BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

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FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENDORSING AN UPDATED REGIONAL POSITION ON REAUTHORIZATION OF THE TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT FOR THE 21ST CENTURY (TEA-21)

RESOLUTION NO. 04-3409A

Introduced by Councilor Rod Park

WHEREAS, the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) was adopted by Congress in 1998; and

WHEREAS, TEA-21 expired at the end of federal Fiscal Year 2003 (September 30, 2003) and a five-month extension will expire before March 2004; and

WHEREAS, Congress will be considering reauthorization of TEA-21 during 2003; and

WHEREAS, TEA-21 has a significant policy effect on transportation planning and decisionmaking and funding in the Portland region; and

WHEREAS, reauthorization results in the "earmarking" or identification of specific projects and establishes the amount of federal funding eligible to be appropriated to those projects; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 03-3271 was adopted in January 2003 providing an analysis of possible legislative issues and options and an initial regional position on these issues; and

WHEREAS, there is proposed legislation under consideration in the Senate and House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, further review of proposed legislation will lead to possible amendment and refinement to this policy postion; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council:

- 1. Endorses the summary of regional priority policy issues on reauthorization of TEA-21 as reflected in Exhibit A.
- 2. Endorses the regional analysis of issues reflected in legislation under consideration in Exhibit B.
- 3. Endorses the projects identified in Exhibit C as the region's priority projects for TEA-21 reauthorization earmarking.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this

12# day of February, 2004

David Bragdon, Council President

Approved as to Form;

Daniel B. Cooper, Metro Attorney

Exhibit A Portland Regional Position On the Reauthorization of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21)

Priority Policy Issues

In January 2003, the Metro region, through JPACT and the Metro Council adopted Resolution No. 03-3271 establishing priorities for the upcoming reauthorization of TEA-21. At that time, the reauthorization bill was still in development and specific proposals were not available. As such, Resolution No. 03-3271 provided a detailed analysis of issues that the region determined would be beneficial to address, identified the highest priorities of these issues and established priorities for project funding.

At this time, there are three bills introduced in the Congress, framing a much more specific basis for establishing the region's priority interests:

- Senate Bill 1072 the "Safe, Accountable, Flexible and Efficient Transportation Equity Act of 2003" (SAFETEA) has been passed by the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee and recommended to the full Senate for consideration. This bill provides the Highway Title only and will be accompanied by the Transit Title which remains to be produced by the Senate Banking Committee. When the Transit Title is included, it is estimated SAFETEA will provide \$311 Billion over the 6-year period.
- House Bill 3550 The "Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users" (TEA-LU) has been introduced to the House Transportation Committee. It includes both the Highway Title and the Transit Title. TEA-LU provides \$375 Billion over the 6-year period.
- House Bill 3611 The "Metropolitan Congestion Relief Act" has been introduced to the House Transportation Committee. This Bill only addresses metropolitan funding programs and is intended as a vehicle to include portions as possible amendments into TEA-LU. It is <u>not</u> anticipated to be considered as a stand-alone bill.
- Senate Bill 3011 The "Federal Public Transportation Act of 2004" has been introduced in the Senate Banking and Urban Affairs Committee.

Attached as Exhibit "B" to this Resolution is a detailed analysis of these bills with specific recommendations for support, opposition or amendment. However, the situation will continue to change, there will be a need to evaluate new proposals and there will be a need to react quickly. As such, this policy position is intended to establish the major concepts to support.

I. High Priority Issues

A. Funding Levels - Both the House and Senate Bills provide an important increase in transportation funding. It is essential that the reauthorization be finalized with these increases. If this is not possible, it would be better to defer adoption and adopt a short-term extension.

- B. Program Structure In general, the Portland region supports the Bills because the basic program structure of TEA-21 is retained. Also, in general, it is preferred by the Portland region that new discretionary programs <u>not</u> be created because historically the state has faired better through formula programs than through discretionary programs (there are several very important exceptions noted below). The principal program categories in the Highway Title of Interstate Maintenance (IM), National Highway System (NHS), Highway Bridge Program (HBR), Surface Transportation Program (STP) and Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ and in the Transit Title of Urban Formula Grants and New Starts are the most important to the region and the most critical to provide at an increased funding level.
- **C. CMAQ apportionment** Of critical importance to the Portland region is to maintain apportionment of CMAQ funds to the region with the change in the standard for ozone from a 1-hour standard to an 8-hour standard (a detailed amendment is included as Attachment 1 to Exhibit "B").
- D. Multi-State Corridor Program Both the House Bill and the Senate Bill provide for an expanded Corridor Program, separated from the Border Program. However, the Portland region supports both the funding level in the House Bill (@ \$5 Billion) and the 70/30 division between Corridors and Borders. This would make this a viable funding source to continue to pursue discretionary grants for the I-5 Trade and Transportation Improvement.
- E. New Starts/Small Starts This is a key discretionary program that continues to be important to implement the region's transit system. Significant in the House Bill is the proposed creation of a Small Starts category intended to provide a streamlined program for projects under \$75 million, such as Commuter Rail and Street Car. Overall, the New Start and Small Start programs are very attractive but there are some refinements needed to ensure it is as effective as intended. In the "project" section of this paper, the region's New Start/Small Start projects to be authorized are detailed, including ensuring that the Commuter Rail Project is not setback due to the new Small Start Program.
- **F. Freight Program -** It is vital to Oregon's economic future to retain our strength as a distribution point within the global trade network. Both the House and Senate Bills recognize the importance of federal programs to enhance the nation's infrastructure for freight movement. The Portland region supports the funding that is provided in both bills for intermodal connectors and multi-state corridors. In addition, the region urges approval of the Senate provisions that would make publicly-owned intermodal freight transportation projects eligible for Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds and TIFIA assistance.
- **G. Metropolitan Congestion Relief Act** House Bill 3611 the Metropolitan Congestion Relief Act provides for the suballocation of STP, NHS, Interstate Maintenance and CMAQ funds to metropolitan regions. As shown in the detailed analysis, these amendments are <u>not</u> recommended by the Portland region. However, the creation of a new Metropolitan Congestion Relief funding category is recommended. As proposed, this category would result in a significant funding program for the Portland region and

result in a level of funding to the state that is proportionately higher than the other categories.

- **H. General Funds in the Transit Program** Historically, the Transit program has been funded through both Trust Funds dollars and General Fund dollars, spread across the entire program. TEA-LU proposes to shift the General Fund dollars to the New Starts category and the Trust Fund dollars to the balance of the transit program. The Senate Bill puts transit funding at a significant risk due to the lack of the same guarantees as highway funding. This would place New Start dollars at considerable risk and the region supports use of Trust Fund dollars.
- I. Projects of National and Regional Significance The Portland region is in support of the discretionary funding category for Projects of National and Regional Significance proposed in Section 1304 of TEA-LU as long as revenue increases can accommodate the program without a negative impact on the formula programs. It is a significant proposed program (@ \$17.6 Billion for the 6-years), intended for projects larger than \$500 million (or 75% of a state's federal aid highway program or about \$300 million in Oregon) that meet key criteria relating to national economic benefit, congestion reduction, safety improvement, support from non-federal funding including public-private partnerships and new technologies to enhance efficiency it is essential that the programs is implemented through a rigorous evaluation process similar to the transit New Starts Program.

The region supports the efforts of ODOT and the leadership of Congressman DeFazio to seek an earmark for the state's cracked bridge program under this new category. If the program is created, there are two prospects for this program as part of the next authorization: the I-5 Trade Corridor and the Sunrise Corridor. During the intervening years, these projects will need to be better defined, advanced into preliminary engineering and a case made for their national significance.

II. Other Priority Issues to Support

- **A.** The change in the CMAQ apportionment formula in Section 1611 of SAFETEA is a good thing since it removes the 20% funding penalty for areas that meet ozone standards.
- **B.** The addition of the Safe Routes to Schools in both SAFETEA and TEA-LU is good.
- **C.** The funding programs in TEA-LU for Elderly and Disabled and the New Freedom Program are good.
- **D.** The provision in both SAFETEA and TEA-LU making the availability of TIFIA for \$50 million rather than \$100 million projects is good.
- **E.** Section 1604 of SAFETEA providing for the designation of elements of the Interstate System on the National Register of Historic Places would be detrimental to implementing the I-5 Trade Corridor project.

- **F.** The change in Section 1615 of SAFETEA to update the long-range transportation plan every 5-years rather than every 3-years is good.
- **G.** While there is a need to simplify the air quality conformity requirements, they should continue to be required for the full 20-year time period of the long-range transportation plan.
- **H.** The SAFETEA provision in Section 1102(b) increasing metropolitan planning to 1.5% of the highway program is important to meet the need of added metropolitan planning organizations and added federal mandates.
- I. Section 1522 of SAFETEA the planning Capacity Building Initiative provides funds for FHWA to improve and develop MPO transportation planning practices and should have an increased funding level.
- **J.** Section 5207 the Advanced Travel Forecasting Procedures Program which provides funding to FHWA for Research & Development of the TRANSIMS advanced modeling system was cut from SAFETEA and should be restored.
- **K.** Tolling provisions of both bills are good additions. The region supports the Congestion Pricing/Value Pricing language in SAFETEA and the funding authorization provided in TEA-LU.

III. Other Priority Issues to Oppose

- **A.** The Infrastructure Performance and Maintenance Program proposed in Section 1101(13) of SAFETEA should <u>not</u> be adopted since it duplicates other program categories, creates new unnecessary requirements and should be simply integrated with those categories.
- **B.** Section 1101(a)(22) of TEA-LU creating a program for dedicated truck lanes should <u>not</u> be adopted since these are eligible under several of the other funding categories.
- **C.** Section 1202 of TEA-LU requiring a set-aside of a portion of STP, NHS, CMAQ and Interstate Maintenance categories for congestion relief activities is an unnecessary limit on state and local decision-making.
- **D.** Section 1205 of TEA-LU requiring a set-aside of a portion of STP, NHS, CMAQ and Interstate Maintenance categories ITS projects is an unnecessary limit on state and local decision-making.

IV. High Priority Projects

Reauthorization of TEA-21 will include earmarking of funds for specific transportation projects. In particular, specific projects and funding amounts will be included in Section 1101(a)(17) for High Priority Projects. TEA-LU provides for an increase in funding for High Priority Projects by 60% from \$9.316 Billion to \$15 Billion. As such, the Portland region should provide the delegation with candidate projects to select from in anticipation of

earmarking about \$130 million of High Priority projects.

In addition to High Priority Projects, there may be an opportunity to earmark certain discretionary funding categories. Certainly, a very high priority for the Portland region is to authorize projects for funding through the New Starts and Small Starts Program. Whether other discretionary categories are created that could be earmarked remains to be seen, but some of these categories could be used for earmarking some of the Portland area projects. The project list reflects possible categories to be considered for earmarking, depending on the outcome of their status in the Bill.

EXHIBIT B to Resolution No. 04-3409A

<u>Analysis of Reauthorization Proposals</u> <u>Regional Position on</u> <u>Reauthorization of the</u> <u>Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century</u> <u>(TEA-21)</u>

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- B-1 TEA-LU (HR 3550) HIGHWAY TITLE ONLY
- B-2 TEA-LU (HR 3550) TRANSIT TITLE ONLY
- B-3 TEA-LU (HR 3550) NEW START/SMALL START
- **B-4 SAFETEA (S. 1072)**
- B-5 METROPOLITAN CONGESTION RELIEF ACT (HR 3611)
- B-6 SENATE TRANSIT BILL (S. 3011)

TEA-LU (HR 3550) HIGHWAY TITLE ONLY

The House Transportation Reauthorization bill is the product of two committees. The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee released a bill (TEA-LU) covering the highway and transit title. Because TEA-LU increases funding beyond existing capacity, new revenues must be enacted by the House Ways and Means Committee.. Ways and Means has not yet produced a bill. So, the table below reviews only TEA-LU. Only changes to TEA-21 are addressed. The table uses the following symbols to rate the overall affect of a proposed change.

Very Good	Good	Neutral	Bad	Very Bad	Unclear
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Rating	Program/Issue TEA-LU Section Sect. of 23 USC Amended	Summary of Issue/Explanation of Rating											
	EXISTING FUNDING PROGRAMS												
	Authorization Levels and Apportionment Formulae (only those programs most relevant to Portland shown)												
$\sum_{i=1}^{n}$	If revenue is enhanced, TEA-LU provides 36% higher Interstate Maintenance funding than TEA 2 16% less IM funding than SAFETEA.												
	L. 4	Bill:	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	TOTAL				
	Interstate Maintenance Program	TEA-21	\$3.43	\$3.96	\$4.00	\$4.07	\$4.14	\$4.22	\$23.81				
	SAFTEA §1101(a)(1)	EPW Bill	\$5.50	\$6.30	\$6.55	\$6.55	\$6.55	\$6.55	\$38.00				
	Amends 23 USC 119	House Bill	\$4.50	\$4.99	\$5.36	\$5.71	\$5.87	\$6.07	\$32.50				
	In FY2003, Oregon received 1.30% (\$57M) of the nationwide apportionment of Interstat Maintenance funds; the highest percentage share among all major road programs, except for Hig Priority Projects.												

$\overline{\langle}$	National Highway System	If revenue is enhance 21; 15% less NHS fu				her Natio	onal High	way Syste	em funding than TEA			
	Program TEA-LU §1101(a)(2)	Bill:	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	TOTAL			
	Amends 23 USC 103	TEA-21	\$4.112	\$4.749	\$4.793	\$4.888	\$4.968	\$5.061	\$28.571			
		EPW Bill	\$6.650	\$7.650	\$7.950	\$7.950	\$7.950	\$7.950	\$46.100			
		House Bill	\$5.401	\$5.986	\$6.431	\$6.854	\$7.039	\$7.287	\$38.998			
		In FY2003, Oregon 1	received 1.2	4% (\$68N	M) of the	nationwic	le apporti	onment o	f NHS funds.			
		If revenue is enhanc	ed, TEA-L	U provide	s 37% hi	gher Higl	hway Bri	dge fundi	ng than TEA 21, and			
		14% less Highway B	ridge fundi	ng than SA	AFETEA		2	•				
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		TEA-21	\$2.941	\$3.395	\$3.427	\$3.495	\$3.552	\$3.619	\$20.429			
	Highway Bridge Program	Senate Bi		\$5.400	\$5.600	\$5.600	\$5.600	\$5.600	\$32.500			
	TEA-LU §1101(a)(3); §1112 Amends 23 USC 144	House Bil	\$3.862	\$4.280	\$4.599	\$4.901	\$5.033	\$5.211	\$27.886			
		In FY2003, Oregon received 1.22% (\$46M) of the nationwide apportionment of Bridge funds.										
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		are eased. Bridge D	iscretionary	y Program	n levels re	emains at	\$100M	per year,	as in TEA-21. From			
		1998-2002 Oregon re	eceived <u>no</u>	Bridge Di	scretionar	y funds;	while \$46	52M was g	granted nationally.			
		TEA-LU removes fro	om the STP	program	the 10% :	set-aside	requirem	ent for sat	fety projects (creating			
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\square	Surface Transport. Program	Bill:	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	5 Year	6 TOTAL			
	TEA-LU §1101(a)(5); §1202(c)	TEA-21	\$4.318	\$4.986	\$5.033	\$5.133	\$5.216					
	Amends 23 USC 133	Senate Bill	\$6.811	\$7.791	\$8.085	\$8.085	\$8.085					
		House Bill	\$6.286	\$6.954	\$7.461	\$7.942	\$8.147					
		TEA-LU adds to the	he list of	STP-eligi	ble proje	ects incid	ent respo	onse, tech	nnology deployment,			
									n is Oregon's largest			
		federal road program	. FY2003,	Oregon re	eceived 1	.26% (\$8	1M) of th	e nationw	vide apportionment of			
		STP funds. The JPA	CT reautho	rization a	genda sho	ould prior	itize incre	eases to th	e STP program.			

		Consistent with o compared to TEA-		g fundi	ng sour	ces, TEA	-LU proj	poses to in	ncrease CM	1AQ funding by 59%
		Bill:	Ye	ar 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	TOTAL
		TEA-2	21 \$1.	193	\$1.345	\$1.358	\$1.385	\$1.407	\$1.434	\$ 8.122
\leq		Senat	e Bill \$1.	900	\$2.150	\$2.225	\$2.225	\$2.225	\$2.225	\$12.950
Z		House	e Bill \$1.	530	\$1.696	\$1.822	\$1.942	\$1.994	\$2.065	\$11.049
	CMAQ Program									ount and in terms of its
	TEA-LU §1101(a)(6);									JPACT and the Metro
	Amends 23 USC									ent of CMAQ funds. It
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	Transportation &									
	Community & System	However, the auth	orization lev	vels and	selectio	on criteria	under TE	EA-21 had	little to do	with actual grants:
	Preservation Program		TEA-21 ACIUA	L 1998	1999	2000	2001 20	02 2003	TOTAL	
	TEA-LU §1113		Discretionary Gr	ant	\$0.013	\$0.009			\$0.022	
	Amends 23USC101 note 112 Stat 223	-	Cong Earmark			\$0.022	\$0.047 \$0.	273 \$0.089	\$0:431	
	112 Stat 223		Total		\$0.013	\$0.031	· · ·	273 \$0.089	\$0:453	
			Oregon Grants		\$0.001			- \$0.001	\$0.003	
		-	Oregon Percent		8.46%	1.81%	0.80% 0.0	0% 1.43%	0.73%	
		Overall, Oregon/P	ortland has	not done	e as well	with TC	SP as oth	er progran	IS.	

"Corridor" funds are available to the I-5 Trade Corridor. Oregon is not eligible for "Border" funds. Under TEA-21, "Border" and "Corridor" funds were authorized as one program. About 80% of these funds were allocated to "Corridor" projects. TEA-LU establishes independent funding authorizations for both programs and increases funding by about eight-fold. TEA-LU's split between Border and Corridor funds is consistent with past practice. A section has been reserved in TEA-LU for the operations of the program; so it is yet not clear how the funds will be allocated.

