bridges, public transit, freight and passenger rail, and port improvements.

Selection Criteria and Considerations

Primary Selection Criteria

Long-Term Outcomes: US DOT will give priority to projects that have a significant impact on desirable long-term outcomes for the nation, a metropolitan area, or a region. The following types of long-term outcomes will be given priority:

- **State of Good Repair:** Improving the condition of existing transportation facilities and systems, with particular emphasis on projects that minimize life-cycle costs.
- **Economic Competitiveness:** Contributing to the economic competitiveness of the United States over the medium- to long-term.
- **Livability:** Fostering livable communities through place-based policies and investments that increase transportation choices and access to transportation services for people in communities across the United States.
- Environmental Sustainability: Improving energy efficiency, reducing dependence on oil, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and benefitting the environment.
- Safety: Improving the safety of U.S. transportation facilities and systems.

Job Creation & Near-Term Economic Activity: US DOT will give priority to projects that are expected to quickly create and preserve jobs and stimulate rapid increases in economic activity, particularly jobs and activity that benefit economically distressed areas.

Secondary Selection Criteria

Innovation: DOT will give priority to projects that use innovative strategies to pursue the long-term outcomes outlined above.

Partnership: US DOT will give priority to projects that demonstrate strong collaboration among a broad range of participants and/or integration of transportation with other public service efforts.

US DOT will give more weight to the Long-Term Outcomes and Jobs Creation & Economic Stimulus criteria than to the Innovation and Partnership criteria. Projects that are unable to demonstrate a likelihood of significant long-term benefits in any of the five long-term outcomes will not proceed in the evaluation process. For the Jobs Creation & Economic Stimulus criterion, a project that is not ready to proceed quickly is less likely to be successful. Due to the short timeframe for obligation, project readiness and the risk of delays will be treated as primary selection criteria in US DOT's evaluation process.

Additional Considerations

US DOT is directed to ensure an equitable distribution across geography, transportation modes, and between urban and rural areas. Because funds must be obligated by September 30, 2014, DOT will focus on the extent to which a project is ready to proceed with obligation of grant funds when evaluating applications, and give priority to those projects that are ready to proceed sooner than other competitive projects.



2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Amendments

TPAC

April 26, 2013

John Mermin, Metro Senior Transportation Planner

Criteria

 Urgency: expect to advance to design/construction before June 2014

- Comes out of a local process (e.g. TSP, corridor plan) that involves the public

Amending the RTP

- Federal requirements
 - Air quality conformity
 - 30-day public comment period

- State requirements
 - 35-day notice to DLCD
 - 45-day public comment period

RTP Amendment Legislation

- Ordinance No. 13-1304: East Metro Connections Plan
- Resolution No. 13-4420: City of Beaverton
- Resolution No. 13-4421: City of Portland
- Resolution No. 13-4422: ODOT
- Resolution No. 13-4423: Washington
 County
- Resolution No. 13-4424: City of Hillsboro

Next Steps?

- Metro Council May 2
 (1st reading & public hearing)
- JPACT May 9
- Metro Council May 16

(2nd reading, public hearing & action)

4/23/13 - Errata sheet for RTP amendments - displays changes to legislation since TPAC packet was printed

1. Resolution No. 13-4420: City of Beaverton

WHEREAS, the scope of the Crescent Street Multimodal project is to make multimodal improvements from Rose Biggi Road Avenue to Cedar Hills Road Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, the City of Beaverton has requested to amend the scope of the Crescent Street Multimodal project to extend the project from Cedar Hills Road Boulevard to Westgate Drive; and...

2. Resolution No. 13-4421: City of Portland

2012-2015 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program Table 3.1.1 amendment Action: Amend the 2012-2015 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program to add the N. Williams Traffic Safety Operations project.