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	In TEA-21 H		orders and Combined, i				Programs			
	Bill:	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	TOTAL		
	TEA-21; B&C.	\$0.140	\$0.140	\$0.140	\$0.140	\$0.140	\$0.140	\$0.840		
Multi-State Corridor	Senate Bill: Corridors	\$0.112	\$0.135	\$0.157	\$0.180	\$0.202	\$0.225	\$1.011		
TEA-LU §1101(a)(10); §1301	Senate Bill: Borders	\$0.112	\$0.135	\$0.157	\$0.180	\$0.202	\$0.225	\$1.011		
Border Planning,	Senate Bill: B&C	\$0.224	\$0.270	\$0.314	\$0.360	\$0.404	\$0.450	\$2.022		
Operations, Tech.	House Bill: Corridors	\$0.500	\$0.900	\$0.900	\$0.900	\$0.900	\$0.900	\$5.000		
TEA-LU §1101(a)(11);	House Bill: Borders	\$0.200	\$0.300	\$0.325	\$0.350	\$0.400	\$0.400	\$1.975		
§1302	House Bill: B&C	\$0.700	\$1.200	\$1.225	\$1.250	\$1.300	\$1.300	\$6.975		
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	Unlike other targeted prog about 80% of total, becaus	grams, thi	s program	should be	e supporte	d by JPAC	T, so long			
Interstate Discretionary Projects TEA-LU §1111 Amends 23USC118(c)	from the Interstate Discr	n TEA-LU, <u>the \$100M per year Interstate Discretionary Program is eliminated</u> . Oregon has received from the Interstate Discretionary Program. Of the \$560M allocated during TEA-21, Oregon reg								

	<u>NEW</u> FUNDING PROGRAMS Authorization Levels and Apportionment Formulae (only those programs most relevant to Portland shown)											
		TEA-LU repeals the 10% (\$649M in FY03) safety set-aside in the STP program and replaces it with a new, formula program with a 90% federal share.										
		Bill:	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	TOTAL			
		TEA-21	N/A									
		Senate Bill	\$1.200	\$1.300	\$1.350	\$1.350	\$1.350	\$1.350	\$7.900			
		House Bill	\$1.000	\$1.100	\$1.200	\$1.300	\$1.400	\$1.500	\$7.500			
Improvement Prog. TEA-LU §1101(6); §1401; Amends 23USC130; 23USC152of these funds are apportioned to states based on the STP formula and o railroad crossings. Two-thirds of these amounts are allocated to states for the 23USC152 based on the STP formula.Project requirements do not appear onerous, but do not know how they 									ard elimination program in apply with Oregon/Portland affic Safety Administration and be wary of targeted or <u>nitigated somewhat in the</u> <u>limination of the 10% STP</u>			
	Safe Routes to Schools TEA-LU §1101(a)(23) §1118(b)	Creates a \$250M per year, six-year formula program for sidewalks, traffic calming, bicycle facilities, etc. in the vicinity of primary and middle schools. Apportionment to states based on school enrollment with a \$2M per year minimum apportionment (probably would be Oregon's share). 10%-30% of funds to be used for activities to encourage walking and bicycling to school, including public awareness campaigns, traffic education and enforcement in the vicinity of schools, student sessions on bicycle and pedestrian safety, etc										

		Creates a "New Sta	rts-like" dis	cretiona	ry progr	am for "	mega" i	oad pro	jects. (Only projects costing the	lesser
		of \$500M or 75% o	of the sponso	oring stat	e's ann	ual feder	al highv	vay assi	stance j	program are eligible.	
			Bill:	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year	5 Year 6	TOTAL	
			TEA-21	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	\$ -	
			Senate Bill	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	\$ -	
			House Bill	\$2.900	\$2.900	\$2.900	\$2.900	\$3.000	\$3.000	\$17.600	
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X	High Priority Projects	Oregon has done w	ell with der	no proje	cts. Ur	nder TEA	A-21 , O	regon r	eceived	in the House T&I Comr 1.85% of such funds; a demo funding by 60%	share
	TEA-LU §1101(a)(17) Amends23 USC 117		Bill:	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4 Y	Year 5 Y	Zear 6 1	OTAL	
	Amenus23 USC 11/		TEA-21	\$1.030	\$1.404	\$1.685	\$1.685 \$	51.778 \$	1.778 \$	9.360	
			Senate Bill	NA	NA	NA 1	NA N	A N	₩ \$	-	
			House Bill	\$1.953	\$2.144	\$2.355	\$2.587 \$	2.841 \$	3.120 \$	15.000	

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								interm	odal co	onnectors, (ii) the state's	percentage	
		contribution to the Trus	st Fund a	nd (iii)	the Nl	HS for	nula.					
		H	Bill:	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year4	Year 5	Year 6	TOTAL		
		1	IEA-21	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	\$ -		
	Freight Intermodal	S	Senate Bill	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	\$ -		
	Connectors	H	House Bill	\$0300	\$0.400	\$0.500	\$0.600	\$0.600	\$0.600	\$3.000		
	TEA-LU §1101(a)(18);											
	§1303	Funds must be used f	for const	ruction	n of p	ublicly	ownee	d inter	modal	connectors and related	operational	
		Funds must be used for construction of publicly owned intermodal connectors and related operational improvements. Priority is to be given to NHS intermodal connectors. Funds can be used for other road										
		projects if state certi	fies ther	e are	no ir	ntermo	dal co	nnector	needs	s. While program is	a formula	
		apportionment (which is generally better for Oregon), it is likely that formula produces lower share than										
		NHS formula. Generally, JPACT should support increases in flexible programs, such as STP, and be wary										
		of targeted or restrictive programs with new administrative requirements										
		TEA-LU includes authorized funding, but does not define the program (section reserved for this purpose).										
\leq	Dedicated Truck Lanes		:	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year4	Year 5	Year 6			
S	TEA-LU §1101(a)(22);	-	EA-21	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	• · · · ·		
	§1305	S	enate Bill	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	4000		
		Н	lase Bill	\$0.25	\$0.35	\$0.35	\$0.35	\$0.35	\$0.35	\$2.00		
										e funds be dedicated for		
-										categories times the per		
	Congestion Relief									Each year 40% of th		
	TEA-LU §1202									implemented in one ye		
										5% to any congestion rel		
							t rathe	r a lii	nitation	n on flexibility and an	additional	
		administrative burden, a	and shou	ld be c	pposed	1.						
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	OTHER PROGRAMS AND POLICIES											
	(Research not Addressed, Defer to PSU)											
	TIFIA											
	TEA-LU §1303						1 per y	year for	: six ye	ears authorized to suppo	ort program.	
	Amends 23 USC181-189	The maximum annual c	credit am	ounts s	set at \$2	2.6B.						
	Amenus 25 USC 101-109											

	TSM TEA-LU §1202 Amends 23 USC 133, 23 USC 149	Expends list of eligible projects for STP and CMAQ funds to include transportation system management and operations activities.
\Box	ITS TEA-LU §1205 Adds 23 USC 150	Requires States to obligate a portion of their annual NHS, Interstate Maintenance, STP and CMAQ funds on ITS projects. The portion of a state's federal funds that must be spend on ITS is \$500M times the percent of federal road funds that state receives compared to the national total. For Oregon, this means about \$6M per year. This program is not a new funding source, but rather a limitation on flexibility and an additional administrative burden, and should be opposed.
	Tolling	Nothing proposed.
?	Public Private Partnerships TEA-LU §1503	Section reserved, proposal to be added later.
?	Design Build Contracts TEA-LU §1501	Section reserved, proposal to be added later.

TEA-LU (HR 3550) <u>TRANSIT TITLE ONLY</u> New Start and Small Start Programs Reviewed Separately

The House Transportation Reauthorization bill is the product of two committees. The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee released a bill (TEA-LU) covering the highway and transit title. Because TEA-LU increases funding beyond existing capacity, new revenues must be enacted by the House Ways and Means Committee. Ways and Means has not yet produced a bill. So, the table below reviews only the transit elements of TEA-LU, except for the New Start and Small Start provisions that are reviewed separately. Only changes to TEA-21 are addressed. The table uses the following symbols to rate the overall affect of a proposed change.

Very Good	Good	Neutral	Bad	Very Bad	Unclear
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Rating	Program/Issue TEA-LU Section Sect. of 49USC Amended	Summary of Issue/Explanation of Rating										
	EXISTING FUNDING PROGRAMS											
	Authorization Levels and Apportionment Formulae (only those programs most relevant to Portland shown)											
		TEA-LU provides an 87% increase in §5307 funds over TEA-21. Year 1 of TEA-LU only provides a 4% increase over Year 6 of TEA-21, but it includes a 13% per year increase each year thereafter.										
		Bill:	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year4	Year5	Year 6	TOTAL			
	Urban Area Formula	TEA-21	\$2.30	\$2.55	\$2.78	\$3.00	\$3.23	\$3.45	\$17.31			
	Grants	Senate Bill	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	\$ -			
	TEA-LU §3008	House Bill	\$3.60	\$4.31	\$4.87	\$5.48	\$6.06	\$6.72	\$31.03			
	Amends 49USC 5307	There are no other notable changes in the urban grant program. The Portland region receives about 0.8%-0.9% of the national appropriation of 5307 formula funds. Over its six years, the increased proposed by TEA-LU results in an additional \$120M for the Portland region compared to TEA-21.										

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		TEA-LU increases .	JARC fund	ls by 14	10% co	mpared	to TE	A-21.			
			Bill:	•	Year 2	•			Year 6	TOTAL	
			TEA-21		\$0.05	\$0.08	\$0.10	\$0.13	\$0.15	\$0.50	
2	Jobs Access Reverse		Senate Bill	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
•	Commute (JARC)		Hare Bill	\$0.175	\$0.185	\$0.195	\$0205	\$0215	\$0225	\$1.200	
	TEA-LU §3017										
	Adds 49USC5316										became one of federal
											would be apportioned to
											e of low-income persons
											ban areas with less than
		200,000 population									
											tors merged Clean Fuels
		authority into §5507									Fuel Program by 140%.
			Bill: Y TEA-21	Year 1 Y						IAL 0.25	
\triangleleft			Senate Bill				A N			0.00	
15			HoreBill							0.60	
	Clean Fuels Formula			JUI0	φ.i0 τ	μ .10 4	φ.10 φ	μ. μ.	μιο φ		
	Grant Program	However. TriMet w	ould no lo	nger be	e eligib	le for f	òrmula	apport	ionmei	nts unde	er the program. A recent
	TEA-LU §3009 Amends 49USC5308, 5338										her than a "maintenance
	Amenus 4905C5508, 5558										for non-attainment. My
						t factor	r would	l be zer	o. To c	ontinue	TriMet's eligibility, add
		the following to 49U									
											<u>as a nonattainment or</u>
								t was d	esigna	ted as a	<u>i nonattainment area or</u>
		maintenance area u							4 01		
		TEA-LU increases l			•		-				
			Bill:		Year 2						
	Eldenly and Dischlad		TEA-21	\$0.06	\$0.07	\$0.07	\$0.08	\$0.09	\$0.09		
Λ	Elderly and Disabled Formula Funds		Senate Bill	NA \$0.10	NA \$0.12	NA \$0.14	NA \$0.15	NA \$0.17	NA \$0.19	NA \$0.87	
	TEA-LU §3011		Harse Bill	2010	50.12	30.14	30.13	JU.1 /	30.19	JU.8/	
	49USC5310, 5338	The program is cha	mod to a	llow fu	nds to	he use	d for c	neratin	o exne	enses a	t a 50% match ratio. A
	190500510,0550										that projects be derived
											ation plan." The State of
		Oregon received on									r

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		TEA-LU increases top of the "small st		funds	for "ma	ajor" p	rojects	by 87%	6 compa	ared to TEA-21, and that is
		top of the sinth st	Bill:	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Voor 4	Year5	Year 6	TOTAL
Λ	New Start Funds		ты: ТFA-21	\$0.800	\$0.902	\$0.980	\$1.058	\$1.136	\$1214	\$6.090
57	TEA-LU §3010		Senate Bill	NA	50.902 NA	50.960 NA	51.000 NA	\$1.150 NA	51214 NA	NA
	49USC5309, 5338		House Bill	\$1.350	\$1.596	\$1.791	\$2.002	\$2.197	\$2426	\$11.362
		Programmatic issue	es are discu	ssed in	a sepai	rate rev	view.			
		TEA-LU increases proposed.	Bus Discre	tionary	funds	by 87%	6 comp	ared to	TEA-21	. No other notable changes a
٨			Bill:	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year4	Year 5	Year 6	TOTAL
	Bus Discretionary Funds		TEA-21	\$0.400	\$0.451	\$0.490	\$0.529	\$0.568	\$0.607	\$3.045
\square	TEA-LU §3010		Senate Bill	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	49USC5309, 5338		House Bill	\$0.675	\$0.798	\$0.896	\$1.001	\$1.099	\$1.213	\$5.681
		percentage compar	red to other	federal	transpo	ortatior	n progra	ams. Th	e Portla	grants from 1999-2003; a hi nd region received 0 4%. No other notable changes a
			Bill:	Year1	Year 2	Year 3	Year4	Year 5	Year 6	TOTAL
			TEA-21	\$0.800	\$0.902	\$0.980	\$1.058	\$1.136	\$1.214	\$6090
\sim	Rail Modernization Funds		Senate Bill	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	TEA-LU §3010		Hase Bill	\$1.350	\$1.596	\$1.791	\$2.002	\$2,197	\$2,426	\$11.362
	49USC5309, 5338	Portland only receives about 0.37% of Rail Mod funds, although that percent will increase slightly as more rail lines reach Rail Mod eligibility. The way the apportionment formula works, Portland's share of this program will continue to be small. Because Rail Mod funding levels are directly tied to New Start funding levels, JPACT must be supportive (or not opposed to) these funding levels, even though the Portland share is low.								
		NEW	FUNDIN	G PR	OGRA	MS				
		Authorization L	Levels and	Appo	rtionn	nent F	ormul	ae		
		(only those progr	rams most	releva	nt to P	ortlan	d show	vn)		

		New formula pro required by the A											
?			Bill:	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year4	Year5	Year6	TOFAL			
•	New Freedom Program		TEA-21	NA	M	NA		M	M	NA			
	TEA-LU §3018		Senate Bill	NA	NA	NA	NA	M	NA	NA			
	Creates 49USC5317		HuseBill	\$010	\$0.12	\$013	\$015	\$0.15	\$0.18	\$082			
		60% of funds wo on relative share less than 200,000	of disabled	l perso 1 baseo	ons. 2 d on s	0% we ame fa	ould be actors.	e appor Not en	tioned ough c	to states lata to kn	and 20% low impac	to urban	areas with gon.
	New discretionary program for fixed guideway projects between \$25M-\$75M in federal assistance. No clear where projects under \$25M fit.										tance. Not		
		1 5	Bill:	Yea	r1 Y	Zear 2	Year 3	Year4	Year 5	Year 6	TOTAL		
	Small Starts Funds		TEA-21	Ν	A	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA		
\mathcal{M}	TEA-LU §		Senate Bil			NA	NA	NA	NA		NA		
	49USC5309, 5338	309, 5338 Hore Bill \$0.15 \$0.18 \$0.21 \$0.24 \$0.27 \$0.30 \$1.35											
		Small Starts prog New Starts funds OTHE		versa.	Prog	amma	tic issu						not access
	1	(Resear	rch not Ad	dresse	d, De	fer to	PSU)						
?	Metropolitan/State Planning TEA-LU Title VI Amends 23USC134, 135 49USC5303-5305	Title reserved to planning for high								ions for	metropol	itan and	statewide
?	Planning Programs TEA-LU §3005 49USC5303-5305	Section on TIP of Establishes split State and MPOs of	of planning	g fund	s und	er 491	JSC533	38(c) a	s 82.72	2% for N	IPOs and		
?	Contract Requirements TEA-LU §3025 Amends 49USC5325	Changes rules or projects or impr proposes that all Allows states wit LU to be exemp Changes some ad	n competiti ovements procurements th a formal t from TE.	on. T that r nts be state A-LU	EA-2 ecord done proce requi	1 only s be j in " <i>ful</i> dure for remen	y requin provide <i>l and of</i> for proc ts for <i>A</i>	red of a contract of the contr	non-co DOT a <i>mpetiti</i> A&E s procure	ompetitive and Com <i>con, as de</i> ervices the ment. Al	e contract aptroller (<i>termined</i> hat is in e llows desi	General. by the Se ffect prie ign-build	TEA-LU ecretary." or to TEA- contracts.

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TEA - LU New Start/Small Start Program Issues

This analysis examines Section 3010 (Capital Investment Grants) of HR 3550 (Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users), which primarily amends Section 5309 of the Transit Act, Section 3037, which authorizes fixed guideway projects for Final Design and Construction, and Section 3034, which authorizes funding for such capital grants. The <u>changes</u> proposed to the provisions of TEA-21 in TEA-LU are described in the table below. The table uses the following symbols to describe the overall affect of a proposed change.

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	SECTION 3010 OF H.R. 3550									
Rating	Section: Issue	Summary of Issue/Rating								
§5309(a)(1) General Authority Loans of §5309 Funds no longer permitted, does not affect Portland region projects.										
	Major (>\$75M) Fixed Guideway Projects									
	§ 5309(c): Establish Category for Major Capital Investment Grants	\$75M threshold for full new starts evaluation process allows streetcar projects to proceed without onerous criteria.								
\Box	Deleted from TEA-21: Exemption from New Starts Criteria for Entirely Flexible Funded Projects	TEA-21 exempts from the New Starts review "part of a project financed completely with amounts made available from the Highway Trust Fund (other than the Mass Transit Account)." Thus, a MOS entirely funded with STP funds is exempt from New Starts criteria under TEA-21. Under TEA-LU such an MOS would be subject to New Starts review. This would affect a small streetcar project funded entirely with MTIP funds.								
\square	§ 5309(c)(2)(B): Justification Criteria for Major Projects	The factors considered in FTA's "comprehensive review" are expanded to include " <i>transit supportive policies</i> " and " <i>existing land use</i> ." While " <i>transit supportive policies</i> " helps Portland region, " <i>existing land use</i> " helps mega-cities like NY, Chicago, etc. and hurts Portland. A preferable factor is " <i>land use policies</i> ."								

		'Small Starts' (<\$75M) Program
$\sum_{i=1}^{n}$	§5309(d)(1): \$75M "Small Starts" Threshold	Overall, the small starts program much more supportive of streetcar projects than the major fixed guideway program. But some specifics, discussed below, are troublesome.
	§ 5309(d)(1): \$ 25M "Exempt" Threshold	TEA-LU does not proscribe any processes or criteria for "exempt projects" (i.e. <\$25M). Congress should set parameters for exempt projects rather than leave it entirely to FTA.
	§5309(d)(2) and (3): Alternatives Analysis Required	§5309(d)(2) and (3) require that the evaluation of small starts be based on the results of Alternatives Analysis (AA). AA requires consideration of non-streetcar project alternatives, probably including a baseline alternative for cost effectiveness rating. Unless narrowed by statute, this will lead to considerable FTA involvement and interference. Thus, amend §5309(d)(2)(A) as follows "(A) based on the result of planning and alternatives analysis (as used in this subsection, alternatives analysis requires a comparison only to the no build alternative).
\mathcal{K}	§5309(d)(4)(A) and (C): Project Justification Factors	While the justification of "major" projects must consider " <i>operating efficiencies</i> ," " <i>environmental benefits</i> ," " <i>mobility</i> " and " <i>existing land use</i> ," these factors are not considered in evaluating small start projects. This helps because small starts would not be competitive with regard to these factors. Paragraph C establishes " <i>positive effect on local economic development</i> " as a key criterion. This helps Portland streetcar projects.
	§5309(d)(4)(B): Cost Effectiveness	Grant approval requires consideration of "cost effectiveness at the time of the initiation of revenue service." FTA is provided 120 days after bill passage to develop regulations on how cost effectiveness (CE) will be evaluated. If history is an indication, FTA will propose a CE that compares the small start project with a baseline alternative. This begins to drag the "streamlined" small starts process into the same issues that delay "major" projects. Also, CE is evaluated when operations start, rather than the normal 20-year basis; making "cost per rider" and "cost per new rider" measures worse for small starts than for "major" projects. Bill should define parameters for CE calculation, rather than leaving to FTA discretion, as follows: "B. determine cost effectiveness based on the amount of development leveraged by the transit investment (compared to the no build alternative) at the time of the initiation of revenue service."
?	§5309(d)(5): Local Financial Commitment	The bill excludes for "small starts" certain financial evaluation factors required of "major" projects, such as "the extent to which … local financial commitment exceeds the required non- Federal share …," and "local resources are available to operate the overall proposed public transportation system …without … a reduction in existing … services …" These are very helpful exclusions. However, their absence in the bill does not necessarily mean they will not be part of FTA's ratings Congress should clarify that rating factors required in the bill of "major" projects but not "small starts" establish legislative intent to exclude such factors for "small start" ratings.

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\mathcal{K}	§5309(d)(7) and (8): Construction Grant Agreements	In lieu of Full Funding Grant Agreements (FFGA), "small starts" receive Construction Grant Agreements (CGA). The content of a FFGA and CGA appear similar. But a FFGA requires 60-day congressional review, and a CGA does not. FTA requires 60% Final Design completion before starting FFGA negotiations, and up to 1 year to complete the FFGA approval process. To avoid this aberrant delay, add to the end of §5309(d)(8) " <u>Construction Grant Agreements may</u> be issued at the start of Final Design and cover the cost of Final Design and construction.
	§309(d)(10): Eligible Projects in Small Starts Program	Small starts include "corridor-based public transportation bus capital projects if the majority of the project's corridor right of way is for exclusive use by public transportation all or part of the day." This limits small start program funding for BRT projects to only those with substantial bus-only lanes.
	Ot	her New Start Provisions in Sec. 3010 of H.R. 3550
	§5309(e): Grandfather Provisions	Only projects with a FFGA or Letter of Intent (LOI) before enactment of the bill are exempt from the provisions for "major" projects and "small starts." This is a serious problem for Commuter Rail, which will not have a FFGA in time. Commuter Rail will be subject to the small start provisions and await enactment of "small start" rules before proceeding – undoubtedly a year delay. Also, Commuter Rail will be re-evaluated based on "small start" factors; reopening discussions with FTA on the merits of the project. A non-bill fix is to obtain a LOI for Commuter Rail prior to bill enactment (recall an LOI requires 2-month congressional review). Alternatively, amend provision as follows: "Subsections (c) and (d) do not apply to projects for which the Secretary has issued a letter of intent or entered into a full funding grant agreement before the date of enactment Subsection (d) does not apply to projects for which the Secretary has approved Final Design before the date of enactment [of the bill]"
₽	§5309(f)(4)(A): Limitations on Amounts that can be Obligated	Section is hard to decipher, but looks like the amount that can be contingently committed to projects is raised from 2-years worth of authorization under TEA-21 to 3-years under TEA-LU.
	§5309(f)(5): Notification of Congress	Eliminates House and Senate Appropriations Committees from notice of intent to issue a FFGA. Doubt that this stops Istook-like problems.
?	§5309(g)(2): Remainder of Net Project Cost	Do not know what this means.
①?	<pre>§5309(g)(3): FTA Not Authorized to Require Local Match in excess of 20 percent</pre>	Sounds good, but hard to reconcile with other provisions. $\$5309(c)(3)(D)(iv)$ states that the amount of overmatch shall be considered in evaluating local financing. $\$5309(c)(4)$ states that the degree of local financial commitment is a basis for determining the rating of a project. $\$5309(g)(3)$ may mean that FTA cannot <u>automatically</u> rate projects Not Recommended because they have only 20% match, but can rate projects with >20% local match higher.

	§5309(g)(4): Project Cost can Include Previously Purchased Vehicles	Permits the cost of a project to include vehicles purchased for the project before FTA approved the project. Requires that no federal funds were used to purchase such vehicles. May be way to get reimbursement for 10 "option" LRVs. Do not know what last sentence in provision means.
$\sum_{i=1}^{n}$	§5309(m)(1): Small Start Funds Allocated "Off-the-Top" of Capital Funds	Funding for small start program is carved out of capital funding program before the 40-40-20 split to new starts, rail mod and bus capital. This mitigates the hit on New Starts. This will be further addressed below in explanation of Section 3034 of HR 3550.
$\overrightarrow{\mathbf{X}}$	§5309(m)(1)(B): Small Starts cannot access funds for "Major" New Starts	Provides that 40 percent of funds remaining after allocation to "small starts" are for " <i>major new fixed guideway capital projects</i> ." §5309(c)(5) defines "major" as costing over \$75M. Thus, this category is not available for small starts; ensuring that "small starts" projects, such as FTA-favored BRT projects, cannot use-up funding for LRT projects.
Street and a second sec	§5309(m)(4): New Start funds must be derived from General Fund	Puts full onus of General Fund appropriations on "major" fixed guideway projects. Rumor is that General Funds are guaranteed, but there is nothing apparent in bill that provides guarantee. Small starts do not appropriation risk because a specified amount of funds is annually allocated; and the full amount will come from Trust Fund if General Funds are not appropriated. Rail Mod and Bus/Bus-Related do not share in risk because they are funded with Trust Funds. Creates need for small constituency of congresspersons with LRT interests to secure large, annual general fund appropriations. Need to get New Starts on Trust Fund rather than General Fund, or, at least, spread General Fund risk to broader constituency. One option is to delete §5309(m)(4), which would cause appropriations risk to be spread among all capital investments (New Starts, small starts, Rail Mod and Bus/Bus-Related). A broader fix would be to change allocations in §5338 (see Section 3034 of HR 3550) to have General Fund applied to formula grants and allocate only Trust Funds to capital program.
		SECTION 3034 OF H.R. 3550
\sim	§5338(b)(2)(C): Allocation to Small Starts is Only for Small Starts	States that "the Secretary shall make available for capital investment grants of less than \$75,000,000 under section 5309(d)." Ensures that "major" projects do not have access to small start funds.
		SECTION 3037 and 3038 of H.R. 3550
	§5309(m)(I)(B): Portland Projects Not Yet Authorized for Final Design and Construction	Other than IMAX, Portland projects are not yet authorized in bill. Must get Commuter Rail and I-205 LRT authorized in this section for Final Design and Construction. Also, need Portland Streetcar, and I-5 LRT authorized; although they can, if necessary, at first be authorized for alternatives analysis and preliminary engineering and later for Final Design and construction. Also, should think about earmarking bus/bus-related projects in Section 3038 of HR 3550.

SAFETEA (S. 1072) by EPW Committee As Amended November 9, 2003

The Senate's Transportation Reauthorization bill is the product of three committees. The Finance Committee is responsible for raising revenues that support the transit and highway titles. The Banking Committee proposes the transit title, and the Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee proposes the highway title. At this time, neither the Finance Committee nor the Banking Committee has produced a draft bill. Thus, this review of the EPW bill addresses only highway provisions. Only changes to TEA-21 are reviewed in the table below. The table uses the following symbols to describe the overall affect of a proposed change.

Very Good	Good	Neutral	Bad	Very Bad	Unclear
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Rating	Program/Issue SAFTEA Section Sect. of 23 USC Amended	Summary of Issue/Explanation of Rating									
	EXISTING FUNDING PROGRAMS Authorization Levels and Apportionment Formulae (only those programs most relevant to Portland shown)										
$\sum_{i=1}^{n}$		If revenue is enhanced, SA 21, and 17% higher IM fun				nigher Ir	nterstate	Mainte	nance funding than TEA		
	Interstate Maintenance Program	Bill:	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	TOTAL		
	SAFTEA §1101(1)	TEA-21	\$3.43	\$3.96	\$4.00	\$4.07	\$4.14	\$4.22	\$23.81		
	Amends 23 USC 129	EPW Bill \$5.50 \$6.30 \$6.55 \$6.55 \$6.55 \$6.55 \$38.00									
		House Bill	\$4.50	\$4.99	\$5.36	\$5.71	\$5.87	\$6.07	\$32.50		

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		TEA 21, and 18% hig						0 5	5 0
\square	National Highway System								
	Program	Bill:	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3		Year 5	Year 6	TOTAL
	SAFETEA §1102(2)	TEA-21	\$4.112	\$4.749	\$4.793	\$4.888	\$4.968	\$5.061	\$28.571
	Amends 23 USC 103	EPW Bill	\$6.650	\$7.650	\$7.950	\$7.950	\$7.950	\$7.950	\$46.100
		House Bill	\$5.401	\$5.986	\$6.431	\$6.854	\$7.039	\$7.287	\$38.998
							National I	Highway	System funding than
$\sum_{i=1}^{n}$		TEA 21, and 16% hig	gher NHS f	funding the	an TEA-I	.U.			
		Bill:	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	TOTAL
	Highway Bridge Program	TEA-21	\$2.941	\$3.395	\$3.427	\$3.495	\$3.552	\$3.619	\$20.429
	SAFETEA §1102(3); §1808	Senate Bi		\$5.400	\$5.600	\$5.600	\$5.600	\$5.600	\$32.500
	Amends 23 USC 144	House Bill \$3.862 \$4.280 \$4.599 \$4.901 \$5.033 \$5.211 \$27.886							
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$\sum_{i=1}^{N}$		increases funds for n	on-safety,	non-storm	water pro				account, SAFETEA enhanced; a slightly
		lower increase than fe	or other fur	nding prog	grams.				
	Surface Transport. Program SAFETEA §1102(4);			P Funds Ne s funds Se					
	§ 1401(g)(2); §1620	Bill:	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	5 Year	6 TOTAL
	Amends 23 USC 133(d)	TEA-21	\$4.318	\$4.986	\$5.033	\$5.133	\$5.216	\$5.31	5 \$30.000
		Senate Bill	\$6.811	\$7.791	\$8.085	\$8.085	\$8.085	\$8.08	5 \$46.942
		House Bill	\$6.286	\$6.954	\$7.461	\$7.942	\$8.147	\$8.44	5 \$45.236
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	Transportation & Community & System Preservation Pilot Prog SAFETEA §1814 Adds 23 USC 175	This is a revision to Sen. doubling the amount in 7 year) for planning, develor TOD, impact mitigation green corridors, etc. Fun	TEA-21. R opment and and jobs a	Remains a d impleme ccess proje	competitiv ntation of ects. Prior	ve progran communit rity given	n (assumin by and syst to applicar	ig it is not em preser- nts have po	t fully earmarked each vation projects such as policies, such as UGBs,

	Multi-State Corridor SAFETEA §1101(10);	"Corridor" funds are a key discretionary source for PE/EIS work for the I-5 Trade Corridor. Oregon is no eligible for "Border" funds. Under TEA-21, "Border" and "Corridor" funds were authorized as one program. About 80% of the funds were allocated to "Corridor" projects. SAFETEA establishes independent funding authorizations for both programs, as does TEA-LU. SAFETEA also revises the eligibility requirements, but this may be of little consequence because funds have historically beer earmarked by Congress. While SAFETEA increases Border & Corridor funds by 141%, it splits the funds evenly between the Border and Corridor programs. This has the affect of substantially increasing Border funds and only marginally increasing Corridor funds. The House Bill (TEA-LU) is illustrative of a Border Corridor apportionment that is consistent with past practice. Also, many projects eligible for Border Program funds are also eligible for Corridor Program funds; allowing them to "double dip." Borders and Corridors Programs In TEA-21 Programs Combined, in SAFETEA/TEA-LU Separate Programs										
	§1810. Creates 23USC171	Bill:	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	TOTAL			
	Border Planning,	TEA-21; B&C.	\$0.140	\$0.140	\$0.140	\$0.140	\$0.140	\$0.140	\$0.840			
-	Operations, Tech. SAFETEA §1101(11);	Senate Bill: Corridors	\$0.112	\$0.135	\$0.157	\$0.180	\$0.202	\$0.225	\$1.011			
	§1811	Senate Bill: Borders	\$0.112	\$0.135	\$0.157	\$0.180	\$0.202	\$0.225	\$1.011			
	Creates 23USC172	Senate Bill: B&C	\$0.224	\$0.270	\$0.314	\$0.360	\$0.404	\$0.450	\$2.022			
		House Bill: Corridors	\$0.500	\$0.900	\$0.900	\$0.900	\$0.900	\$0.900	\$5.000			
		House Bill: Borders	\$0.200	\$0.300	\$0.325	\$0.350	\$0.400	\$0.400	\$1.975			
		House Bill: B&C	\$0.700	\$1.200	\$1.225	\$1.250	\$1.300	\$1.300	\$6.975			
		 To resolve these issues: (a) Amend §1101(10) and §1101(11), to either (i) combine the separate authorities into one combined authority, as in TEA-21, or (ii) revise the relative funding levels between these programs to better reflect the size of the pool of eligible projects for these programs. (b) In §1811, make projects using Border Program funds ineligible for Corridor Program funding. 										
	Interstate Discretionary Projects SAFETEA §1805 Amends 23USC118(c)(1)	The set aside from the Is \$100M per year for six ye				m for Int	erstate Di	scretionar	y Projects is raised t			

<u>NEW</u> FUNDING PROGRAMS Authorization Levels and Apportionment Formulae (only those programs most relevant to Portland shown)									
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	Highway Safety Improvement Prog. SAFETEA §1101(6); §1401;	TEA-21	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
		Senate Bill	\$1.200	\$1.300	\$1.350	\$1.350	\$1.350	\$1.350	\$7.900
		House Bill	\$1.000	\$1.100	\$1.200	\$1.300	\$1.400	\$1.500	\$7.500
	Safe Routes to Schools	Project requirements	s do not a JPACT s	appear on should sup	erous, but	t do not k ases in fle	now how	they con	ith statutory requirements. apply with Oregon/Portland and be wary of
	SAFETEA §1405 Adds 23USC150	Creates a \$70M per year, six-year set-aside from Highway Safety Improvement Program (above) for sidewalks, traffic calming, bicycle facilities, etc. in the vicinity of schools.							
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	SAFETEA §1101(13); §1201	Senate Bill	\$2.500	\$2.500	\$2.000	\$2.000	\$2.000	\$0.500	\$11.500
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	Freight Intermodal Connectors to NHS SAFETEA §1203(c) Amends 23USC103(b)	Of the NHS funds allocated to Oregon, the greater of (i) 2% or (ii) the percentage of NHS miles connecting to intermodal terminals of total NHS miles in the State must be set aside for intermodal freight connector projects. State can seek exemption from set aside each year, if State certifies intermodal connectors are in good condition and there are significant NHS needs. Set aside funds have only 10% local match requirement. OTHER PROGRAMS AND POLICIES (Research not Addressed, Defer to PSU)
	TIFIA SAFETEA §1303 Amends 23 USC181-189	Eligible projects expanded to include intermodal freight facilities, private rail facilities "providing public benefit," etc. State and regional planning and programming requirements do not have to be met until contract to receive federal credit instrument is executed. Threshold for eligibility reduced to \$50M or 20% of federal highway assistance apportioned to State (down from \$100M or 50%). Maximum assistance under TIFIA limited by the amount of senior debt – makes clearer that TIFIA is not to be the primary borrowing. \$130M per year for six years authorized to support program.
	Freight SAFETEA §1203 Adds 23 USC 325	In addition to Freight-NHS connector program discussed above, SAFETEA includes several policies and programs related to freight. Intermodal connectors and transfer facilities are made eligible for STP funds. Requires creation of State Freight Transportation Coordinator and integration of freight issues into State and Regional Transportation Planning.
Î	Tolling HOV Lanes SAFETEA §1606 Amends 23 USC 102 Tolling Programs SAFETEA §1609(a)	Allows states to establish toll program to charge non-carpools to travel in HOV lanes. Criteria for eligibility for Interstate System Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Pilot program made more flexible. May have applicability for I-5 Trade Corridor. Variable Toll Pricing Program extended, with favorable provisions. May have applicability for I-5 Trade Corridor.
\mathcal{K}	MPO Funding SAFETEA §1102(b) Amends 23 USC 104(f)	Requires a 1.5% set aside of highway funds (after deduction for DOT administrative expenses) for metropolitan planning. TEA-21 had a "not to exceed 1%" requirement.
€?	Local Match SAFETEA §1301 Amends 23USC120(d)	Expands ability to increase federal share of highway funding above 90% (for interstates) and 80% (for other roads) based on percent of State land in national parks, national forests, tribal lands, etc. Authority already exists for some states. Do not know affect of change on Oregon.

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	Transportation Funding Study SAFETEA §1305	Establishes 11-person <i>National Commission on Future Revenue Sources to Support the Highway Trust Fund</i> to study alternatives to replace or supplement the fuel tax as the principal source to support the Highway Trust Fund.
$\sum_{i=1}^{n}$	RTP and TIP SAFETEA §1615 Amends 23 USC 134	Changes interval that MPO is required to update RTP from " <i>periodically as determined by Secretary</i> " (every 3 years) to five years. TIP program extended from every three years to every four years.
S.	Historic Site SAFETEA §1604 Amends 23 USC 103(c)	Section aimed at generally exempting the interstate system from being considered an historic site for purposes of 23 USC 138 or 49 USC 303. However, in doing so it states that a "portion of the Interstate System that possesses an independent feature of historic significance, such as a historic bridge that would qualify independently for Listing on the National Register of Historic Places shall be considered a historic site" This affects the ability to replace the I-5 Bridge to Vancouver.

Attachment 1 to Exhibit "B-4"

Proposed CMAQ apportionment formula amendment to correct the unintended consequence of the change in the 1-hour to an 8-hour standard for ozone.

A. The current CMAQ apportionment formula (the excerpt below is the section of Title 23 dealing with CMAQ apportionment) provides for the distribution of CMAQ funds to states based upon the population of the areas designated as "non-attainment" and "maintenance" with a factor weighted for the severity of the pollution in the area [subsections (i) through (vii) are the weighting factors]. The Portland region historically was in "non-attainment" of the 1-hour standard for ozone and in 1996 was redesignated as a "maintenance" area. Maintenance areas have met the ozone standard and have an approved 10-year plan to continue to maintain the standard. In 2003, EPA changed the ozone standard from a 1-hour standard to an 8-hour standard. Under the new 8-hour standard, the Portland area is redesignated to "attainment" status, making the area no longer eligible for distribution of CMAQ funds on the basis of ozone. The amendment described below would recognize the Portland area's previous status under the 1-hour standard and restore CMAQ distribution.

"Title 23 – Highways; Chapter 1 – Federal Aid Highways; Subchapter 1 – General Provisions; Section 104 Apportionment; Subsection (2) Congestion mitigation and air quality improvement program.--

(A) In general.--For the congestion mitigation and air

quality improvement program, in the ratio that--

(i) the total of all weighted nonattainment and maintenance area populations in each State; bears to(ii) the total of all weighted nonattainment and

maintenance area populations in all States.

(B) Calculation of weighted nonattainment and maintenance area population.--Subject to subparagraph (C), for the purpose of subparagraph (A), the weighted nonattainment and maintenance area population shall be calculated by multiplying the population of each area in a State that was a nonattainment area or maintenance area as described in section 149(b) for ozone or carbon monoxide by a factor of--

(i) 0.8 if--

(I) at the time of the apportionment, the area is a maintenance area; or

(II) at the time of the apportionment, the area is classified as a submarginal ozone nonattainment area under the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.);

(ii) 1.0 if, at the time of the apportionment, the area is classified as a marginal ozone nonattainment area under subpart 2 of part D of title I of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7511 et seq.);

(iii) 1.1 if, at the time of the apportionment, the area is classified as a moderate ozone nonattainment area under such subpart;

(iv) 1.2 if, at the time of the apportionment, the area

is classified as a serious ozone nonattainment area under such subpart;

(v) 1.3 if, at the time of the apportionment, the area is classified as a severe ozone nonattainment area under such subpart;

(vi) 1.4 if, at the time of the apportionment, the area is classified as an extreme ozone nonattainment area under such subpart; or

(vii) 1.0 if, at the time of the apportionment, the area is not a nonattainment or maintenance area as described in section 149(b) for ozone, but is classified under subpart 3 of part D of title I of such Act (42 U.S.C. 7512 et seq.) as a nonattainment area described in section 149(b) for carbon monoxide.

(C) Additional adjustment for carbon monoxide areas.--

(i) Carbon monoxide nonattainment areas.--If, in addition to being classified as a nonattainment or maintenance area for ozone, the area was also classified under subpart 3 of part D of title I of such Act (42 U.S.C. 7512 et seq.) as a nonattainment area described in section 149(b) for carbon monoxide, the weighted nonattainment or maintenance area population of the area, as determined under clauses (i) through (vi) of subparagraph (B), shall be further multiplied by a factor of 1.2.

(ii) Carbon monoxide maintenance areas.--If, in addition to being classified as a nonattainment or maintenance area for ozone, the area was at one time also classified under subpart 3 of part D of title I of such Act (42 U.S.C. 7512 et seq.) as a nonattainment area described in section 149(b) for carbon monoxide but has been redesignated as a maintenance area, the weighted nonattainment or maintenance area population of the area, as determined under clauses (i) through (vi) of subparagraph (B), shall be further multiplied by a factor of 1.1.

(D) Minimum apportionment.--Notwithstanding any other provision of this paragraph, each State shall receive a minimum of 1/2 of 1 percent of the funds apportioned under this paragraph.

(E) Determinations of population.--In determining population figures for the purposes of this paragraph, the Secretary shall use the latest available annual estimates prepared by the Secretary of Commerce.

B. In paragraph (1) below, SAFETEA changes the apportionment formula by changing the weighting factor for "maintenance" areas from 0.8 to 1.0 thereby having the affect of removing the disincentive of a 20% funding reduction for areas that have cleaned up their air and met federal ozone standards. This is a significant improvement and should be supported.

In paragraph (2) below, SAFETEA changes the apportionment formula by adding two more subsections [(viii) and (ix)] with weighting factors to apportion funds to areas

previously <u>not</u> designated under the old 1-hour ozone standard but now designated under the new 8-hour ozone standard and to apportion funds to areas with violations to the particulate standard. Inserted into subparagraph (2) below is a new section (x) proposed for inclusion by the Portland region to recognize areas like the Portland region that were previously designated under the 1-hour standard.

SAFETEA: SEC. 1611. ADDITION OF PARTICULATE MATTER AREAS TO CMAQ.

Section 104(b)(2) of title 23, United States Code, is amended--

(1) in subparagraph B--

(A) in the matter preceding clause (i), by striking `ozone or carbon monoxide' and inserting `ozone, carbon monoxide, or fine particulate matter (PM2.5)';

(B) by striking clause (i) and inserting the following:

`(*i*) 1.0, *if at the time of apportionment, the area is a maintenance area;*';

(C) in clause (vi), by striking `or' after the semicolon; and

(D) in clause (vii), by striking `area as described in section 149(b) for ozone,' and inserting `area for ozone (as described in section 149(b)) or

for PM-2.5';

(2) by adding at the end the following:

`(viii) 1.0 if, at the time of apportionment, any county that is not designated as a nonattainment or maintenance area under the 1-hour ozone standard is designated as nonattainment under the 8-hour ozone standard;

'(ix) 1.2 if, at the time of apportionment, the area is not a nonattainment or maintenance area as described in section 149(b) for ozone or carbon monoxide, but is an area designated nonattainment under the PM-2.5 standard.'

<u>"(x) 1.0 if, at the time of apportionment, the area is not</u> designated as a nonattainment or maintenance area under the 8hour ozone standard but was designated as a nonattainment area or maintenance area under the 1-hour ozone standard."

(3) by striking subparagraph (C) and inserting the following:

^(C) ADDITIONAL ADJUSTMENT FOR CARBON MONOXIDE AREAS-If, in addition to being designated as a nonattainment or maintenance area for ozone as described in section 149(b), any county within the area was also classified under subpart 3 of part D of title I of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7512 et seq.) as a nonattainment or maintenance area described in section 149(b) for carbon monoxide, the weighted nonattainment or maintenance area population of the county, as determined under clauses (i) through (vi) or clause (viii) of subparagraph (B), shall be further multiplied by a factor of 1.2.';

(4) by redesignating subparagraph (D) and (E) as subparagraphs (E) and (F) respectively; and

(5) by inserting after subparagraph (C) the following:

`(D) ADDITIONAL ADJUSTMENT FOR PM 2.5 AREAS- If, in addition to being designated as a nonattainment or maintenance area for ozone or carbon monoxide, or both as described in section 149(b), any county within the area was also designated under the PM-2.5 standard as a nonattainment or maintenance area, the weighted nonattainment or maintenance area population of those counties shall be further multiplied by a factor of 1.2.'.