Project/Program	ODOT	Lead	Estimated	Project	Fund	Program	Federal	Minimum	Other	Total
Name	Key#	Agency	Total Project Cost (all phases, all years)	Phase	Туре	Year	Funding	Local Match	Funds	Funding
N. Williams Traffic Safety Operations	Portla	Portland	\$1,484,234 \$1,503,000	PE	State Bike/Ped	2013		\$49,731	\$434,503 \$450,000	\$1,640,000 \$450,000
				Construction	State Bike/Ped	2014		\$102,700 \$157,000	\$897,300 \$896,000	\$1,484,234 \$1,053,000

3. Ordinance No.13-1304: East Metro Connections Plan

WHEREAS, the Metro Council held a public hearings on the proposed amendments on May 2 and 16, 2013; now, therefore,



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Phase 2 Investment Choices Evaluation

Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee April 26, 2013

Kim Ellis, project manager



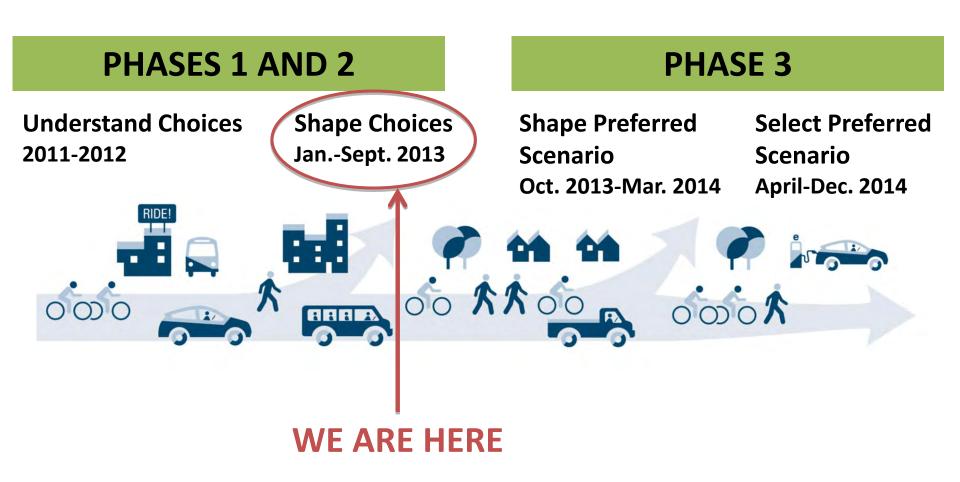
- Working together with city, county, state, business and community leaders
- Researching how land use and transportation strategies can be leveraged to
 - meet state targets for reducing carbon emissions
 - create great communities
- Required by Oregon law







Where We've Been and Where We Are Headed



Community case studies

- First 3 of 8 in a series
- Showcase actions communities are already taking that reduce GHG emissions
- All to be completed in May





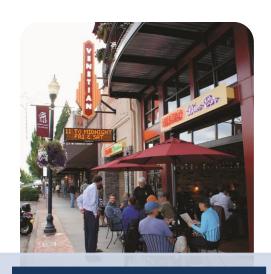


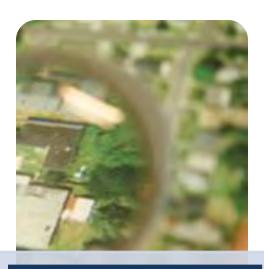


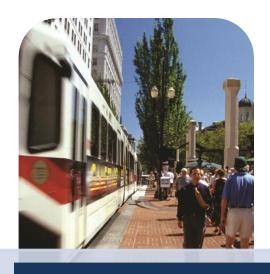
- Climate efforts: Most feel not enough is being done and that it is important to reduce GHG emissions.
- Largest impact: Faster and more frequent public transportation service would have the largest impact on reducing the amount participants drive.
- Most valued: (1) protection of farms, forests and natural areas, (2) reduction of air pollution, (3) more transportation choices and (4) long-term jobs created and retained closer to where people live.
- Top spending priorities: (1) increasing the coverage, frequency and reliability of public transportation, and (2) fixing potholes, repairing roads and improving traffic flow and (3) connecting more places with sidewalks and bikeways.



Phase 2 Evaluation Framework







SCENARIOS TO TEST

Recent trends

Adopted plans

New plans and policies

QUESTIONS TO ANSWER

Cost? What can we afford? Most cost-effective? Impact on public health, economy, business, social equity and the environment? Public support? Feasibility?

OUTCOMES TO MEASURE

VMT, physical activity, delay, GHG emissions, air pollution, land consumption, housing and transportation costs by income, infrastructure costs, etc.