Metropolitan Congestion Relief Act (HR 3611)

The table uses the following symbols to rate the overall affect of a proposed change.

Very Good	Good	Neutral	Bad	Very Bad	Unclear
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Rating	Program/Issue HR 3611 Section Sec. of 23USC Amended	Summary of Issue/Explanation of Rating					
	EXISTING FUNDING PROGRAMS Authorization Levels and Apportionment Formulae						
	STP Program HR 3611 §2 Amends 23 USC 133	Requires 100% of STP funds, rather than 62.5%, remaining after 10% set-aside for Safety and 10% set- aside for Enhancements to be allocated to MPOs; eliminating the State's STP program. This effectively increases the region's STP program by the 37.5% increment. This Bill does not address authorized funding levels, nor does it modify apportionment formula to the states. Bill raises policy question as to merits of cutting DOT's out of STP funds. While it would provide more MTIP funds, it makes ODOT less able to be a partner on projects. ODOT would no longer have a source of funds to contribute toward elderly & disabled transportation, bus replacement, high speed rail, LRT and TGM grants.					
	CMAQ Program HR 3611 §3 Amends 23 USC 149	 Requires States to formula allocate CMAQ funds (including minimum guarantee adjustments) and related obligation authority to MPO's. Certain limited CMAQ funds are exempt from this allocation. This Bill does not address authorized funding levels, nor does it modify apportionment formula to the states. This would make statutory current practice in Oregon. Funds would be allocated to MPOs based on the relative share of "nonattainment and maintenance populations." Since the Portland region is now an attainment region, it appears that no funds would be allocated to the region. This could be fixed by defining for purposes of this section "nonattainment" to include regions that were in nonattainment prior to the rules change. As a matter of practice, ODOT already does what is required by bill – so no real help to Portland region. 					

No.	NHC December 2	Requires a certain potion of NHS funds to be allocated to urbanized areas. As used in this section, it appears that funds must be spent in urbanized areas, but the State still would determine the projects (not MPOs). This Bill does not address authorized funding levels, nor does it modify apportionment formula to the states. The formula divides NHS funds between those spent in urbanized areas with a population greater that
	NHS Program HR 3611 §3 Amends 23 USC 103	200,000 and other areas of the state as follows: (A) 75% based on relative share of lane miles on the NHS system and (B) 25% based on relative VMT. The bill is fuzzy on what happens if there is more than one urbanized area with 200,000+ populations. It could be read to imply there is or is not a sub-allocation to the various large urbanized areas.
		This program does not serve regional needs. It puts Metro in middle of ODOT's preservation plans when Metro is primarily focused on Modernization. Moreover, when ODOT does Modernization, funds are sub-allocated.
\mathcal{K}	Minimum Guarantee HR 3611 §5 Amends 23 USC 105(c)(2)	Requires that minimum guarantee funds apportioned to the STP program must be allocate to urbanized areas, just like the core STP program.
\square	Metropolitan Planning Funds HR 3611 § 8 Amends 23 USC 104(f)(1)	Doubles the percentage of funds set aside for metropolitan planning compared to TEA-21. Instead of 1% of the total authorization of core highway programs, metropolitan planning is raised to 2 %.

		NEW FUNDING PROGRAMS Authorization Levels and Apportionment Formulae
~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~		Creates a new highway funding program where funds are allocated directly to certain MPOs. Eligible MPO's include MPOs in urbanized areas with a population greater than 1 million and that have a "Travel Time Index" (TTI) as determined by the Texas Transportation Institute. The Portland region as a TTI of 1.44 in 2001 (the latest data). Under my count, 32 areas would be eligible. Eligible projects include projects that are eligible under STP program and MPO demonstrates that it will improve congestion in its region.
	Metropolitan Congestion Relief Program HR 3611 §6 Adds 23 USC 165	\$2 billion per year for six years is proposed to be authorized. Funds would be allocated to MPOs as follows: (A) 50% based on the percent that the MPO's TTI bears to the total of all TTIs for eligible areas (I calculate that this is 3.25% for Metro) and (B) 50% based on the MPO's relative share of passenger miles traveled (do not have data for this). Undoubtedly, this would be a favorable allocation to Portland compared to other federal highway programs.
		There are a few odd things in the bill. Firstly, it uses the Texas Transportation Institute's calculation of TTI, which Metro and ODOT have complained about, and puts too much authority in the Institute. Also, the way TTI is measured changes periodically, and bill would require Institute's periodic changes to change allocation. Also, definition of "passenger miles" includes VMT and transit ridership – it must intend something different than transit ridership.
Card I	Operational Improvement Program	Establishes a discretionary grant program for incident management projects, deployment of ITS projects, and transportation demand projects. Authorizes \$500M per year for six years for program.
	HR 3611 §7 Creates 23 USC 168	Portland/Oregon better served by increasing STP program funds by this amount and, if necessary, expanding list of eligible projects. On surface it appears that there would be no need to expand STP's eligible project list.

Date:	February 12, 2004
To:	Olivia Clark, Dick Feeney, Neil McFarlane; TriMet
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Subject:	Section 3011 of Senate Transit Bill: Proposed Amendments to §5309 in the Transit Title

# Memorandum

This memorandum reviews amendments to Section 5309 "Capital Investment Grants" proposed in Section 3011 of the Senate Bill (SB) received on January 27th. No other sections of the bill have been reviewed, so impacts of cross-referencing Sec. 5309 in other sections of the bill, if any, are not accounted for. Also, the Senate Bill does not yet specify funding authorization levels, so it is not possible to determine changes in the amounts of available funds.

#### A. <u>Major Issues</u>

The major issues discussed below are highly detrimental to the transportation agenda of the Portland region and others. The numbering is for reference, no priority is intended.

#### Major Issue 1: New Starts funds Opened to BRT Projects

**Issue:** Sec. 3011(j) of SB amends the former 49USC5309(m), which is redesignated §5309(i) by the SB, to allow non-fixed guideway projects access to former New Start funds (now Major Capital Project funds). TEA-21 made New Start funds available for "*capital projects for new fixed guideway systems and extensions to existing fixed guideway systems*". The SB makes these funds available for "*major capital projects for new fixed guideway systems and extensions to existing fixed guideway systems and extensions and corridor improvements, in accordance with subsections (e) and (f)"*. The term "and corridor improvements" makes BRT and other bus projects eligible for New Starts funds. FTA is already on record favoring BRT projects over LRT and Streetcar. So, not only will be more competition for LRT and Streetcar projects, there will not be an even playing field for such projects. This will severely damage the ability to achieve the Portland region's transportation agenda.

**Solution**: The first two following statutory amendments help clarify, the last amendment is required:

- Amend Sec, 3011(e) of SB as follows "(e) Major <u>Fixed Guideway</u> Capital Investment Grants of \$75,000,000 or More"
- Amend Sec, 3011(f) of SB as follows "(e) Major <u>Fixed Guideway</u> Capital Investment Grants Less than \$75,000,000"
- Amend Sec. 3011(j) of SB as follows: "(A) 65 percent shall be allocated for major capital projects for new fixed guideway systems and extensions and corridor improvements, in accordance with subsections (e) and (f)".

# Major Issue 2: Criteria for Small Starts Program Left Wide Open for FTA Discretion

**Issue**: The genesis of the Small Starts program grew from undue planning and procedural burdens placed on less expensive projects by the New Start regulations. The SB does not

Summary of Senate Transit Bill: Proposed Amendments to 5309 in the Transit Title specifically establish a reduced justification or streamlined process for small starts. Instead, in Section 3011(f) it states: "*if the amount of a grant … for a major capital project is less than* \$75,000,000, (A) the project shall be subject to the requirements under subsection (e) to the extent the Secretary determines to be appropriate; and (B) the Secretary shall not make a grant for such a project unless the Secretary determines that the project is cost effective." The subsection (e) referred to in the previous sentence is the project rating and grant approval criteria for major New Start projects. Thus, other than cost effectiveness, which is required, the SB does not establish any specific criteria for Small Starts and leaves it to FTA to determine which, if any, New Start factors will not apply to Small Starts.

In comparison, the House Bill (HB) includes specific criteria and procedures to facilitate the project development process for small starts. For example, TEA-LU excludes for "small starts" certain financial evaluation factors required of "major" projects, such as "the extent to which … local financial commitment exceeds the required non-Federal share …," and "local resources are available to operate the overall proposed public transportation system …without … a reduction in existing … services …". These and other factors in TEA-LU will facilitate project development of Small Starts, but improvements are needed to the HB, as well.

**Solution**: Add specific statutory language prescribing specific and a streamlined process criteria tailored to Small Starts. The HB provides a considerably better approach than the SB, so I suggest it as the base (although I do not include for sake of brevity). In a previous memo, I proposed statutory improvements and Report Language for the HB (TEA-LU).

# Major Issue 3:Funding for Small Starts (<\$75M) and Major Projects (> \$75M) is in<br/>an Amalgamated rather than Separated Program

**Issue**: Given FTA's disdain for LRT and the likelihood that Small Starts will be provided a streamline process and less burdensome justification criteria, Small Start projects will quickly advance ahead of LRT and other major projects, eventually squeezing them out of the funding queue. The HB addresses this problem by establishing mutually exclusive funding programs (after the initial allocation of capital funds) for Small Starts and Major New Starts. It further accommodated the higher costs of major new starts by funding the New Start program at a much higher level than Small Starts. Thus, while the HB provides the Portland region with a reasonable opportunity to pursue several projects in its transportation agenda, the SB forces regional projects to collide.

**Solution**: Amend proposal to fund Small Starts in SB to tack HB proposal by dividing New Starts program into two separate funding programs, and authorizing funding for Small Starts at 10-15% of Major New Start levels.

#### Major Issue 4: Must Grandfather Commuter Rail from New Requirements

**Issue:** Under Sec. 5309(e), as amended by Sec. 3011(e)(6) of the SB, only projects with a FFGA or Letter of Intent (LOI) before enactment of the bill are exempt from the provisions for "major" projects and "small starts." This is a serious problem for smaller projects in Final Design or in the process of having Final Design approved, such as the Commuter Rail Project. If not clarified, these projects will be subject to the small start provisions and have to await enactment of "small start" rules before proceeding – undoubtedly a year delay. Also, these projects will have to be reevaluated based on "small start" factors; requiring new analyses to be submitted to FTA on the merits of the project.

Summary of Senate Transit Bill: Proposed Amendments to 5309 in the Transit Title **Statutory Solution**: Amend proposed §5309(e) as follows: "This subsection shall not apply to projects for which the Secretary has issued a letter of intent or entered into a full funding grant agreement before the date of enactment ... **Projects for which the Secretary has received an application for Final Design before the date of enactment of the Federal Public Transportation Act of 2004 shall proceed under the rules in effect when the application was received.**"

**Report Solution**: Notwithstanding Sec. 5309(e), as amended, it is the intent of the Committee that projects for which an application for Final Design has been submitted to the Secretary before the date of enactment of the Federal Public Transportation Act of 2004 proceed under the rules in effect when the application was received.

# Major Issue 5:SB Modifies the Criteria and Ratings Process for Major Projects,<br/>Requires New Rules to Set Criteria and Process and Allows FTA 240<br/>Days

**Issue**: Unlike the Small Starts program, where new criteria and ratings procedures are required because it is a new program, there is no such requirement for the Major New Start program. While the industry is dissatisfied with the way FTA implements the process, this will not be fixed by a reinvention of the wheel. Rather, this will lead many projects in a lurch, unable to advance until new rules are issued and implemented. Undoubtedly this will cause these projects a year or more delay, during which costs will escalate and project agreements will require renegotiations.

**Solution**: The preferred solution is to avoid material changes to the statutory language regarding the justification and rating of major new start projects. Alternatively, grandfather projects that have advanced to, say, completion of DEIS to be grandfathered under rules in place prior to new act.

#### B. <u>Moderate Issues</u>

There are a number of moderate and minor issues that, due to time constraints, I do not address in this memorandum. Below are a few such issues that standout.

# Moderate Issue 1: New Unduly Burdensome Requirement for "Before and After" Study

**Issue**: Sec. 3011(g) of SB revises existing rules regarding the preparation of a "Before and After Study" for major new start projects. In the past this work occurred after a Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) was executed. Under the SB, the preparation of a plan to do the study and collection of the "Before" data is a pre-requisite to construction. This will delay construction on projects that are ready and approved for construction, increasing costs and delaying service improvements for seemingly unnecessary reasons.

#### **Statutory Solution:**

"(D) COLLECTION OF DATA ON CURRENT SYSTEM. To be eligible for a full funding grant agreement, recipients shall have collected data on the current system, according to the plan required, before the beginning of construction of the proposed new start project. Collection of this data shall be included in the full funding grant agreement as an eligible activity. <u>Collection of</u>

# data on the current system according to the required plan shall begin as soon as practical after the full funding grant agreement is executed."

#### Moderate Issue 2: Ensure Transparency and Fairness in the New Start/Small Start Process

**Issue**: The New Starts process has been marred by controversy over FTA's implementation of TEA-21 evaluation criteria and procedures; in particular relating to the methodology and application of the user benefits (i.e. TSUB) requirements where FTA does not use the measure described in its rules. As a result the "transparency" and "fairness" of the process has been widely questioned by industry representatives and congress. The SB seeks to address these concerns through the creation of new criteria and processes and the mandate for new rules. This was previously discussed as a Major Issue, and, furthermore, will increase frustrations with FTA rather than decrease them. An alternative is to clarify the Committee's expectations under the current criteria and procedures.

#### Statutory Solution: None.

**Report Solution**: The Committee is concerned that FTA's user benefit measure has been applied without consideration of highway user benefits, user benefit thresholds have not been inflated commensurate with base year cost estimates, and ridership and user benefit estimates from FTA approved forecast models have been adjusted by FTA on an ad hoc basis. In establishing the process and criteria for rating projects under Sec. 5309(c) and (d), it is the Committee's intent that FTA applies its rules and criteria in a consistent manner that is open, clear and fair to potential grantees and consistent with FTA rules and guidance.

#### C. <u>Opportunities</u>

There are several helpful amendments proposed in the SB, that I do not address in this memorandum due to time constraints. Some require modifications to be useful to the Portland region. Below are a few such issues.

# Opportunity 1: Reimbursement for Locally Purchased Vehicles used for Future Projects

**Issue**: Sec 3011(H)(5) of SB amends §5309(g)(4) to permit the cost of a fixed guideway project to include vehicles purchased with local funds for the project before FTA approved the project. This amendment may not cover TriMet's case where local funds were used to purchase vehicles for its eastside line, which is interlined with the I-205 LRT project between Gateway and Downtown. Passengers on the interlined section can use either line, and the number of vehicles in this section relate to the total demand. Thus, the cost of the locally purchased vehicles materially relates to the project, even though they do not operate on the Gateway to Town Center segment of the Project.

**Statutory Solution**: Amend the proposed \$5309(g)(4) in \$3010(d) of TEA-LU as follows: `(4) SPECIAL RULE FOR ROLLING STOCK COSTS-In addition to amounts allowed pursuant to paragraph (1), a planned extension to a fixed guideway system may include the cost of rolling stock previously purchased if the applicant satisfies the Secretary that only amounts other than amounts of the Government were used and that the purchase was made for use on the extension **or a segment of the system interlined with the extension**. A refund or reduction of the remainder may be made only if a refund of a proportional amount of the grant of the Government is made at the same time.

**Report Solution**: It is the intent of the Committee that the term "for use on the extension" in Sec. 5309(g)(4) include vehicles purchased for use on an existing fixed guideway segment that is, in part, interlined with a project extension.

#### **Opportunity 2: Allow Cross-Border Leasing**

**Issue**: Many transit districts have taken advantage of the tax benefits of sales-leaseback arrangements on their depreciable capital assets; resulting in millions of dollars for transit projects and operations. FTA approval for transferring the asset is a pre-requisite for such sales-leaseback arrangements on capital assets procured with Federal funds. Due to concern regarding the loss of tax dollars associated with sales-leaseback arrangements, FTA has ceased approving such arrangements. While domestic sales-leaseback arrangements impact tax collections, cross-border leasing does not. Thus, the ban on cross-border leases cost transit districts millions of dollars, without any benefit to the Treasury. The SB does not address this issue.

#### Statutory Solution: None.

**Report Solution**: The Committee encourages the Secretary to consider permitting cross border leasing as a way to provide private funding for public transportation projects and operations without the Federal tax impacts associated with domestic sales-leaseback arrangements.

#### EXHIBIT C <u>Portland Region</u> <u>Priority Projects for</u> <u>TEA-21 Reauthorization Earmarking</u>

#### The projects identified below are consistent with the following principles:

- 1. The priority list should be short.
- 2. The region should seek New Start authorization for projects that can reach the funding stage during the 6-year authorization period (2004-2009).
- 3. As a target, the region should seek \$200 million in various highway earmark categories.
- 4. All projects must be consistent with the RTP Priority System.
- 5. Project requests should support and reinforce the land use plans of the region.
- 6. All project requests must be able to obligate/spend earmarked funds during the 6-year authorization period (2004-2009).
- 7. The jurisdiction requesting a project earmark must demonstrate the financial sources necessary to complete an appropriate project.
- 8. There must be support for the projects from governments, community and business organizations.
- 9. Members of the delegation must be willing to pursue the project earmark.
- 10. The regional list must be regionally balanced.
- 11. The adopted regional list will be described as the priorities of the region. Local requests outside of the adopted regional list will be strictly the priority of that jurisdiction.

#### A. Regional Highway Priorities - the following have been identified as regional highway priorities:

٠	I-5/Delta Park to Lombard (CON)	\$32.8 million - Hwy Demo
٠	I-5/Columbia River Bridge (EIS)	\$15.0 million - Borders & Corridors
•	Highway 217-TV Hwy-U.S. 26	
	(Westside Corridor Final Phase)	\$26.9 million – Hwy Demo
٠	Sunrise Corridor - Phase 1 of Unit I	
	Preliminary Engineering & Right-of-Way acquisition	\$32.0 million – Hwy Demo
	(Interstate 4R Discretionary can also be considered for fund	ing earmarked)
٠	Columbia Blvd. Intermodal Corridor	
	Ramsey Railroad Yard	\$11.0 million –Hwy Demo
	Air Cargo access	\$ 9.0 million – Hwy Demo

#### B. Regional Transit Priorities – The following have been identified as regional transit priorities:

- 1. Projects to be reauthorized Section 5309 New Starts:
  - Continue authorization for preliminary engineering and construction for the entire South/North project from Clackamas County to Clark County: 1. To complete Interstate MAX; 2. The Region's #1 priority for "New Start's authorization and funding is the South Corridor Project including phase 1: I-205 and the Portland Mall; and phase 2: Milwaukie extension; 3. To continue authorization and funding for Wilsonville to Beaverton Commuter Rail; 4. To allow for future extension of Interstate MAX to Clark County.

- 2. Projects requiring new authorization Section 5309– Small Starts:
  - Provide new authority for Alternatives Analysis, Preliminary Engineering and Construction of Central City Streetcar Extension: to Lake Oswego and East Portland
- 3. New transit project funding earmarks Section 5309 Bus (depending on whether and how many years of the program are earmarked):
  - Earmark funds for TriMet bus expansion and replacement at \$41.0 million for the 6-year period.
  - Earmark funds for the City of Wilsonville SMART Bus program at \$3.2 million for the 6-year period.

#### C. Research

• The region also supports Portland State University's request for designation as a Federal University Transportation Research Center and an initial \$2.5 million research appropriation.

#### D. Local Project Priorities: The following have been identified as community livability projects:

1.	Boeckman Road (Wilsonville)	\$8.00 Million – Highway Demo
2.	Lake Road (Milwaukie)	\$6.00 Million – TCSP/ Safe Routes
3.	Wilsonville: Barber Road - Urban Village Connection	\$3.7 Million – Hwy Demo
4.	Gresham Civic Neighborhood LRT Station	\$2.70 Million – Hwy Demo
5.	Rockwood Town Center	\$2.00 Million – Hwy Demo
6.	North Macadam Access	\$8.00 Million – Hwy Demo
7.	Sauvie Island Bridge	\$25.0 Million – Bridge/Highway Demo
8.	Regional Culvert Retrofit – Phase 1	\$5.00 Million – Highway Demo
9.	Regional Trail Program – Next Phase	\$5.00 Million – Highway Demo
10.	Beaverton Hillsdale/Scholls Ferry/Oleson Rd	\$27.0 Million - Highway Demo
11.	Sellwood Bridge	\$16.0 Million – Bridge/Highway Demo
12.	Gateway 102 nd . Construction	\$3.00 Million – Hwy Demo
13.	Burnside – West 23 rd to Bridge to East 12 th PE	\$3.75 Million – Hwy Demo

#### E. State of Washington – Section 5309 – New Starts:

- Support RTC and C-TRAN request for new preliminary engineering authority for I-5 to I-205 Clark County High Capacity Transit Loop.
- Vancouver Area SMART TREK (VAST).

#### F. Columbia River Railroad Bridge Swing Span

• Replace the swing span with a lift span using Truman-Hobbs funding. Seek legislation to include consideration of railroad and highway safety and delay benefits.

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Note: It is not clear at this time how project earmarking will be implemented. As such, the categories noted above are preliminary and other funding categories may be more appropriate.

#### **STAFF REPORT**

#### IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 04-3409A, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENDORSING AN UPDATED REGIONAL POSITION ON THE REAUTHORIZATION OF THE TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT OF THE 21ST CENTURY (TEA-21)

Date: January 23, 2004

Prepared by: Andy Cotugno

#### BACKGROUND

The Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21), adopted by Congress in 1997, expired September 30, 2003 and the five-month extension is scheduled to expire before March 2004. TEA-21 is the federal authorization bill for transportation projects and funding. The authorization bill establishes federal programs, identifies or "earmarks" some specific projects and sets the upper limits on the amount of federal funds the programs and projects are eligible to receive. The act also establishes rules for the distribution of federal transportation funds including apportionment formulas for those programs whose funds are distributed by such methods.

The reauthorization bill will have a direct effect on Metro and the region's jurisdictions in terms of how planning for transportation is performed and how much federal assistance to perform this planning function is made available. There is also a direct impact on which transportation projects are identified as eligible to receive federal funding.

Because the extension of the current reauthorization is set to expire before March 2004, Congress must choose to again extend the current bill or complete the next reauthorization of a federal transportation bill. To favorably influence the federal legislation, it is important to clearly articulate the region's positions during their consideration of the reauthorization bill language.

#### ANALYSIS/INFORMATION

- 1. Known Opposition None known at this time.
- 2. Legal Antecedents TEA-21 is the current federal transportation authorization authority providing Metro the authority to function as a federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). TEA-21 expired September 30, 2003 and was extended by Congress for five-months. The extension is set to expire before March 2004. Congress will be considering reauthorization of transportation legislation during its 2004 session.
- **3.** Anticipated Effects This resolution will communicate the regional policy position for reauthorization of TEA-21. The policy paper will be used in the regions federal reauthorization activities in Congress.
- 4. **Budget Impacts** Reauthorization is a significant issue affecting Metro and the Portland region and, as such, this paper and efforts to influence its outcome are a significant work effort for the department. In addition, one of the issues directly affects funding to MPOs including Metro.

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Adopt Resolution No. 04-3409A as recommended by TPAC and JPACT.

#### BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

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FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENDORSING AN UPDATED REGIONAL POSITION ON REAUTHORIZATION OF THE TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT FOR THE 21ST CENTURY (TEA-21) **RESOLUTION NO. 04-3409** 

Introduced by Councilor Rod Park

WHEREAS, the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) was adopted by Congress in 1998; and

WHEREAS, TEA-21 expired at the end of federal Fiscal Year 2003 (September 30, 2003) and a five-month extension will expire before March 2004; and

WHEREAS, Congress will be considering reauthorization of TEA-21 during 2003; and

WHEREAS, TEA-21 has a significant policy effect on transportation planning and decisionmaking and funding in the Portland region; and

WHEREAS, reauthorization results in the "earmarking" or identification of specific projects and establishes the amount of federal funding eligible to be appropriated to those projects; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 03-3271 was adopted in January 2003 providing an analysis of possible legislative issues and options and an initial regional position on these issues; and

WHEREAS, there is proposed legislation under consideration in the Senate and House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, further review of proposed legislation will lead to possible amendment and refinement to this policy postion; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council:

- 1. Endorses the summary of regional priority policy issues on reauthorization of TEA-21 as reflected in Exhibit A.
- 2. Endorses the regional analysis of issues reflected in legislation under consideration in Exhibit B.
- 3. Endorses the projects identified in Exhibit C as the region's priority projects for TEA-21 reauthorization earmarking.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this _____ day of February, 2004

David Bragdon, Council President

Approved as to Form:

Daniel B. Cooper, Metro Attorney

## Exhibit A

## Portland Regional Position On the Reauthorization of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21)

### **Priority Policy Issues**

In January 2003, the Metro region, through JPACT and the Metro Council adopted Resolution No. 03-3271 establishing priorities for the upcoming reauthorization of TEA-21. At that time, the reauthorization bill was still in development and specific proposals were not available. As such, Resolution No. 03-3271 provided a detailed analysis of issues that the region determined would be beneficial to address, identified the highest priorities of these issues and established priorities for project funding.

At this time, there are three bills introduced in the Congress, framing a much more specific basis for establishing the region's priority interests:

- Senate Bill 1072 the "Safe, Accountable, Flexible and Efficient Transportation Equity Act of 2003" (SAFETEA) has been passed by the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee and recommended to the full Senate for consideration. This bill provides the Highway Title only and will be accompanied by the Transit Title which remains to be produced by the Senate Banking Committee. When the Transit Title is included, it is estimated SAFETEA will provide \$311 Billion over the 6-year period.
- House Bill 3550 The "Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users" (TEA-LU) has been introduced to the House Transportation Committee. It includes both the Highway Title and the Transit Title. TEA-LU provides \$375 Billion over the 6-year period.
- House Bill 3611 The "Metropolitan Congestion Relief Act" has been introduced to the House Transportation Committee. This Bill only addresses metropolitan funding programs and is intended as a vehicle to include portions as possible amendments into TEA-LU. It is <u>not</u> anticipated to be considered as a stand-alone bill.

Attached as Exhibit "B" to this Resolution is a detailed analysis of these bills with specific recommendations for support, opposition or amendment. However, the situation will continue to change, there will be a need to evaluate new proposals and there will be a need to react quickly. As such, this policy position is intended to establish the major concepts to support.

### I. High Priority Issues

**A. Funding Levels** - Both the House and Senate Bills provide an important increase in transportation funding. It is essential that the reauthorization be finalized with these increases. If this is not possible, it would be better to defer adoption and adopt a short-term extension.

- **B. Program Structure** In general, the Portland region supports the Bills because the basic program structure of TEA-21 is retained. Also, in general, it is preferred by the Portland region that new discretionary programs <u>not</u> be created because historically the state has faired better through formula programs than through discretionary programs (there are several very important exceptions noted below). The principal program categories in the Highway Title of Interstate Maintenance (IM), National Highway System (NHS), Highway Bridge Program (HBR), Surface Transportation Program (STP) and Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ and in the Transit Title of Urban Formula Grants and New Starts are the most important to the region and the most critical to provide at an increased funding level.
- **C. CMAQ apportionment** Of critical importance to the Portland region is to maintain apportionment of CMAQ funds to the region with the change in the standard for ozone from a 1-hour standard to an 8-hour standard (a detailed amendment is included as Attachment 1 to Exhibit "B").
- D. Multi-State Corridor Program Both the House Bill and the Senate Bill provide for an expanded Corridor Program, separated from the Border Program. However, the Portland region supports both the funding level in the House Bill (@ \$5 Billion) and the 70/30 division between Corridors and Borders. This would make this a viable funding source to continue to pursue discretionary grants for the I-5 Trade and Transportation Improvement.
- **E.** New Starts/Small Starts This is a key discretionary program that continues to be important to implement the region's transit system. Significant in the House Bill is the proposed creation of a Small Starts category intended to provid a streamlined program for projects under \$75 million, such as Commuter Rail and Street Car. Overall, the program is very attractive but there are some refinements needed to ensure it is as streamlined as intended. In the "project" section of this paper, the region's New Start/Small Start projects to be authorized are detailed.
- F. Metropolitan Congestion Relief Act House Bill 3611 the Metropolitan Congestion Relief Act provides for the suballocation of STP, NHS, Interstate Maintenance and CMAQ funds to metropolitan regions. As shown in the detailed analysis, these amendments are <u>not</u> recommended by the Portland region. However, the creation of a new Metropolitan Congestion Relief funding category is recommended. As proposed, this category would result in a significant funding program for the Portland region and result in a level of funding to the state that is proportionately higher than the other categories.
- **G.** General Funds in the Transit Program Historically, the Transit program has been funded through both Trust Funds dollars and General Fund dollars, spread across the entire program. TEA-LU proposes to shift the General Fund dollars to the New Starts category and the Trust Fund dollars to the balance of the transit program. This would place New Start dollars at considerable risk and the region supports use of Trust Fund dollars.

**H.** Projects of National and Regional Significance – The Portland region is in support of the discretionary funding category for Projects of National and Regional Significance proposed in Section 1304 of TEA-LU. It is a significant proposed program (@ \$17.6 Billion for the 6-years), intended for projects larger than \$500 million (or 75% of a state's federal aid highway program or about \$300 million in Oregon) that meet key criteria relating to national economic benefit, congestion reduction, safety improvement, support from non-federal funding including public-private partnerships and new technologies to enhance efficiency.

The region supports the efforts of ODOT and the leadership of Congressman DeFazio to seek an earmark for the state's cracked bridge program under this new category. If the program is created, there are two prospects for this program as part of the next authorization: the I-5 Trade Corridor and the Sunrise Corridor. During the intervening years, these projects will need to be better defined, advanced into preliminary engineering and a case made for their national significance.

### **II.** Other Priority Issues to Support

- **A.** The various added provisions for greater attention to freight is good, particularly the added STP eligibility for freight intermodal connectors and intermodal transfer facilities and the added planning requirements.
- **B.** The change in the CMAQ apportionment formula in Section 1611 of SAFETEA is a good thing since it removes the 20% funding penalty for areas that meet ozone standards.
- C. The addition of the Safe Routes to Schools in both SAFETEA and TEA-LU is good.
- **D.** The funding programs in TEA-LU for Elderly and Disabled and the New Freedom Program are good.
- **E.** The provision in both SAFETEA and TEA-LU making the availability of TIFIA for \$50 million rather than \$100 million projects is good.
- **F.** Section 1604 of SAFETEA providing for the designation of elements of the Interstate System on the National Register of Historic Places would be detrimental to implementing the I-5 Trade Corridor project.
- **G.** The change in Section 1615 of SAFETEA to update the long-range transportation plan every 5-years rather than every 3-years is good.
- **H.** The SAFETEA provision in Section 1102(b) increasing metropolitan planning to 1.5% of the highway program is good.
- I. Tolling provisions of both bills are good additions. The region supports the Congestion Pricing/Value Pricing language in SAFETEA and the funding authorization provided in TEA-LU.

## **III.** Other Priority Issues to Oppose

- **A.** The Infrastructure Performance and Maintenance Program proposed in Section 1101(13) of SAFETEA should <u>not</u> be adopted since it duplicates other program categories, creates new unnecessary requirements and should be simply integrated with those categories.
- **B.** Section 1101(a)(22) of TEA-LU creating a program for dedicated truck lanes should <u>not</u> be adopted since these are eligible under several of the other funding categories.
- **C.** Section 1202 of TEA-LU requiring a set-aside of a portion of STP, NHS, CMAQ and Interstate Maintenance categories for congestion relief activities is an unnecessary limit on state and local decision-making.
- **D.** Section 1205 of TEA-LU requiring a set-aside of a portion of STP, NHS, CMAQ and Interstate Maintenance categories ITS projects is an unnecessary limit on state and local decision-making.

# **IV.** High Priority Projects

Reauthorization of TEA-21 will include earmarking of funds for specific transportation projects. In particular, specific projects and funding amounts will be included in Section 1101(a)(17) for High Priority Projects. TEA-LU provides for an increase in funding for High Priority Projects by 60% from \$9.316 Billion to \$15 Billion. As such, the Portland region should provide the delegation with candidate projects to select from in anticipation of earmarking about \$130 million of High Priority projects.

In addition to High Priority Projects, there may be an opportunity to earmark certain discretionary funding categories. Certainly, a very high priority for the Portland region is to authorize projects for funding through the New Starts and Small Starts Program. Whether other discretionary categories are created that could be earmarked remains to be seen, but some of these categories could be used for earmarking some of the Portland area projects. The project list reflects possible categories to be considered for earmarking, depending on the outcome of their status in the Bill.

#### **EXHIBIT B to Resolution No. 04-3409**

#### Analysis of Reauthorization Proposals <u>Regional Position on</u> <u>Reauthorization of the</u> <u>Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century</u> <u>(TEA-21)</u>

#### March 2004

- B-1 TEA-LU (HR 3550) HIGHWAY TITLE ONLY
- B-2 TEA-LU (HR 3550) TRANSIT TITLE ONLY
- B-3 TEA-LU (HR 3550) NEW START/SMALL START
- B-4 SAFETEA (S. 1072)
- B-5 METROPOLITAN CONGESTION RELIEF ACT (HR 3611)

#### TEA-LU (HR 3550) HIGHWAY TITLE ONLY

The House Transportation Reauthorization bill is the product of two committees. The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee released a bill (TEA-LU) covering the highway and transit title. Because TEA-LU increases funding beyond existing capacity, new revenues must be enacted by the House Ways and Means Committee.. Ways and Means has not yet produced a bill. So, the table below reviews only TEA-LU. Only changes to TEA-21 are addressed. The table uses the following symbols to rate the overall affect of a proposed change.

Very Good	Good	Neutral	Bad	Very Bad	Unclear
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Rating	Program/Issue TEA-LU Section Sect. of 23 USC Amended	Summary of Issue/Explanation of Rating												
	EXISTING FUNDING PROGRAMS													
	Authorization Levels and Apportionment Formulae (only those programs most relevant to Portland shown)													
$\sum_{i=1}^{n}$		If revenue is enhanced, TE 16% less IM funding than	1		6% higł	ner Inter	state Ma	intenan	ce funding t	han TEA 21;				
	L. 4	Bill:	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	TOTAL					
	Interstate Maintenance Program	<b>TEA-21</b>	\$3.43	\$3.96	\$4.00	\$4.07	\$4.14	\$4.22	\$23.81					
	SAFTEA §1101(a)(1)	EPW Bill	\$5.50	\$6.30	\$6.55	\$6.55	\$6.55	\$6.55	\$38.00					
	Amends 23 USC 119	House Bill	\$4.50	\$4.99	\$5.36	\$5.71	\$5.87	\$6.07	\$32.50					
		In FY2003, Oregon reco Maintenance funds; the hi Priority Projects.												

$\overline{\langle}$	National Highway System	If revenue is enhance 21; 15% less NHS fu				her Natio	onal High	way Syste	em funding than TEA
	<b>Program</b> TEA-LU §1101(a)(2)	Bill:	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	TOTAL
	Amends 23 USC 103	<b>TEA-21</b>	\$4.112	\$4.749	\$4.793	\$4.888	\$4.968	\$5.061	\$28.571
		EPW Bill	\$6.650	\$7.650	\$7.950	\$7.950	\$7.950	\$7.950	\$46.100
		House Bill	\$5.401	\$5.986	\$6.431	\$6.854	\$7.039	\$7.287	\$38.998
		In FY2003, Oregon 1	received 1.2	4% (\$68N	M) of the	nationwic	le apporti	onment o	f NHS funds.
		If revenue is enhanc	ed, TEA-L	U provide	s 37% hi	gher Higl	hway Bri	dge fundi	ng than TEA 21, and
		14% less Highway B	ridge fundi	ng than SA	AFETEA		2	•	
$\square$		Bill:	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	TOTAL
		<b>TEA-21</b>	\$2.941	\$3.395	\$3.427	\$3.495	\$3.552	\$3.619	\$20.429
	Highway Bridge Program	Senate Bi		\$5.400	\$5.600	\$5.600	\$5.600	\$5.600	\$32.500
	TEA-LU §1101(a)(3); §1112 Amends 23 USC 144	House Bil	\$3.862	\$4.280	\$4.599	\$4.901	\$5.033	\$5.211	\$27.886
		In FY2003, Oregon	received 1	1.22% (\$4	46M) of	the natio	nwide ap	portionm	ent of Bridge funds.
									eventive maintenance
		are eased. Bridge D	iscretionary	y Program	n levels re	emains at	\$100M	per year,	as in TEA-21. From
		1998-2002 Oregon re	eceived <u>no</u>	Bridge Di	scretionar	y funds;	while \$46	52M was g	granted nationally.
		TEA-LU removes fro	om the STP	program	the 10% :	set-aside	requirem	ent for sat	fety projects (creating
									this adjustment into
							ects by 5	1%, <u>if re</u>	venue is enhanced; a
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$\square$	Surface Transport. Program	Bill:	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	5 Year	6 TOTAL
	TEA-LU §1101(a)(5); §1202(c)	<b>TEA-21</b>	\$4.318	\$4.986	\$5.033	\$5.133	\$5.216		
	Amends 23 USC 133	Senate Bill	\$6.811	\$7.791	\$8.085	\$8.085	\$8.085		
		House Bill	\$6.286	\$6.954	\$7.461	\$7.942	\$8.147		
		TEA-LU adds to the	he list of	STP-eligi	ble proje	ects incid	ent respo	onse, tech	nnology deployment,
									n is Oregon's largest
		federal road program	. FY2003,	Oregon re	eceived 1	.26% (\$8	1M) of th	e nationw	vide apportionment of
		STP funds. The JPA	CT reautho	rization a	genda sho	ould prior	itize incre	eases to th	e STP program.

		Consistent with o compared to TEA-		g fundi	ng sour	ces, TEA	-LU proj	poses to in	ncrease CM	1AQ funding by 59%
		Bill:	Ye	ar 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	TOTAL
		TEA-2	<b>21</b> \$1.	193	\$1.345	\$1.358	\$1.385	\$1.407	\$1.434	\$ 8.122
$\leq$		Senat	<b>e Bill</b> \$1.	900	\$2.150	\$2.225	\$2.225	\$2.225	\$2.225	\$12.950
Z		House	<b>e Bill</b> \$1.	530	\$1.696	\$1.822	\$1.942	\$1.994	\$2.065	\$11.049
	CMAQ Program									ount and in terms of its
	TEA-LU §1101(a)(6);									JPACT and the Metro
	Amends 23 USC									ent of CMAQ funds. It
	104(b)(2); 149									cone standards; making
						naintenan	ce area."	As a resu	lt, <u>Portland</u>	will get a lower share
		of CMAQ funds in				2		<b>C 1 1 1 1 1</b>		
										ending TEA-LU to add
										<u>iment, the area is not</u>
										one standard but was
										<i><u>ozone standard.</u></i> " ieving a "Maintenance
		(b) Support th status.	le change o	i the ap	portioni	nem racu		5 10 1.0 10	aleas acin	leving a Maintenance
			thorization	under T	EA-LU	is roughly	/ double ]	ГЕА <b>-</b> 21. N	o other cha	nges are proposed.
			Bill:	Year1 Y				Year 6 TOLA		
			TEA-21			025 \$0.025		\$0.025 \$0.120		
			Senate Bill	\$0.050 \$	0.050 \$0	0.050 \$0.050		\$0.050 \$0.30	)	
$\langle - \rangle$			HaseBill	\$0.030 \$	0.035 \$0	040 \$0.045	\$0.050	\$0.050 \$0.250	)	
	Transportation &									
	Community & System	However, the auth	orization lev	vels and	selectio	on criteria	under TE	EA-21 had	little to do	with actual grants:
	Preservation Program		TEA-21 ACIUA	L 1998	1999	2000	2001 20	02 2003	TOTAL	
	TEA-LU §1113		Discretionary Gr	ant	\$0.013	\$0.009			\$0.022	
	Amends 23USC101 note 112 Stat 223	-	Cong Earmark			\$0.022	\$0.047 \$0.	273 \$0.089	\$0:431	
	112 Stat 223		Total		\$0.013	\$0.031	· · ·	273 \$0.089	\$0:453	
			Oregon Grants		\$0.001			- \$0.001	\$0.003	
		-	Oregon Percent		8.46%	1.81%	0.80% 0.0	0% 1.43%	0.73%	
		Overall, Oregon/P	ortland has	not done	e as well	with TC	SP as oth	er progran	IS.	

"Corridor" funds are available to the I-5 Trade Corridor. Oregon is not eligible for "Border" funds. Under TEA-21, "Border" and "Corridor" funds were authorized as one program. About 80% of these funds were allocated to "Corridor" projects. TEA-LU establishes independent funding authorizations for both programs and increases funding by about eight-fold. TEA-LU's split between Border and Corridor funds is consistent with past practice. A section has been reserved in TEA-LU for the operations of the program; so it is yet not clear how the funds will be allocated.