Phase 2 investment choices



RECENT TRENDS

This scenario follows recent funding trends and will show the results of implementing adopted plans to the extent possible with existing revenue.



ADOPTED PLANS

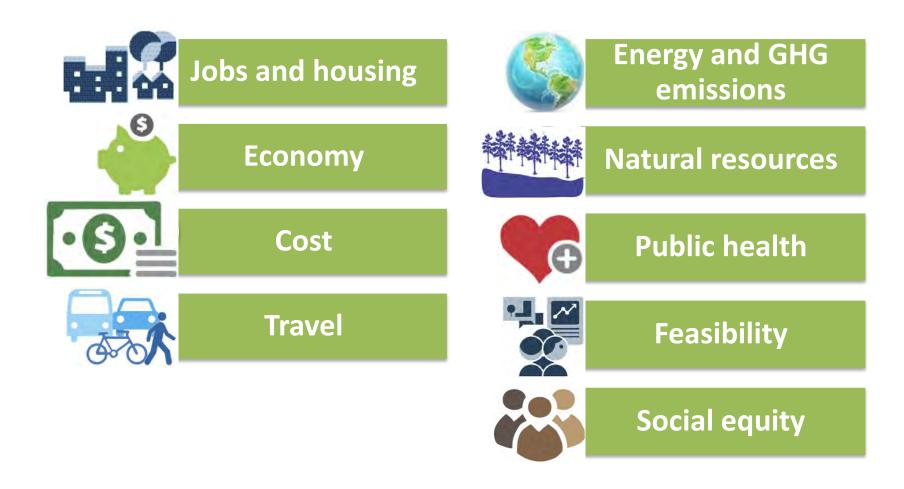
This scenario counters recent funding trends and will show the results of raising additional revenues – as called for in the RTP – to allow the region to make more progress toward implementing adopted plans.



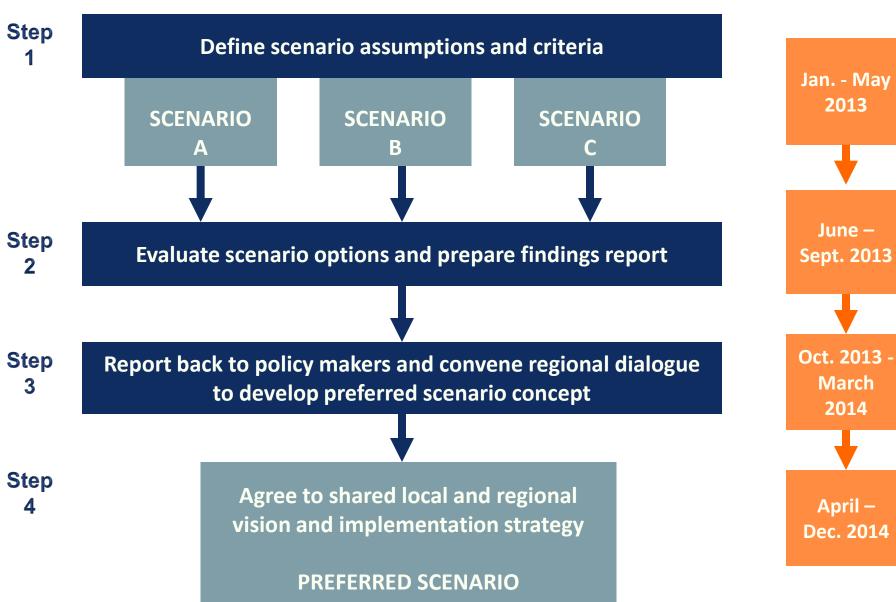
NEW PLANS AND POLICIES

This scenario will show the results of pursuing new policies, more investment and new revenue sources to more fully achieve adopted and emerging plans.

Phase 2 evaluation criteria



Process moving forward





Action requested



Recommendation to JPACT to support moving forward with the Phase 2 evaluation and report back in October

Climate Smart Communities Scenarios Health Impact Assessment Summary

Oregon Health Authority

April 2013

Health impacts of a changing climate

Changes to our climate have the potential to impact health in many ways. For example, more summer heat waves with higher temperatures or longer durations would increase heatrelated illness and death. Increased frequency and severity of winter storms could lead to increased respiratory illness from mold exposure and increased drownings.