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	In TEA-21 H		orders and Combined, i				Programs			
	Bill:	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	TOTAL		
	TEA-21; B&C.	\$0.140	\$0.140	\$0.140	\$0.140	\$0.140	\$0.140	\$0.840		
Multi-State Corridor	Senate Bill: Corridors	\$0.112	\$0.135	\$0.157	\$0.180	\$0.202	\$0.225	\$1.011		
TEA-LU §1101(a)(10); §1301	Senate Bill: Borders	\$0.112	\$0.135	\$0.157	\$0.180	\$0.202	\$0.225	\$1.011		
Border Planning,	Senate Bill: B&C	\$0.224	\$0.270	\$0.314	\$0.360	\$0.404	\$0.450	\$2.022		
Operations, Tech.	House Bill: Corridors	\$0.500	\$0.900	\$0.900	\$0.900	\$0.900	\$0.900	\$5.000		
TEA-LU §1101(a)(11);	House Bill: Borders	\$0.200	\$0.300	\$0.325	\$0.350	\$0.400	\$0.400	\$1.975		
§1302	House Bill: B&C	\$0.700	\$1.200	\$1.225	\$1.250	\$1.300	\$1.300	\$6.975		
	Corridor funds were inter TEA-21 had little to do w been about the same as for	with the a	uthorized and s, but mo	funding le	evels or c		ver TEA-2			
	Bill:		1998 199		2001	2002 2003	TOTAL			
	B&CFurk		\$123	-		47998 \$255.00	,			
	Amount to C Percent to C	0	\$2.0 1.62			\$4.86 \$6.50 1.01% 2.55%	\$1423 129%			
	Unlike other targeted prog	grams, thi	s program	should be	e supporte	d by JPAC	T, so long			
Interstate Discretionary Projects TEA-LU §1111 Amends 23USC118(c)	from the Interstate Discr	TEA-LU, <u>the \$100M per year Interstate Discretionary Program is eliminated</u> . Oregon has received the Interstate Discretionary Program. Of the \$560M allocated during TEA-21, Oregon r765M, or 0.3%. Elimination of discretionary program adds to formula apportionments, a be regon.								

	<u>NE</u> Authorization (only those pro	Levels a	and Appo		nt Formu						
	TEA-LU repeals the 10% (\$649M in FY03) safety set-aside in the STP program and replaces it with a new, formula program with a 90% federal share.										
	Bill:	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	TOTAL			
	<b>TEA-21</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A			
	Senate Bill	\$1.200	\$1.300	\$1.350	\$1.350	\$1.350	\$1.350	\$7.900			
	House Bill	\$1.000	\$1.100	\$1.200	\$1.300	\$1.400	\$1.500	\$7.500			
TEA-LU §1101(6); §1401; Amends 23USC130; 23USC152	railroad crossings. T 23USC152 based on Project requirements priorities. This new (HSTSA) and Motor <u>Generally, JPACT sl</u> restrictive programs <u>Safety Program beca</u> set-aside for safety p	wo-thirds the STP for do not a program Carrier Sa nould supp with new use it mal rojects.	of these a ormula. appear one is in addit afety Assis <u>port increa</u> <u>administ</u> ces more f	mounts are erous, but ion to con stance Prog ses in flex rative req flexible ST	e allocated do not k tinuing the gram (MC <u>kible prog</u> u <u>irements.</u> <u>P dollars</u>	to states t now how e Nat'l Hi SAP). rams, such <u>However</u> available	for the haz they com ghway Tra <u>as STP, a</u> <u>this is r</u> with the e	If based on the number of ard elimination program in apply with Oregon/Portland affic Safety Administration and be wary of targeted or nitigated somewhat in the limination of the 10% STP			
Safe Routes to Schools TEA-LU §1101(a)(23) §1118(b)	the vicinity of prima per year minimum a activities to encou traffic education a	Creates a \$250M per year, six-year formula program for sidewalks, traffic calming, bicycle facilities, etc. in the vicinity of primary and middle schools. Apportionment to states based on school enrollment with a \$2M per year minimum apportionment (probably would be Oregon's share). 10%-30% of funds to be used for activities to encourage walking and bicycling to school, including public awareness campaigns, traffic education and enforcement in the vicinity of schools, student sessions on bicycle and pedestrian safety, etc									

		Creates a "New Sta	rts-like" dis	cretiona	ry progr	am for "	mega" i	oad pro	jects. (	Only projects costing the	lesser
		of \$500M or 75% o	of the sponso	oring stat	e's ann	ual feder	al highv	vay assi	stance j	program are eligible.	
			<b>Bill:</b>	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year	5 Year 6	TOTAL	
			TEA-21	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	\$ -	
			Senate Bill	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	\$ -	
			House Bill	\$2.900	\$2.900	\$2.900	\$2.900	\$3.000	\$3.000	\$17.600	
?	Projects of National and Regional Significance TEA-LU §1101(a)(12); §1304	leverage non-federa program. Projects will operate similar On its merits, the I Corridor would also competitive in a na program. Without <u>be unrealistic to co</u> <u>Mega project</u> . If the amount of fur apportionment sim ," We should de	al investmen funded thro ly as the Ne -5 Project w be eligible tional proce members that ount on conce nds authorization ilar to NHS, termine who	t, etc. Prough a F w Starts vould be . <u>Howey</u> at are Co <u>surrently</u> ed for m , Oregor ether Ore	eligible ver, the gon has ega pro would egon wo	vould be ding Gra n; highly and cor <u>utility of</u> done we e Chairs, <u>ng FFGA</u> jects wer be alloc puld be b	evaluat ant Agree competitive <u>f this pro</u> ell with and a and a re made cated ab	ed and eement. titive, c e for "r <u>ogram t</u> New S ership p <u>ppropri</u> availab out \$22 rved wi	rated in One ca ongress nega" p <u>o Orego</u> tarts fur position ations f le throu	e congestion, improve s manner similar to New in anticipate that this pro- ionally earmarked, etc. roject funds. Perhaps S on depends on our ability nds, but no other discreti s or on Appropriations, <u>i</u> for a New Starts project ugh a formula program w er six years. A "bird in s in a formula program the State of Washington, the	Starts ogram unrise <u>v to be</u> ionary <u>it may</u> and a vith an hand han in
Δ		project program co			<u></u>	4- ?? W/:	41 1			. the Here Tel Comm	
X	High Priority Projects	Oregon has done w	ell with der	no proje	cts. Ur	nder TEA	<b>A-21</b> , O	regon r	eceived	in the House T&I Comr 1.85% of such funds; a demo funding by 60%	share
	TEA-LU §1101(a)(17) Amends23 USC 117		Bill:	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4 Y	Year 5 Y	Zear 6 1	OTAL	
	Amenus23 USC 11/		TEA-21	\$1.030	\$1.404	\$1.685	\$1.685 \$	51.778 \$	1.778 \$	9.360	
			Senate Bill	NA	NA	NA 1	NA N	A N	₩ \$	-	
			House Bill	\$1.953	\$2.144	\$2.355	\$2.587 \$	2.841 \$	3.120 \$	15.000	

										ttes on basis of one third		
								interm	odal co	onnectors, (ii) the state's	percentage	
		contribution to the Trus	st Fund a	nd (iii)	the Nl	HS for	nula.					
		H	Bill:	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year4	Year 5	Year 6	TOTAL		
		1	IEA-21	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	\$ -		
	Freight Intermodal	S	Senate Bill	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	\$ -		
	Connectors	H	House Bill	\$0300	\$0.400	\$0.500	\$0.600	\$0.600	\$0.600	\$3.000		
	TEA-LU §1101(a)(18);											
	§1303	Funds must be used f	for const	ruction	n of p	ublicly	ownee	d inter	modal	connectors and related	operational	
		improvements. Priorit	y is to b	e give	n to N	HS in	termod	al com	nectors.	Funds can be used for	other road	
		projects if state certi	fies ther	e are	no ir	ntermo	dal co	nnector	needs	s. While program is	a formula	
		apportionment (which	portionment (which is generally better for Oregon), it is likely that formula produces lower share than									
		NHS formula. Generally, JPACT should support increases in flexible programs, such as STP, and be wary										
		of targeted or restrictive								-	<i>2</i>	
		TEA-LU includes authority	orized fu	nding,	but do	es not o	define	the pro	gram (s	ection reserved for this p	ourpose).	
$\leq$	<b>Dedicated Truck Lanes</b>		<b>:</b>	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year4	Year 5	Year 6			
S	TEA-LU §1101(a)(22);	-	EA-21	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	• · · · ·		
	§1305	S	enate Bill	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	4000		
		Н	lase Bill	\$0.25	\$0.35	\$0.35	\$0.35	\$0.35	\$0.35	\$2.00		
										e funds be dedicated for		
-										categories times the per		
	<b>Congestion Relief</b>									Each year 40% of th		
	TEA-LU §1202									implemented in one ye		
										5% to any congestion rel		
							t rathe	r a lii	nitatior	n on flexibility and an	additional	
		administrative burden, a	and shou	ld be c	pposed	1.						
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	OTHER PROGRAMS AND POLICIES (Research not Addressed, Defer to PSU)											
		(Researc	ch not Ad	idresse	ed, Def	er to P	SU)					
	TIFIA											
	TEA-LU §1303						1 per y	year for	: six ye	ears authorized to suppo	ort program.	
	Amends 23 USC181-189	The maximum annual credit amounts set at \$2.6B.										
	Amenus 25 USC 101-109											

	<b>TSM</b> TEA-LU §1202 Amends 23 USC 133, 23 USC 149	Expends list of eligible projects for STP and CMAQ funds to include transportation system management and operations activities.
$\Box$	ITS TEA-LU §1205 Adds 23 USC 150	Requires States to obligate a portion of their annual NHS, Interstate Maintenance, STP and CMAQ funds on ITS projects. The portion of a state's federal funds that must be spend on ITS is \$500M times the percent of federal road funds that state receives compared to the national total. For Oregon, this means about \$6M per year. This program is not a new funding source, but rather a limitation on flexibility and an additional administrative burden, and should be opposed.
	Tolling	Nothing proposed.
?	<b>Public Private</b> <b>Partnerships</b> TEA-LU §1503	Section reserved, proposal to be added later.
?	<b>Design Build Contracts</b> TEA-LU §1501	Section reserved, proposal to be added later.

#### TEA-LU (HR 3550) <u>TRANSIT TITLE ONLY</u> New Start and Small Start Programs Reviewed Separately

The House Transportation Reauthorization bill is the product of two committees. The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee released a bill (TEA-LU) covering the highway and transit title. Because TEA-LU increases funding beyond existing capacity, new revenues must be enacted by the House Ways and Means Committee. Ways and Means has not yet produced a bill. So, the table below reviews only the transit elements of TEA-LU, except for the New Start and Small Start provisions that are reviewed separately. Only changes to TEA-21 are addressed. The table uses the following symbols to rate the overall affect of a proposed change.

Very Good	Good	Neutral	Bad	Very Bad	Unclear
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Rating	Program/Issue TEA-LU Section Sect. of 49USC Amended	Summary of Issue/Explanation of Rating								
		EXISTING FUND	ING P	ROGR	AMS					
	Authorization Levels and Apportionment Formulae (only those programs most relevant to Portland shown)									
		TEA-LU provides an 87% in 4% increase over Year 6 of TE		0					• 1	
		Bill:	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year4	Year5	Year 6	TOTAL	
	Urban Area Formula	TEA-21	\$2.30	\$2.55	\$2.78	\$3.00	\$3.23	\$3.45	\$17.31	
	Grants	Senate Bill	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	\$ -	
	TEA-LU §3008	House Bill	\$3.60	\$4.31	\$4.87	\$5.48	\$6.06	\$6.72	\$31.03	
Amends 49USC 5307 There are no other notable changes in the urban grant program. The Portland region receive 0.8%-0.9% of the national appropriation of 5307 formula funds. Over its six years, the in proposed by TEA-LU results in an additional \$120M for the Portland region compared to TEA-2									its six years, the increased	

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		TEA-LU increases .	JARC fund	ls by 14	10% co	mpared	to TE	A-21.			
			Bill:	•	Year 2	•			Year 6	TOTAL	
			TEA-21		\$0.05	\$0.08	\$0.10	\$0.13	\$0.15	\$0.50	
2	Jobs Access Reverse		Senate Bill	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
•	Commute (JARC)		Hare Bill	\$0.175	\$0.185	\$0.195	\$0205	\$0215	\$0225	\$1.200	
	TEA-LU §3017										
	Adds 49USC5316										became one of federal
											would be apportioned to
											e of low-income persons
											ban areas with less than
		200,000 population									
											tors merged Clean Fuels
		authority into §5507									Fuel Program by 140%.
			Bill: Y TEA-21	Year 1 Y						IAL 0.25	
$\triangleleft$			Senate Bill				A N			0.00	
15			HoreBill							0.60	
	Clean Fuels Formula			<b>JUI0</b>	φ.i0 τ	<b>μ</b> .10 4	φ.10 φ	μ. μ.	μιο φ		
	Grant Program	However. TriMet w	ould no lo	nger be	e eligib	le for f	òrmula	apport	ionmei	nts unde	er the program. A recent
	TEA-LU §3009 Amends 49USC5308, 5338										her than a "maintenance
	Amenus 4905C5508, 5558										for non-attainment. My
						t factor	r would	l be zer	o. To c	ontinue	TriMet's eligibility, add
		the following to 49U									
											<u>as a nonattainment or</u>
								t was d	esigna	ted as a	<u>i nonattainment area or</u>
		maintenance area u							4 01		
		TEA-LU increases l			•		-				
			Bill:		Year 2						
	Eldenly and Dischlad		TEA-21	\$0.06	\$0.07	\$0.07	\$0.08	\$0.09	\$0.09		
Λ	Elderly and Disabled Formula Funds		Senate Bill	NA \$0.10	NA \$0.12	NA \$0.14	NA \$0.15	NA \$0.17	NA \$0.19	NA \$0.87	
	TEA-LU §3011		Harse Bill	2010	50.12	30.14	30.13	JU.1 /	30.19	JU.8/	
	49USC5310, 5338	The program is cha	mod to a	llow fu	nds to	he use	d for c	neratin	o exne	enses a	t a 50% match ratio $A$
	190500510,0550	The program is changed to allow funds to be used for operating expenses, at a 50% match ratio. A requirement to certify coordination with non-profits is added. Also requires that projects be derive									
											ation plan." The State of
		Oregon received on									r

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		TEA-LU increases top of the "small st		funds	for "ma	ajor" p	rojects	by 87%	6 compa	ared to TEA-21, and that is
		top of the sinth st	Bill:	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Voor 4	Year5	Year 6	TOTAL
Λ	New Start Funds		ты: ТFA-21	\$0.800	\$0.902	\$0.980	\$1.058	\$1.136	\$1214	\$6.090
57	TEA-LU §3010		Senate Bill	NA	50.902 NA	50.960 NA	51.000 NA	\$1.150 NA	51214 NA	NA
	49USC5309, 5338		House Bill	\$1.350	\$1.596	\$1.791	\$2.002	\$2.197	\$2426	\$11.362
		Programmatic issue	es are discu	ssed in	a sepai	rate rev	view.			
		TEA-LU increases proposed.	Bus Discre	tionary	funds	by 87%	6 comp	ared to	TEA-21	. No other notable changes a
٨			Bill:	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year4	Year 5	Year 6	TOTAL
	Bus Discretionary Funds		TEA-21	\$0.400	\$0.451	\$0.490	\$0.529	\$0.568	\$0.607	\$3.045
	TEA-LU §3010		Senate Bill	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	49USC5309, 5338		House Bill	\$0.675	\$0.798	\$0.896	\$1.001	\$1.099	\$1.213	\$5.681
		percentage compar	red to other	federal	transpo	ortatior	n progra	ams. Th	e Portla	grants from 1999-2003; a hi nd region received 0 4%. No other notable changes a
			Bill:	Year1	Year 2	Year 3	Year4	Year 5	Year 6	TOTAL
			TEA-21	\$0.800	\$0.902	\$0.980	\$1.058	\$1.136	\$1.214	\$6090
$\sim$	Rail Modernization Funds		Senate Bill	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	TEA-LU §3010		Hase Bill	\$1.350	\$1.596	\$1.791	\$2.002	\$2,197	\$2,426	\$11.362
	49USC5309, 5338	more rail lines read of this program wi	ch Rail Moc ill continue s, JPACT m	l eligib to be s	ility. T small.	The way Becau	y the ap se Rail	portion Mod f	nment fo unding 1	ercent will increase slightly ormula works, Portland's sha levels are directly tied to No se funding levels, even thou
		NEW	FUNDIN	G PR	OGRA	MS				
		Authorization L	Levels and	Appo	rtionn	nent F	ormul	ae		
		(only those progr	rams most	releva	nt to P	ortlan	d show	vn)		

		New formula pro required by the A											
?			<b>Bill:</b>	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year4	Year5	Year6	TOFAL			
•	New Freedom Program		TEA-21	NA	M	NA		M	M	NA			
	TEA-LU §3018		Senate Bill	NA	NA	NA	NA	M	NA	NA			
	Creates 49USC5317		HuseBill	\$010	\$0.12	\$013	\$015	\$0.15	\$0.18	\$082			
		60% of funds wo on relative share less than 200,000	of disabled	l perso 1 baseo	ons. 2 d on s	0% we ame fa	ould be actors.	e appor Not en	tioned ough c	to states lata to kn	and 20% low impac	to urban	areas with gon.
		New discretionar clear where proje				Idewa	y proje	cts betv	ween \$	25M-\$75	oM in fede	eral assis	tance. Not
		1 5	Bill:	Yea	r1 Y	Zear 2	Year 3	Year4	Year 5	Year 6	TOTAL		
	Small Starts Funds		TEA-21	Ν	A	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA		
$\mathcal{M}$	TEA-LU §		Senate Bil			NA	NA	NA	NA		NA		
	49USC5309, 5338	Horee Bill \$0.15 \$0.18 \$0.21 \$0.24 \$0.27 \$0.30 \$1.35											
		Small Starts prog New Starts funds OTHE		versa.	Prog	amma	tic issu						not access
	1	(Resear	rch not Ad	dresse	d, De	fer to .	PSU)						
?	Metropolitan/State Planning TEA-LU Title VI Amends 23USC134, 135 49USC5303-5305	Title reserved to planning for high								ions for	metropol	itan and	statewide
?	Planning Programs TEA-LU §3005 49USC5303-5305	Section on TIP deleted and replaced with combination of planning activities for States and MPOs. Establishes split of planning funds under 49USC5338(c) as 82.72% for MPOs and 17.28% for States. State and MPOs devise formula for allocating MPO funds within the State.											
?	Contract Requirements TEA-LU §3025 Amends 49USC5325	Changes rules or projects or impr proposes that all Allows states wit LU to be exemp Changes some ad	n competiti ovements procurements th a formal t from TE.	on. T that r nts be state A-LU	EA-2 ecord done proce requi	1 only s be j in " <i>ful</i> dure for remen	y requin provide <i>l and of</i> for proc ts for <i>A</i>	red of a d to I	non-co DOT a <i>mpetiti</i> A&E s procure	ompetitive and Com <i>con, as de</i> ervices the ment. Al	e contract aptroller ( <i>termined</i> hat is in e llows desi	General. by the Se ffect prie ign-build	TEA-LU ecretary." or to TEA- contracts.

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#### TEA - LU New Start/Small Start Program Issues

This analysis examines Section 3010 (Capital Investment Grants) of HR 3550 (Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users), which primarily amends Section 5309 of the Transit Act, Section 3037, which authorizes fixed guideway projects for Final Design and Construction, and Section 3034, which authorizes funding for such capital grants. The <u>changes</u> proposed to the provisions of TEA-21 in TEA-LU are described in the table below. The table uses the following symbols to describe the overall affect of a proposed change.

Very Good	Good	Neutral	Bad	Very Bad	Unclear
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	SECTION 3010 OF H.R. 3550									
Rating	Section: Issue	Summary of Issue/Rating								
	§5309(a)(1) General Authority	Loans of §5309 Funds no longer permitted, does not affect Portland region projects.								
	Major (>\$75M) Fixed Guideway Projects									
	<b>§</b> 5309(c): Establish Category for Major Capital Investment Grants	\$75M threshold for full new starts evaluation process allows streetcar projects to proceed without onerous criteria.								
$\Box$	Deleted from TEA-21: Exemption from New Starts Criteria for Entirely Flexible Funded Projects	TEA-21 exempts from the New Starts review "part of a project financed completely with amounts made available from the Highway Trust Fund (other than the Mass Transit Account)." Thus, a MOS entirely funded with STP funds is exempt from New Starts criteria under TEA-21. Under TEA-LU such an MOS would be subject to New Starts review. This would affect a small streetcar project funded entirely with MTIP funds.								
$\square$	<b>§</b> 5309(c)(2)(B): Justification Criteria for Major Projects	The factors considered in FTA's "comprehensive review" are expanded to include " <i>transit supportive policies</i> " and " <i>existing land use</i> ." While " <i>transit supportive policies</i> " helps Portland region, " <i>existing land use</i> " helps mega-cities like NY, Chicago, etc. and hurts Portland. A preferable factor is " <i>land use policies</i> ."								