Communities in
Oregon are especially
concerned about
water quality and
quantity; the impact
of severe weather
events like flash
floods and drought
on health, including
mental health; and
the possible increase
of communicable
and vector borne
diseases.

Health Impact Assessment

Health impact assessment (HIA) provides decision-makers with information about how a proposed policy, program or project may affect the health of people. HIA provides evidence-based information and recommendations to be used within an existing decision-making process to increase the positive health impacts of a proposed project or policy and mitigate negative impacts, all with a specific focus on equity.

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) conducts HIAs on projects or policies that have statewide impacts and on local or regional issues when there is sufficient interest from community members or other agencies. OHA supports statewide HIA practice by facilitating the Oregon HIA Network, providing trainings and awarding small HIA grants to local health departments.

Climate Smart Communities Scenarios HIA

The focus of this HIA is the Climate Smart Communities Scenarios (CSCS) regional planning project underway in the Portland metropolitan region. The CSCS project is Metro Regional Government's (Metro) response to a legislative requirement that the region meet Oregon's greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) reduction goal for small trucks and cars. The law was passed in an effort to mitigate climate change and reduce air pollution; however Metro is also considering impacts on public health, the economy, the environment and equity as part of the planning effort.

This HIA is intended to support Metro as they consider public health and health equity in the selection and implementation of final transportation and land use policies and investments aimed at achieving GHG reductions in the region. OHA's recommendations apply to the development and assessment of three specific GHG-reduction scenarios, or combinations of policies and investments, that will be further tested in 2013 and the development, and adoption of a single, preferred scenario that will be decided upon in 2014.

For more information about the Climate Smart Communities Scenarios Project, visit Metro's website: www.oregonmetro.gov.















Summary of findings

Reducing greenhouse gas emissions will have health benefits for Oregonians by slowing down climate change and improving air quality, and OHA found that almost all of the policies under consideration could improve health. Advancements in fuel technology and policies related to fleet mix and turnover can help to reduce GHG emissions in the region, and increasing the costs of driving and creating walkable and bikeable communities can reduce carbon emissions while increasing the number of active community members.

OHA found that certain policy combinations had more health benefits than others. Strategies that meet GHG reduction goals by decreasing vehicle miles traveled (VMT) will have the most positive impact on human health by increasing physical activity through active transportation and reducing injuries and fatalities from collisions.

The most health-promoting scenarios have similar elements: the most ambitious community design policies, intermediate and ambitious levels of pricing and incentives, highest levels of active transportation (including transit), lowest levels of single occupancy vehicle driving, and lowest levels of particulate air pollution. The majority of the health benefits come from increases in physical activity, followed by decreases in injuries and fatalities from collisions, and finally from decreased exposure to air pollution.

Some of the policies under consideration, or the way they are implemented, may also negatively affect health or lead to increased health disparities. For example, communities in the Portland metropolitan region have unequal access to active transportation infrastructure (sidewalks, bike routes, transit service). If areas with poor access are not prioritized, implementation could worsen existing inequities, leading to increased health disparities for some of the region's residents.

The modeling tool used in this assessment shows positive health impacts due to reductions in motor vehicle crashes, but also revealed potential negative impacts from increased bike injuries. Understanding the range of potential impacts will help policy makers decide which strategies to prioritize and how to implement the strategies to maximize health and reduce health-related costs for local communities.

CSCS HIA Key Recommendations

- Develop and implement a preferred scenario that meets or surpasses the greenhouse gas emissions reduction target set for the region.
- To maximize public health benefits and meet the state target, emphasize strategies that best increase active transportation and physical activity: community design, pricing and incentives.
- Include strategies, such as community design, that can lead to decreases in road traffic injuries and fatalities for all populations in the region, in particular for children.
- Carry out additional quantitative health impact assessment of the three scenarios that are identified for further evaluation in spring 2013 to further inform development and adoption of a final preferred scenario. OHA recommends the use of ITHIM or a similar health impacts model for this future assessment.