		'Small Starts' (<\$75M) Program
$\sum_{i=1}^{n}$	§5309(d)(1): \$75M "Small Starts" Threshold	Overall, the small starts program much more supportive of streetcar projects than the major fixed guideway program. But some specifics, discussed below, are troublesome.
	<b>§</b> 5309(d)(1): <b>\$</b> 25M "Exempt" Threshold	TEA-LU does not proscribe any processes or criteria for "exempt projects" (i.e. <\$25M). Congress should set parameters for exempt projects rather than leave it entirely to FTA.
	§5309(d)(2) and (3): Alternatives Analysis Required	§5309(d)(2) and (3) require that the evaluation of small starts be based on the results of Alternatives Analysis (AA). AA requires consideration of non-streetcar project alternatives, probably including a baseline alternative for cost effectiveness rating. Unless narrowed by statute, this will lead to considerable FTA involvement and interference. Thus, amend §5309(d)(2)(A) as follows "(A) based on the result of planning and alternatives analysis (as used in this subsection, alternatives analysis requires a comparison only to the no build alternative).
$\mathcal{K}$	§5309(d)(4)(A) and (C): Project Justification Factors	While the justification of "major" projects must consider " <i>operating efficiencies</i> ," " <i>environmental benefits</i> ," " <i>mobility</i> " and " <i>existing land use</i> ," these factors are not considered in evaluating small start projects. This helps because small starts would not be competitive with regard to these factors. Paragraph C establishes " <i>positive effect on local economic development</i> " as a key criterion. This helps Portland streetcar projects.
	§5309(d)(4)(B): Cost Effectiveness	Grant approval requires consideration of "cost effectiveness at the time of the initiation of revenue service." FTA is provided 120 days after bill passage to develop regulations on how cost effectiveness (CE) will be evaluated. If history is an indication, FTA will propose a CE that compares the small start project with a baseline alternative. This begins to drag the "streamlined" small starts process into the same issues that delay "major" projects. Also, CE is evaluated when operations start, rather than the normal 20-year basis; making "cost per rider" and "cost per new rider" measures worse for small starts than for "major" projects. Bill should define parameters for CE calculation, rather than leaving to FTA discretion, as follows: "B. determine cost effectiveness based on the amount of development leveraged by the transit investment (compared to the no build alternative) at the time of the initiation of revenue service."
?	§5309(d)(5): Local Financial Commitment	The bill excludes for "small starts" certain financial evaluation factors required of "major" projects, such as "the extent to which … local financial commitment exceeds the required non- Federal share …," and "local resources are available to operate the overall proposed public transportation system …without … a reduction in existing … services …" These are very helpful exclusions. However, their absence in the bill does not necessarily mean they will not be part of FTA's ratings Congress should clarify that rating factors required in the bill of "major" projects but not "small starts" establish legislative intent to exclude such factors for "small start" ratings.

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$\mathcal{K}$	§5309(d)(7) and (8): Construction Grant Agreements	In lieu of Full Funding Grant Agreements (FFGA), "small starts" receive Construction Grant Agreements (CGA). The content of a FFGA and CGA appear similar. But a FFGA requires 60-day congressional review, and a CGA does not. FTA requires 60% Final Design completion before starting FFGA negotiations, and up to 1 year to complete the FFGA approval process. To avoid this aberrant delay, add to the end of §5309(d)(8) " <u>Construction Grant Agreements may</u> be issued at the start of Final Design and cover the cost of Final Design and construction.
	§309(d)(10): Eligible Projects in Small Starts Program	Small starts include "corridor-based public transportation bus capital projects if the majority of the project's corridor right of way is for exclusive use by public transportation all or part of the day." This limits small start program funding for BRT projects to only those with substantial bus-only lanes.
	Ot	her New Start Provisions in Sec. 3010 of H.R. 3550
	§5309(e): Grandfather Provisions	Only projects with a FFGA or Letter of Intent (LOI) before enactment of the bill are exempt from the provisions for "major" projects and "small starts." This is a serious problem for Commuter Rail, which will not have a FFGA in time. Commuter Rail will be subject to the small start provisions and await enactment of "small start" rules before proceeding – undoubtedly a year delay. Also, Commuter Rail will be re-evaluated based on "small start" factors; reopening discussions with FTA on the merits of the project. A non-bill fix is to obtain a LOI for Commuter Rail prior to bill enactment (recall an LOI requires 2-month congressional review). Alternatively, amend provision as follows: "Subsections (c) and (d) do not apply to projects for which the Secretary has issued a letter of intent or entered into a full funding grant agreement before the date of enactment Subsection (d) does not apply to projects for which the Secretary has approved Final Design before the date of enactment [of the bill]"
₽	§5309(f)(4)(A): Limitations on Amounts that can be Obligated	Section is hard to decipher, but looks like the amount that can be contingently committed to projects is raised from 2-years worth of authorization under TEA-21 to 3-years under TEA-LU.
	§5309(f)(5): Notification of Congress	Eliminates House and Senate Appropriations Committees from notice of intent to issue a FFGA. Doubt that this stops Istook-like problems.
?	§5309(g)(2): Remainder of Net Project Cost	Do not know what this means.
①?	<pre>§5309(g)(3): FTA Not Authorized to Require Local Match in excess of 20 percent</pre>	Sounds good, but hard to reconcile with other provisions. $\$5309(c)(3)(D)(iv)$ states that the amount of overmatch shall be considered in evaluating local financing. $\$5309(c)(4)$ states that the degree of local financial commitment is a basis for determining the rating of a project. $\$5309(g)(3)$ may mean that FTA cannot <u>automatically</u> rate projects Not Recommended because they have only 20% match, but can rate projects with >20% local match higher.

	§5309(g)(4): Project Cost can Include Previously Purchased Vehicles	Permits the cost of a project to include vehicles purchased for the project before FTA approved the project. Requires that no federal funds were used to purchase such vehicles. May be way to get reimbursement for 10 "option" LRVs. Do not know what last sentence in provision means.
$\sum_{i=1}^{n}$	§5309(m)(1): Small Start Funds Allocated "Off-the-Top" of Capital Funds	Funding for small start program is carved out of capital funding program before the 40-40-20 split to new starts, rail mod and bus capital. This mitigates the hit on New Starts. This will be further addressed below in explanation of Section 3034 of HR 3550.
$\overrightarrow{\mathbf{X}}$	§5309(m)(1)(B): Small Starts cannot access funds for "Major" New Starts	Provides that 40 percent of funds remaining after allocation to "small starts" are for " <i>major new fixed guideway capital projects</i> ." §5309(c)(5) defines "major" as costing over \$75M. Thus, this category is not available for small starts; ensuring that "small starts" projects, such as FTA-favored BRT projects, cannot use-up funding for LRT projects.
Street and a second sec	§5309(m)(4): New Start funds must be derived from General Fund	Puts full onus of General Fund appropriations on "major" fixed guideway projects. Rumor is that General Funds are guaranteed, but there is nothing apparent in bill that provides guarantee. Small starts do not appropriation risk because a specified amount of funds is annually allocated; and the full amount will come from Trust Fund if General Funds are not appropriated. Rail Mod and Bus/Bus-Related do not share in risk because they are funded with Trust Funds. Creates need for small constituency of congresspersons with LRT interests to secure large, annual general fund appropriations. Need to get New Starts on Trust Fund rather than General Fund, or, at least, spread General Fund risk to broader constituency. One option is to delete §5309(m)(4), which would cause appropriations risk to be spread among all capital investments (New Starts, small starts, Rail Mod and Bus/Bus-Related). A broader fix would be to change allocations in §5338 (see Section 3034 of HR 3550) to have General Fund applied to formula grants and allocate only Trust Funds to capital program.
		SECTION 3034 OF H.R. 3550
$\sim$	§5338(b)(2)(C): Allocation to Small Starts is Only for Small Starts	States that "the Secretary shall make available for capital investment grants of less than \$75,000,000 under section 5309(d)." Ensures that "major" projects do not have access to small start funds.
		SECTION 3037 and 3038 of H.R. 3550
	§5309(m)(I)(B): Portland Projects Not Yet Authorized for Final Design and Construction	Other than IMAX, Portland projects are not yet authorized in bill. Must get Commuter Rail and I-205 LRT authorized in this section for Final Design and Construction. Also, need Portland Streetcar, and I-5 LRT authorized; although they can, if necessary, at first be authorized for alternatives analysis and preliminary engineering and later for Final Design and construction. Also, should think about earmarking bus/bus-related projects in Section 3038 of HR 3550.

#### SAFETEA (S. 1072) by EPW Committee As Amended November 9, 2003

The Senate's Transportation Reauthorization bill is the product of three committees. The Finance Committee is responsible for raising revenues that support the transit and highway titles. The Banking Committee proposes the transit title, and the Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee proposes the highway title. At this time, neither the Finance Committee nor the Banking Committee has produced a draft bill. Thus, this review of the EPW bill addresses only highway provisions. Only changes to TEA-21 are reviewed in the table below. The table uses the following symbols to describe the overall affect of a proposed change.

Very Good	Good	Neutral	Bad	Very Bad	Unclear
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Rating	Program/Issue SAFTEA Section Sect. of 23 USC Amended	Summary of Issue/Explanation of Rating										
	<b>EXISTING FUNDING PROGRAMS</b> <b>Authorization Levels and Apportionment Formulae</b> (only those programs most relevant to Portland shown)											
$\sum_{i=1}^{n}$		If revenue is enhanced, SAFETEA provides 60% higher Interstate Maintenance funding than TEA 21, and 17% higher IM funding than TEA-LU.										
	Interstate Maintenance Program	Bill:	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	TOTAL			
	SAFTEA §1101(1)	TEA-21	\$3.43	\$3.96	\$4.00	\$4.07	\$4.14	\$4.22	\$23.81			
	Amends 23 USC 129	EPW Bill	\$5.50	\$6.30	\$6.55	\$6.55	\$6.55	\$6.55	\$38.00			
		House Bill	\$4.50	\$4.99	\$5.36	\$5.71	\$5.87	\$6.07	\$32.50			

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		TEA 21, and 18% higher NHS funding than TEA-LU.								
$\square$	National Highway System	-								
	Program	Bill:	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3		Year 5	Year 6	TOTAL	
	SAFETEA §1102(2)	<b>TEA-21</b>	\$4.112	\$4.749	\$4.793	\$4.888	\$4.968	\$5.061	\$28.571	
	Amends 23 USC 103	EPW Bill	\$6.650	\$7.650	\$7.950	\$7.950	\$7.950	\$7.950	\$46.100	
		House Bill	\$5.401	\$5.986	\$6.431	\$6.854	\$7.039	\$7.287	\$38.998	
		If revenue is enhance					National 1	Highway	System funding than	
$ \sum_{i=1}^{N} $		TEA 21, and 16% hig	her NHS f	unding the	an TEA-I	.U.				
$\sim$		Bill:	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	TOTAL	
	Highway Bridge Program	<b>TEA-21</b>	\$2.941	\$3.395	\$3.427	\$3.495	\$3.552	\$3.619	\$20.429	
	SAFETEA §1102(3); §1808	Senate Bil		\$5.400	\$5.600	\$5.600	\$5.600	\$5.600	\$32.500	
	Amends 23 USC 144	House Bill	\$3.862	\$4.280	\$4.599	\$4.901	\$5.033	\$5.211	\$27.886	
		<ul> <li>SAFETEA revises several provisions of how the program operates, most notably it (a) increases the bridge discretionary program by 50% (\$150M per year); (b) does not set an upper limit on use of funds for bridges off of the Federal system and (c) provides greater flexibility in using funds for preventative maintenance and historic rehabilitations.</li> <li>Both SAFETEA and TEA-LU create a highly funded highway safety program and remove from the STP program the 10% set-aside requirement for safety projects. However, SAFETEA adds a 2% set aside for stormwater mitigation projects. Taken both of these adjustments into account, SAFETEA</li> </ul>								
$\mathbf{X}$		increases funds for no lower increase than for				ojects by	56%, <u>if r</u>	evenue is	enhanced; a slightly	
	<b>Surface Transport. Program</b> SAFETEA §1102(4);	STP Funds Not Set Aside for Safety Projects Excludes funds Set Aside for Stormwater in SAFTEA								
	<b>§</b> 1401(g)(2); §1620	Bill:	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	5 Year	6 TOTAL	
	Amends 23 USC 133(d)	<b>TEA-21</b>	\$4.318	\$4.986	\$5.033	\$5.133	\$5.216	\$5.31	5 \$30.000	
		Senate Bill	\$6.811	\$7.791	\$8.085	\$8.085	\$8.085	\$8.08	5 \$46.942	
		House Bill	\$6.286	\$6.954	\$7.461	\$7.942	\$8.147	\$8.44	5 \$45.236	
		If the new or expanded safety programs are not funded, it is likely that the 10% STP set aside for safety projects will be continued or expanded.								

	Consistent with other existing funding sources, SAFETEA proposes to increase CMAQ funding by 59% compared to TEA-21.								
<b>CMAQ Program</b> SAFETEA §1102(5); §1611 Amends 23 USC 104(b)(2); 149	Bill: TEA-21 Senate Bill House Bill However, several factors EPA recently issued a "attainment area" rather related CMAQ funds. A This has the affect of s "attainment" areas like P (a) (b) Allow F §1611(2) of SA <u>designated as a</u> designated as a	rule chan, than a "ma lso, SAFE preading ( ortland. A Portland to FETEA to <i>nonattain</i>	ging the or aintenance TEA incor CMAQ fu .ccordingly oretain it oretain it oretain it ment or moretain	by one star area." The porates and nds to move s eligibili $\frac{(x) 1.0}{x}$	ndards, whis results a apportion ore areas, ty for oz if, at the ce area un nance area	hich result in Portland ment factor resulting cone-relate <u>time of a</u> <u>inder the Statunder the</u>	ts reclassi d losing it or relating in decreas d CMAQ upportionn 8-hour oz e 1-hour oz	ifying Portland as an s eligibility for ozone- to "fine particulates." sed CMAQ funds for funds by amending <u>ment, the area is not</u> <u>one standard but was</u> <u>ozone standard.</u> "	
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<b>Transportation &amp;</b> <b>Community &amp; System</b> <b>Preservation Pilot Prog</b> SAFETEA §1814 Adds 23 USC 175	This is a revision to Sendoubling the amount in 7 year) for planning, develor TOD, impact mitigation green corridors, etc. Fundouble	TEA-21. R opment and and jobs a	Remains a d impleme ccess proje	competitiv ntation of ects. Prior	e program communit	n (assumin by and syst to applicar	ng it is not tem preser nts have po	t fully earmarked each vation projects such as policies, such as UGBs,	

	<b>Multi-State Corridor</b> SAFETEA §1101(10);	"Corridor" funds are a key eligible for "Border" fur program. About 80% independent funding auth eligibility requirements, earmarked by Congress. V evenly between the Borde funds and only marginally Corridor apportionment to Program funds are also eli <i>In TEA-21 I</i>	nds. Uno of the fu- norization but this While SA er and Co r increasin hat is co gible for <b>B</b>	der TEA-2 unds were s for both may be of FETEA in prridor pro ng Corridor onsistent v Corridor P orders and	21, "Bord e allocated n program of little c ncreases B grams. T or funds. T or funds. T vith past p program fu	er" and " d to "Consequences, as doe consequences order & C his has th The House practice. nds; allow s <b>Programs</b>	Corridor" rridor" pr s TEA-LU ce because Corridor fu e affect of e Bill (TEA Also, ma ring them t	funds we rojects. S J. SAFE e funds h unds by 14 f substanti A-LU) is i iny projecto to "double	ere authorized as or SAFETEA established TEA also revises the nave historically bee 1%, it splits the func- ally increasing Borded llustrative of a Borde ts eligible for Borded
	§1810. Creates 23USC171 Border Planning, Operations, Tech. SAFETEA §1101(11); §1811 Creates 23USC172	Bill:	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	TOTAL
		TEA-21; B&C.	\$0.140	\$0.140	\$0.140	\$0.140	\$0.140	\$0.140	\$0.840
		Senate Bill: Corridors	\$0.112	\$0.135	\$0.157	\$0.180	\$0.202	\$0.225	\$1.011
		Senate Bill: Borders	\$0.112	\$0.135	\$0.157	\$0.180	\$0.202	\$0.225	\$1.011
		Senate Bill: B&C	\$0.224	\$0.270	\$0.314	\$0.360	\$0.404	\$0.450	\$2.022
		House Bill: Corridors	\$0.500	\$0.900	\$0.900	\$0.900	\$0.900	\$0.900	\$5.000
		House Bill: Borders	\$0.200	\$0.300	\$0.325	\$0.350	\$0.400	\$0.400	\$1.975
		House Bill: B&C	\$0.700	\$1.200	\$1.225	\$1.250	\$1.300	\$1.300	\$6.975
		To resolve these issues: (a) Amend §1101(10) an authority, as in TEA-2 the size of the pool of (b) In §1811, make projec	21, or (ii) eligible p	revise the rojects for	relative fur these prog	nding leve grams.	els betwee	n these pro	ograms to better refle
	Interstate Discretionary Projects SAFETEA §1805 Amends 23USC118(c)(1)	The set aside from the I \$100M per year for six ye				m for Int	erstate Di	scretionar	y Projects is raised t

	<u>NEW</u> FUNDING PROGRAMS Authorization Levels and Apportionment Formulae (only those programs most relevant to Portland shown)										
		SAFETEA repeals the safety set-aside as part of the STP program and replaces it with a new, formula program with a 90% federal share. This new, highly funded safety program is in addition to safety programs continued under SAFETEA. Funds are formula allocated to states based on road mileage, VMT and amoun of gas tax collections. Do not know how Oregon fares based on this formula. <b>Bill:</b> Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5 Year 6 TOTAL									
	Highway Safety	<b>TEA-21</b>	N/A								
	<b>Improvement Prog.</b> SAFETEA §1101(6);	Senate Bill	\$1.200	\$1.300	\$1.350	\$1.350	\$1.350	\$1.350	\$7.900		
	§1401;	House Bill	\$1.000	\$1.100	\$1.200	\$1.300	\$1.400	\$1.500	\$7.500		
	specifications. Eligible projects must be included in this plan and comply with statutory requirem Project requirements do not appear onerous, but do not know how they comply with Oregon/Port priorities. <u>Generally, JPACT should support increases in flexible programs, such as STP, and be wan</u> targeted or restrictive programs with new administrative requirements.										
	Safe Routes to Schools SAFETEA §1405 Adds 23USC150	Creates a \$70M per year, six-year set-aside from Highway Safety Improvement Program (above) for sidewalks, traffic calming, bicycle facilities, etc. in the vicinity of schools.									
Street of the second se	Infrastructure Performance and Maintenance Prog. CAFETEA \$1101(12);New program focused on highway preservation and operational improvements, only limited cap enhancements are permitted. Funds must be obligated to projects within 180 days of appropriation or Bill does not specify criteria or an apportionment formula.Infrastructure Performance and Maintenance Prog. CAFETEA \$1101(12);New program focused on highway preservation and operational improvements, only limited cap enhancements are permitted. Funds must be obligated to projects within 180 days of appropriation or Bill does not specify criteria or an apportionment formula.Bill:Year 1Year 2Year 3Year 4Year 5Year 6TOTAL										
	SAFETEA §1101(13); §1201	Senate Bill	\$2.500	\$2.500	\$2.000	\$2.000	\$2.000	\$0.500	\$11.500		
	Adds 23 USC 139	House Bill	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	\$ -		
	Bill does not specify criteria or an apportionment formula; therefore do not know how much Oregon would receive. This appears to be a large program that is intended to phase-out. <u>Portland/Oregon objectives better</u> met with more flexible and lasting highway programs.										

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	Freight Intermodal Connectors to NHS SAFETEA §1203(c) Amends 23USC103(b)	Of the NHS funds allocated to Oregon, the greater of (i) 2% or (ii) the percentage of NHS miles connecting to intermodal terminals of total NHS miles in the State must be set aside for intermodal freight connector projects. State can seek exemption from set aside each year, if State certifies intermodal connectors are in good condition and there are significant NHS needs. Set aside funds have only 10% local match requirement. <b>OTHER PROGRAMS AND POLICIES</b> (Research not Addressed, Defer to PSU)
	TIFIA SAFETEA §1303 Amends 23 USC181-189	Eligible projects expanded to include intermodal freight facilities, private rail facilities "providing public benefit," etc. State and regional planning and programming requirements do not have to be met until contract to receive federal credit instrument is executed. Threshold for eligibility reduced to \$50M or 20% of federal highway assistance apportioned to State (down from \$100M or 50%). Maximum assistance under TIFIA limited by the amount of senior debt – makes clearer that TIFIA is not to be the primary borrowing. \$130M per year for six years authorized to support program.
	<b>Freight</b> SAFETEA §1203 Adds 23 USC 325	In addition to Freight-NHS connector program discussed above, SAFETEA includes several policies and programs related to freight. Intermodal connectors and transfer facilities are made eligible for STP funds. Requires creation of State Freight Transportation Coordinator and integration of freight issues into State and Regional Transportation Planning.
Î	Tolling HOV Lanes SAFETEA §1606 Amends 23 USC 102 Tolling Programs SAFETEA §1609(a)	Allows states to establish toll program to charge non-carpools to travel in HOV lanes. Criteria for eligibility for Interstate System Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Pilot program made more flexible. May have applicability for I-5 Trade Corridor. Variable Toll Pricing Program extended, with favorable provisions. May have applicability for I-5 Trade Corridor.
$\mathcal{K}$	MPO Funding SAFETEA §1102(b) Amends 23 USC 104(f)	Requires a 1.5% set aside of highway funds (after deduction for DOT administrative expenses) for metropolitan planning. TEA-21 had a "not to exceed 1%" requirement.
€?	Local Match SAFETEA §1301 Amends 23USC120(d)	Expands ability to increase federal share of highway funding above 90% (for interstates) and 80% (for other roads) based on percent of State land in national parks, national forests, tribal lands, etc. Authority already exists for some states. Do not know affect of change on Oregon.