TIMELINE FOR ENGAGING CITIES, COUNTIES AND COMMUNITIES

	Description	Participants	Time frame	
	Technical work group Meets regularly to review and provide input on analysis	City, county, TriMet, state and Metro planning staff, and community representatives	Ongoing throughout project (2011-2014)	
	Accept Phase 1 Findings Report	Metro Policy Advisory Committee, Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation, Metro Council	January 2012	
	Discuss findings with local leaders Presentations at city councils and county boards	Metro councilors and staff, and city and county elected officials	JanSept. 2012	
	Scorecard workshops and focus groups Identify evaluation criteria and outcomes to measure in scenario analysis	Leaders representing the public health, equity and environmental justice, environmental and business communities	Spring-Fall 2012 and Winter 2013	
+	Case studies Examples to showcase community visions and strategies that have been implemented to achieve them	Beaverton, Clackamas County, Gresham, Hillsboro, Portland and Wilsonville	2012-2013	

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	Description	Participants	Time frame
Corridor	Southwest Corridor land use vision work sessions Use Envision Tomorrow software to assess and affirm community visions for future development; results will inform Southwest Corridor and scenario projects	Elected officials and planning staff from SW Corridor partners	Fall 2012
	Community partner work sessions Use Envision Tomorrow software to assess and affirm community visions for future development; results will inform three scenario options	Planning staff from communities around the region	Nov. 2012- Jan. 2013
	Online engagement Opt In survey tool for input on strategies being considered for preferred scenario	General public	March 2013 and Winter 2014
	Community partner workshops Scope implementation of three scenarios	Elected officials and community leaders	Summer 2013
TO THE PARTY OF TH	Discuss findings with local leaders Findings report released for regional discussion of benefits and tradeoffs; develop preferred scenario	JPACT, MPAC, Metro Council, other elected officials and community leaders	Oct. 2013- March 2014
	Online public comment period 45-day public comment period on preferred scenario	General public, elected officials and community members	Fall 2014
	MPAC, JPACT, Metro Council Select a preferred scenario in Dec. 2014	MPAC, JPACT, Metro Council	Dec. 2014

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Date: April 22, 2013

To: TPAC members and interested parties

From: Josh Naramore, Senior Transportation Planner

Subject: 2016-18 Regional Flexible Funds Allocation (RFFA) Public Comment Process

During fall of 2012, Metro staff worked with the JPACT to develop a policy framework to allocate approximately \$95 million of federal transportation dollars to projects across the region. The 2016-18 RFFA process will fund projects in three steps. Step 1 includes Region wide programs that are administered by Metro. The Step 2 process includes community investments in both Active Transportation/Complete Streets and Green Economy/Freight Initiatives. Step 3 establishes a Regional Economic Opportunity Fund (REOF), structured on the federal TIGER process.

Applications for Steps 1, 2 and 3 were due to Metro on March 15. Table 1 lists all of the project applications that were received. The regional public comment process for all of the project applications is scheduled to run from May 8 – June 7. A regional public hearing on the 2016-18 RFFA will be held at Metro Regional Center on either Tuesday, May 21 or Thursday, May 30 starting at 4 or 5pm. This hearing will involve both Metro Councilors and JPACT members. A poll was recently distributed to JPACT members to identify the exact date and start time for the public hearing.

Comments from the public hearing and comment period will be distributed to the project applicants by mid-June. Applicants will need to respond and address comments as the projects move through the local evaluation and prioritization process. All of the project applications will be evaluated and prioritized by each of the three county coordinating committees and the City of Portland during summer 2013. A local public input process will take place in all four sub areas during that same time prior to the recommendation to JPACT and Metro Council of the 100 percent project list scheduled for October 2013.

Metro staff are scheduled for the May 9 JPACT meeting to discuss the next steps of the public comment process and project evaluation process. If you have any questions or need any additional information, contact Josh Naramore at 503-797-1825 or joshua.naramore@oregonmetro.gov.