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	<b>Transportation</b> <b>Funding Study</b> SAFETEA §1305	Establishes 11-person <i>National Commission on Future Revenue Sources to Support the Highway Trust Fund</i> to study alternatives to replace or supplement the fuel tax as the principal source to support the Highway Trust Fund.
$\sum_{i=1}^{n}$	RTP and TIP SAFETEA §1615 Amends 23 USC 134	Changes interval that MPO is required to update RTP from " <i>periodically as determined by Secretary</i> " (every 3 years) to five years. TIP program extended from every three years to every four years.
S.	Historic Site SAFETEA §1604 Amends 23 USC 103(c)	Section aimed at generally exempting the interstate system from being considered an historic site for purposes of 23 USC 138 or 49 USC 303. However, in doing so it states that a "portion of the Interstate System that possesses an independent feature of historic significance, such as a historic bridge that would qualify independently for Listing on the National Register of Historic Places shall be considered a historic site" This affects the ability to replace the I-5 Bridge to Vancouver.

## Attachment 1 to Exhibit "B-4"

# Proposed CMAQ apportionment formula amendment to correct the unintended consequence of the change in the 1-hour to an 8-hour standard for ozone.

A. The current CMAQ apportionment formula (the excerpt below is the section of Title 23 dealing with CMAQ apportionment) provides for the distribution of CMAQ funds to states based upon the population of the areas designated as "non-attainment" and "maintenance" with a factor weighted for the severity of the pollution in the area [subsections (i) through (vii) are the weighting factors]. The Portland region historically was in "non-attainment" of the 1-hour standard for ozone and in 1996 was redesignated as a "maintenance" area. Maintenance areas have met the ozone standard and have an approved 10-year plan to continue to maintain the standard. In 2003, EPA changed the ozone standard from a 1-hour standard to an 8-hour standard. Under the new 8-hour standard, the Portland area is redesignated to "attainment" status, making the area no longer eligible for distribution of CMAQ funds on the basis of ozone. The amendment described below would recognize the Portland area's previous status under the 1-hour standard and restore CMAQ distribution.

"Title 23 – Highways; Chapter 1 – Federal Aid Highways; Subchapter 1 – General Provisions; Section 104 Apportionment; Subsection (2) Congestion mitigation and air quality improvement program.--

(A) In general.--For the congestion mitigation and air

quality improvement program, in the ratio that--

(i) the total of all weighted nonattainment and maintenance area populations in each State; bears to(ii) the total of all weighted nonattainment and

maintenance area populations in all States.

(B) Calculation of weighted nonattainment and maintenance area population.--Subject to subparagraph (C), for the purpose of subparagraph (A), the weighted nonattainment and maintenance area population shall be calculated by multiplying the population of each area in a State that was a nonattainment area or maintenance area as described in section 149(b) for ozone or carbon monoxide by a factor of--

(i) 0.8 if--

(I) at the time of the apportionment, the area is a maintenance area; or

(II) at the time of the apportionment, the area is classified as a submarginal ozone nonattainment area under the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.);

(ii) 1.0 if, at the time of the apportionment, the area is classified as a marginal ozone nonattainment area under subpart 2 of part D of title I of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7511 et seq.);

(iii) 1.1 if, at the time of the apportionment, the area is classified as a moderate ozone nonattainment area under such subpart;

(iv) 1.2 if, at the time of the apportionment, the area

is classified as a serious ozone nonattainment area under such subpart;

(v) 1.3 if, at the time of the apportionment, the area is classified as a severe ozone nonattainment area under such subpart;

(vi) 1.4 if, at the time of the apportionment, the area is classified as an extreme ozone nonattainment area under such subpart; or

(vii) 1.0 if, at the time of the apportionment, the area is not a nonattainment or maintenance area as described in section 149(b) for ozone, but is classified under subpart 3 of part D of title I of such Act (42 U.S.C. 7512 et seq.) as a nonattainment area described in section 149(b) for carbon monoxide.

(C) Additional adjustment for carbon monoxide areas.--

(i) Carbon monoxide nonattainment areas.--If, in addition to being classified as a nonattainment or maintenance area for ozone, the area was also classified under subpart 3 of part D of title I of such Act (42 U.S.C. 7512 et seq.) as a nonattainment area described in section 149(b) for carbon monoxide, the weighted nonattainment or maintenance area population of the area, as determined under clauses (i) through (vi) of subparagraph (B), shall be further multiplied by a factor of 1.2.

(ii) Carbon monoxide maintenance areas.--If, in addition to being classified as a nonattainment or maintenance area for ozone, the area was at one time also classified under subpart 3 of part D of title I of such Act (42 U.S.C. 7512 et seq.) as a nonattainment area described in section 149(b) for carbon monoxide but has been redesignated as a maintenance area, the weighted nonattainment or maintenance area population of the area, as determined under clauses (i) through (vi) of subparagraph (B), shall be further multiplied by a factor of 1.1.

(D) Minimum apportionment.--Notwithstanding any other provision of this paragraph, each State shall receive a minimum of 1/2 of 1 percent of the funds apportioned under this paragraph.

(E) Determinations of population.--In determining population figures for the purposes of this paragraph, the Secretary shall use the latest available annual estimates prepared by the Secretary of Commerce.

B. In paragraph (1) below, SAFETEA changes the apportionment formula by changing the weighting factor for "maintenance" areas from 0.8 to 1.0 thereby having the affect of removing the disincentive of a 20% funding reduction for areas that have cleaned up their air and met federal ozone standards. This is a significant improvement and should be supported.

In paragraph (2) below, SAFETEA changes the apportionment formula by adding two more subsections [(viii) and (ix)] with weighting factors to apportion funds to areas

previously <u>not</u> designated under the old 1-hour ozone standard but now designated under the new 8-hour ozone standard and to apportion funds to areas with violations to the particulate standard. Inserted into subparagraph (2) below is a new section (x) proposed for inclusion by the Portland region to recognize areas like the Portland region that were previously designated under the 1-hour standard.

# SAFETEA: SEC. 1611. ADDITION OF PARTICULATE MATTER AREAS TO CMAQ.

Section 104(b)(2) of title 23, United States Code, is amended--

(1) in subparagraph B--

(A) in the matter preceding clause (i), by striking `ozone or carbon monoxide' and inserting `ozone, carbon monoxide, or fine particulate matter (PM2.5)';

(B) by striking clause (i) and inserting the following:

`(*i*) 1.0, *if at the time of apportionment, the area is a maintenance area;*';

(C) in clause (vi), by striking `or' after the semicolon; and

(D) in clause (vii), by striking `area as described in section 149(b) for ozone,' and inserting `area for ozone (as described in section 149(b)) or

for PM-2.5';

(2) by adding at the end the following:

`(viii) 1.0 if, at the time of apportionment, any county that is not designated as a nonattainment or maintenance area under the 1-hour ozone standard is designated as nonattainment under the 8-hour ozone standard;

'(ix) 1.2 if, at the time of apportionment, the area is not a nonattainment or maintenance area as described in section 149(b) for ozone or carbon monoxide, but is an area designated nonattainment under the PM-2.5 standard.'

<u>"(x) 1.0 if, at the time of apportionment, the area is not</u> designated as a nonattainment or maintenance area under the 8hour ozone standard but was designated as a nonattainment area or maintenance area under the 1-hour ozone standard."

(3) by striking subparagraph (C) and inserting the following:

^(C) ADDITIONAL ADJUSTMENT FOR CARBON MONOXIDE AREAS-If, in addition to being designated as a nonattainment or maintenance area for ozone as described in section 149(b), any county within the area was also classified under subpart 3 of part D of title I of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7512 et seq.) as a nonattainment or maintenance area described in section 149(b) for carbon monoxide, the weighted nonattainment or maintenance area population of the county, as determined under clauses (i) through (vi) or clause (viii) of subparagraph (B), shall be further multiplied by a factor of 1.2.';

(4) by redesignating subparagraph (D) and (E) as subparagraphs (E) and (F) respectively; and

(5) by inserting after subparagraph (C) the following:

`(D) ADDITIONAL ADJUSTMENT FOR PM 2.5 AREAS- If, in addition to being designated as a nonattainment or maintenance area for ozone or carbon monoxide, or both as described in section 149(b), any county within the area was also designated under the PM-2.5 standard as a nonattainment or maintenance area, the weighted nonattainment or maintenance area population of those counties shall be further multiplied by a factor of 1.2.'.

## Metropolitan Congestion Relief Act (HR 3611)

The table uses the following symbols to rate the overall affect of a proposed change.

Very Good	Good	Neutral	Bad	Very Bad	Unclear
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Rating	Program/Issue HR 3611 Section Sec. of 23USC Amended	Summary of Issue/Explanation of Rating	
EXISTING FUNDING PROGRAMS Authorization Levels and Apportionment Formulae			
	<b>STP Program</b> HR 3611 §2 Amends 23 USC 133	Requires 100% of STP funds, rather than 62.5%, remaining after 10% set-aside for Safety and 10% set- aside for Enhancements to be allocated to MPOs; eliminating the State's STP program. This effectively increases the region's STP program by the 37.5% increment. This Bill does not address authorized funding levels, nor does it modify apportionment formula to the states. Bill raises policy question as to merits of cutting DOT's out of STP funds. While it would provide more MTIP funds, it makes ODOT less able to be a partner on projects. ODOT would no longer have a source of funds to contribute toward elderly & disabled transportation, bus replacement, high speed rail, LRT and TGM grants.	
	CMAQ Program HR 3611 §3 Amends 23 USC 149	<ul> <li>Requires States to formula allocate CMAQ funds (including minimum guarantee adjustments) and related obligation authority to MPO's. Certain limited CMAQ funds are exempt from this allocation. This Bill does not address authorized funding levels, nor does it modify apportionment formula to the states. This would make statutory current practice in Oregon.</li> <li>Funds would be allocated to MPOs based on the relative share of "nonattainment and maintenance populations." Since the Portland region is now an attainment region, it appears that no funds would be allocated to the region. This could be fixed by defining for purposes of this section "nonattainment" to include regions that were in nonattainment prior to the rules change.</li> <li>As a matter of practice, ODOT already does what is required by bill – so no real help to Portland region.</li> </ul>	

No.	NHC December 2	Requires a certain potion of NHS funds to be allocated to urbanized areas. As used in this section, it appears that funds must be spent in urbanized areas, but the State still would determine the projects (not MPOs). This Bill does not address authorized funding levels, nor does it modify apportionment formula to the states. The formula divides NHS funds between those spent in urbanized areas with a population greater that	
NHS Program HR 3611 §3 Amends 23 USC 103		200,000 and other areas of the state as follows: (A) 75% based on relative share of lane miles on the NHS system and (B) 25% based on relative VMT. The bill is fuzzy on what happens if there is more than one urbanized area with 200,000+ populations. It could be read to imply there is or is not a sub-allocation to the various large urbanized areas.	
		This program does not serve regional needs. It puts Metro in middle of ODOT's preservation plans when Metro is primarily focused on Modernization. Moreover, when ODOT does Modernization, funds are sub-allocated.	
$\mathcal{K}$	Minimum Guarantee HR 3611 §5 Amends 23 USC 105(c)(2)Requires that minimum guarantee funds apportioned to the STP program must be allocate to url areas, just like the core STP program.		
$\square$	Metropolitan Planning Funds HR 3611 § 8 Amends 23 USC 104(f)(1)	Doubles the percentage of funds set aside for metropolitan planning compared to TEA-21. Instead of 1% of the total authorization of core highway programs, metropolitan planning is raised to 2 %.	

<u>NEW</u> FUNDING PROGRAMS Authorization Levels and Apportionment Formulae			
$\sim$		Creates a new highway funding program where funds are allocated directly to certain MPOs. Eligible MPO's include MPOs in urbanized areas with a population greater than 1 million and that have a "Travel Time Index" (TTI) as determined by the Texas Transportation Institute. The Portland region as a TTI of 1.44 in 2001 (the latest data). Under my count, 32 areas would be eligible. Eligible projects include projects that are eligible under STP program and MPO demonstrates that it will improve congestion in its region.	
	Metropolitan Congestion Relief Program HR 3611 §6 Adds 23 USC 165	\$2 billion per year for six years is proposed to be authorized. Funds would be allocated to MPOs as follows: (A) 50% based on the percent that the MPO's TTI bears to the total of all TTIs for eligible areas (I calculate that this is 3.25% for Metro) and (B) 50% based on the MPO's relative share of passenger miles traveled (do not have data for this). Undoubtedly, this would be a favorable allocation to Portland compared to other federal highway programs.	
		There are a few odd things in the bill. Firstly, it uses the Texas Transportation Institute's calculation of TTI, which Metro and ODOT have complained about, and puts too much authority in the Institute. Also, the way TTI is measured changes periodically, and bill would require Institute's periodic changes to change allocation. Also, definition of "passenger miles" includes VMT and transit ridership – it must intend something different than transit ridership.	
Card I	Operational Improvement Program	Establishes a discretionary grant program for incident management projects, deployment of ITS projects, and transportation demand projects. Authorizes \$500M per year for six years for program.	
	HR 3611 §7 Creates 23 USC 168	Portland/Oregon better served by increasing STP program funds by this amount and, if necessary, expanding list of eligible projects. On surface it appears that there would be no need to expand STP's eligible project list.	

#### EXHIBIT C <u>Portland Region</u> <u>Priority Projects for</u> <u>TEA-21 Reauthorization Earmarking</u>

#### The projects identified below are consistent with the following principles:

- 1. The priority list should be short.
- 2. The region should seek New Start authorization for projects that can reach the funding stage during the 6-year authorization period (2004-2009).
- 3. As a target, the region should seek \$200 million in various highway earmark categories.
- 4. All projects must be consistent with the RTP Priority System.
- 5. Project requests should support and reinforce the land use plans of the region.
- 6. All project requests must be able to obligate/spend earmarked funds during the 6-year authorization period (2004-2009).
- 7. The jurisdiction requesting a project earmark must demonstrate the financial sources necessary to complete an appropriate project.
- 8. There must be support for the projects from governments, community and business organizations.
- 9. Members of the delegation must be willing to pursue the project earmark.
- 10. The regional list must be regionally balanced.
- 11. The adopted regional list will be described as the priorities of the region. Local requests outside of the adopted regional list will be strictly the priority of that jurisdiction.

#### A. Regional Highway Priorities - the following have been identified as regional highway priorities:

٠	I-5/Delta Park to Lombard (CON)	\$32.8 million - Hwy Demo
٠	I-5/Columbia River Bridge (EIS)	\$15.0 million - Borders & Corridors
•	Highway 217-TV Hwy-U.S. 26	
	(Westside Corridor Final Phase)	\$26.9 million – Hwy Demo
٠	Sunrise Corridor - Phase I of Unit i	
	Preliminary Engineering & Right-of-Way acquisition	2
	(Interstate 4R Discretionary can also be considered for fund	ing earmarked)
٠	Columbia Blvd. Intermodal Corridor	
	Ramsey Railroad Yard	
	Air Cargo access	\$ 9.0 million – Hwy Demo

#### B. Regional Transit Priorities – The following have been identified as regional transit priorities:

- 1. Projects to be reauthorized Section 5309 New Starts:
  - Continue authorization for preliminary engineering and construction for the entire South/North project from Clackamas County to Clark County: 1. To complete Interstate MAX; 2. The Region's #1 priority for "New Start's authorization and funding is the South Corridor Project including phase 1: I-205 and the Portland Mall; and phase 2: Milwaukie extension; 3. To continue authorization and funding for Wilsonville to Beaverton Commuter Rail; 4. To allow for future extension of Interstate MAX to Clark County.

- 2. Projects requiring new authorization Section 5309– Small Starts:
  - Provide new authority for Alternatives Analysis, Preliminary Engineering and Construction of Central City Streetcar Extension: to Lake Oswego and East Portland
- 3. New transit project funding earmarks Section 5309 Bus:
  - Earmark funds for TriMet bus expansion and replacement at \$41.0 million for the 6-year period.
  - Earmark funds for the City of Wilsonville SMART Bus program at \$3.2 million for the 6-year period.

## C. Research

• The region also supports Portland State University's request for designation as a Federal University Transportation Research Center and an initial \$2.5 million research appropriation.

## D. Local Project Priorities: The following have been identified as community livability projects:

1.	Boeckman Road (Wilsonville)	\$8.00 Million – Highway Demo
2.	Lake Road (Milwaukie)	\$6.00 Million – TCSP/ Safe Routes
3.	Wilsonville: Barber Road - Urban Village Connection	\$3.7 Million – Hwy Demo
4.	Gresham Civic Neighborhood LRT Station	\$2.70 Million – Hwy Demo
5.	Rockwood Town Center	\$2.00 Million – Hwy Demo
6.	North Macadam Access	\$8.00 Million – Hwy Demo
7.	Sauvie Island Bridge	\$25.0 Million – Bridge/Highway Demo
8.	Regional Culvert Retrofit – Phase 1	\$5.00 Million – Highway Demo
9.	Regional Trail Program – Next Phase	\$5.00 Million – Highway Demo
10.	Beaverton Hillsdale/Scholls Ferry/Oleson Rd	\$27.0 Million - Highway Demo
11.	Sellwood Bridge	\$16.0 Million – Bridge/Highway Demo
12.	Gateway 102 nd . Construction	\$3.00 Million – Hwy Demo
13.	East Burnside – Bridge to East 12	\$3.75 Million – Hwy Demo

## E. State of Washington – Section 5309 – New Starts:

- Support RTC and C-TRAN request for new preliminary engineering authority for I-5 to I-205 Clark County High Capacity Transit Loop.
- Vancouver Area SMART TREK (VAST).

## F. Columbia River Railroad Bridge Swing Span

• Replace the swing span with a lift span using Truman-Hobbs funding. Seek legislation to include consideration of railroad and highway safety and delay benefits.

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Note: It is not clear at this time how project earmarking will be implemented. As such, the categories noted above are preliminary and other funding categories may be more appropriate.



### IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 04-3409, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENDORSING AN UPDATED REGIONAL POSITION ON THE REAUTHORIZATION OF THE TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT OF THE 21ST CENTURY (TEA-21)

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### BACKGROUND

The Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21), adopted by Congress in 1997, expired September 30, 2003 and the five-month extension is scheduled to expire before March 2004. TEA-21 is the federal authorization bill for transportation projects and funding. The authorization bill establishes federal programs, identifies or "earmarks" some specific projects and sets the upper limits on the amount of federal funds the programs and projects are eligible to receive. The act also establishes rules for the distribution of federal transportation funds including apportionment formulas for those programs whose funds are distributed by such methods.

The reauthorization bill will have a direct effect on Metro and the region's jurisdictions in terms of how planning for transportation is performed and how much federal assistance to perform this planning function is made available. There is also a direct impact on which transportation projects are identified as eligible to receive federal funding.

Because the extension of the current reauthorization is set to expire before March 2004, Congress must choose to again extend the current bill or complete the next reauthorization of a federal transportation bill. To favorably influence the federal legislation, it is important to clearly articulate the region's positions during their consideration of the reauthorization bill language.

## ANALYSIS/INFORMATION

- 1. Known Opposition None known at this time.
- 2. Legal Antecedents TEA-21 is the current federal transportation authorization authority providing Metro the authority to function as a federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). TEA-21 expired September 30, 2003 and was extended by Congress for five-months. The extension is set to expire before March 2004. Congress will be considering reauthorization of transportation legislation during its 2004 session.
- **3.** Anticipated Effects This resolution will communicate the regional policy position for reauthorization of TEA-21. The policy paper will be used in the regions federal reauthorization activities in Congress.
- 4. **Budget Impacts** Reauthorization is a significant issue affecting Metro and the Portland region and, as such, this paper and efforts to influence its outcome are a significant work effort for the department. In addition, one of the issues directly affects funding to MPOs including Metro.

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Adopt Resolution No. 04-3409 as recommended by TPAC and JPACT.