Table 1 - List of Regional Flexible Fund Applications

Nomination Framework	No.	Project	Sponsor	RFFA Competition Area	Requested Funds
Step One	1	Regional MPO Planning	Metro	Regionwide Program	\$3,630,000
	2	Transportation System Management and	Metro	Regionaride Brogram	¢4.640.000
	3	Operations Regional Travel Options	Metro	Regionwide Program Regionwide Program	\$4,640,000 \$7,010,000
	4	Transit-Oriented Development	Metro	Regionwide Program	\$9,190,000
	5	Corridors and Systems Planning	Metro	Regionwide Program	\$1,540,000
	1	Hogan Road: Powell Boulevard to Rugg Road	City of Gresham	Active Transportation and Complete Streets and Green Economy and Freight	\$3,644,000
	2	Sandy Boulevard: NE 181st Avenue to East Gresham City Limits	City of Gresham	Active Transportation and Complete Streets and Green Economy and Freight	\$3,644,000
	3	Canyon Road Streetscape and Safety Project	City of Beaverton	Active Transportation and Complete Streets	\$3,525,000
	4	Downtown Accessibility Project	City of Hillsboro	Active Transportation and Complete Streets	\$3,000,000
	5	BCT Crescent Connection: Westside Trail to SW Hocken Avenue	THPRD	Active Transportation and Complete Streets	\$4,247,649
	6	Concept Development for Hwy 217 Overcrossing at Hunziker Street	City of Tigard	Green Economy and Freight	\$800,000
	7	Fanno Creek Trail (Woodard Park to Bonita Rd and 85th Ave to Tualatin)	City of Tigard	Active Transportation and Complete Streets Active Transportation and	\$3,700,000
	8	Merlo/170 th Complete Corridor Design Plan	Washington County	Complete Streets	\$445,000
	9	Pedestrian Arterial Crossings	Washington County	Active Transportation and Complete Streets	\$3,585,000
Step Two	10	Silicon Forest Green Signals Tonquin Road/Grahams Ferry Road	Washington County	Green Economy and Freight	\$1,895,700
	11	Intersection Clackamas County Regional ITS Project	Washington County	Green Economy and Freight	\$2,132,000
Step 1 wo	12	Phase 2B	Clackamas County	Green Economy and Freight	\$1,233,967
	13	Jennings Ave: OR99E to Oatfield Rd Sidewalk and Bikelane	Clackamas County	Active Transportation and Complete Streets	\$3,415,728
	14	Trolley Trail Historic Bridge Feasibility Study: Gladstone to Oregon City	City of Gladstone	Active Transportation and Complete Streets	\$201,892
	15	SE 129th Avenue Bike Lane & Sidewalk Project	City of Happy Valley	Active Transportation and Complete Streets	\$2,720,644
	16	Molalla Avenue - Beavercreek Rd. to HWY 213 (Oregon City)	City of Oregon City	Active Transportation and Complete Streets	\$4,588,000
	17	OR99W: SW 19th Avenue to SW 26th Way (Portland) Barbur Boulearvd Demonstration Project	City of Portland	Active Transportation and Complete Streets	\$2,000,000
	18	Portland Central City Multi-Modal Safety	City of Portland	Active Transportation and Complete Streets	\$6,000,000
	19	Foster Road: SE Powell to SE 90th: Pedestrian/Bicycle/Safety Phase 2	City of Portland	Active Transportation and Complete Streets	\$2,000,000
	20	Powell@Division Corridor Safety & Access to Transit	City of Portland	Active Transportation and Complete Streets	\$2,918,020
	21	South Rivergate Freight Project	City of Portland	Green Economy and Freight	\$4,272,000
	22	St Johns Truck Strategy Phase II	City of Portland	Active Transportation and Complete Streets and Green Economy and Freight	\$2,927,813
	23	Southwest in Motion (SWIM)	City of Portland	Active Transportation and Complete Streets	\$272,000
Step Three	1	NE 238th Dr: Halsey St to Glisan St Freight and Multimodal Project (PE Only)	Multnomah County	Regional Economic Opportunity Fund	\$1,000,000
	2	Troutdale Industrial Access Project	Port of Portland	Regional Economic Opportunity Fund	\$8,000,000
	3	US 26/Brookwood Interchange - Industrial Access Project	City of Hillsboro	Regional Economic Opportunity Fund	\$8,267,000
	4	Sunrise System: Industrial Area Freight Access and Multimodal Project	Clackamas County	Regional Economic Opportunity Fund	\$8,267,000
	5	East Portland Access to Employment and Education Multimodal Project	City of Portland	Regional Economic Opportunity Fund	\$8,267,000