

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING) RESOLUTION NO. 04-3410A
PORTLAND REGIONAL FEDERAL) Introduced by Councilor Rod Park
TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES FOR)
FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2005)
APPROPRIATIONS)

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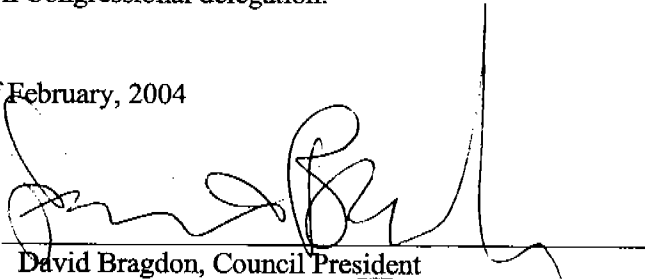
WHEREAS, Metro must comply with a wide variety of federal requirements related to transportation planning and project funding, and

WHEREAS, Metro's Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) has approved Exhibit A to this resolution, entitled, "Portland Region Priorities for FY 05 federal transportation appropriations,"; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Metro Council

1. Approve Exhibit A of this resolution, entitled "FY 05 Federal Transportation Appropriations" and directs that it be submitted to the Oregon Congressional delegation.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 12th day of February, 2004


David Bragdon, Council President

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Daniel B. Cooper, Metro Attorney

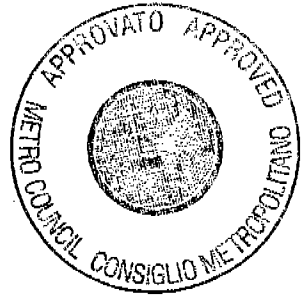


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A. Oregon Projects

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5. **I-5 Trade Corridor - Highway/Transit Trade Corridor:** Request an appropriation of up to \$4 million from the National Corridor Planning and

Development Program to conduct EIS and preliminary engineering for the I-5/Columbia River vehicle and transit crossings, and associated interchange improvements between SR 500 in Vancouver and Columbia Boulevard in Portland.

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7. **Going Street Overpass.** Request an appropriation of \$2 Million from the “Rail Highway Crossing Hazards” program to conduct preliminary engineering for the replacement of the existing bridge over the Albina Intermodal yard and rail mainline with a new six-lane structure. The existing bridge provides the only access to a large industrial area and has been compromised by rail incidents on several occasions. The new bridge would have one touch-down point in the rail yard, which would increase clearance for rail activity and expand the capacity of the Overcrossing to improve traffic flow on and off the island. This project would also add a temporary emergency alternative access on and off of the island adjacent to the rail yard.
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9. **Interstate-205.** ODOT is requesting \$1 million for preliminary engineering to add an extra lane in each direction on I-205 between the Stafford Interchange and I-5. This is a follow on request to the \$1 million that the Committee earmarked in FY 2004. This request capitalizes on a planned \$37 million preservation project on I-205 between the Willamette River and I-5, which as currently designed requires temporary detour lanes to be built and then removed after preservation work is completed.

FY 2005 funding will be used to complete redesign of the project needed to add construction of permanent lanes to the existing preservation project. Federal funds, an estimated \$6 million (\$3 million in FY 2006 and 2007), will be requested in future appropriations bills to pay for construction of the new lanes. If funded, the combined preservation/widening project would begin in FY 2007.

10. **Sauvie Island Bridge.** Request an appropriation of \$1 million from Bridge Discretionary funds to complete preliminary engineering for the replacement of the Sauvie Island Bridge. The amount is in addition to the \$2 million appropriated in FFY03 and the \$400 thousand anticipated appropriation in FFY04.
11. **Columbia River Channel Deepening.** Request an appropriation of \$15 million from the energy and water appropriations bill for the channel-deepening project. The Corps of Engineers has issued the Record of Decision for the project, which will cost \$151 million (\$96 million and \$55 million in federal and state funds, respectively). Using funds already appropriated by Congress, the Corps will begin construction in 2004 with some of the project's environmental measures. The \$15 million requested for FY2005 will fund the initial dredging to the new depth of 43 feet.
12. **Transportation and Community and Systems Preservation.** Request appropriations from TCSP program as follows:
 - \$2.0 million for the Rockwood Town Center to complete phase 2 of the Stark Street Boulevard improvements.
 - \$1.5 million for the Gresham Springwater Industrial Area Access project to facilitate development of a new 1,400 acre industrial area.
 - \$.5 million for Wilsonville-Barber Street Urban Village Connection.
13. **Regional Intelligent Transportation System.**
 - Request \$1.3 million for the Regional ITS Program to develop real-time traffic and transit information.
 - Request \$1.1 million appropriation Clackamas County's ITS initiatives Phase III.
14. **Portland Streetcar Project.** Request an appropriation of \$1 million from HUD for Planning to extend the Portland Streetcar from NW 10th Avenue and NW Lovejoy Street via the Broadway Bridge to Portland's Eastside.
15. **Jobs Access.** Request an appropriation of \$3 million from Jobs Access/Reverse Commute (JARC) program. \$1.8 million will support ongoing jobs access programs and \$1.2 million will support expanded TriMet service. (This could be superseded by a new formula authorization.)
16. **University Research.** Request \$1 million for the new Portland State University ITS research center.

17. **Regional Support for Transit Improvements.** The Region supports transit earmarking including: \$.100 million for So. Clackamas City (Molalla) Transit Center, \$.500 million for City of Canby Transit, \$1.2 million for City of Sandy Transit.
18. **Outside Metro Area.** This region supports Clackamas County's request for \$3.2 million from Public Lands Highway Discretionary account to building a new ped/bike/auto overpass on Multorpor Drive over US 26 at Government Camp. In addition, to the new overpass, a new right turn off Highway 26 eastbound onto Multorpor Drive and a roundabout at the intersection of Multorpor Drive and Frontage Road will be built

B. Washington Projects

1. **I-5 Trade Corridor - Highway Transit Trade Corridor:** The region supports the WSDOT request for \$8 million from the National Corridor Planning and Development program to participate with ODOT in the conduct of EIS and preliminary engineering work for the I-5/Columbia River vehicle and transit crossing and associated interchange improvements between SR 500 in Vancouver and Columbia Boulevard in Portland.
2. **I-5/I-205 HCT Analysis.** The region supports a \$2 million earmark "new start" funding for the I-5/I-205/SR500 high capacity loop for the initial Alternative Analysis feasibility process.
3. **Vancouver Area SMART TREK (VAST).** The region supports a \$1.5 million earmark "ITS" funding for the Vancouver Area SMART TREK (VAST) for development.

STAFF REPORT

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 04-3410A, FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING PORTLAND REGIONAL FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2005 APPROPRIATIONS

Date: January 21, 2004

Prepared by: Andy Cotugno

BACKGROUND

The region annually produces a position paper that outlines the views of the Metro Council and the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT), a regional body that consists of local elected and appointed officials, on issues concerning transportation policy and funding that are likely to be considered by Congress during the coming year. This year priorities are focused on both annual appropriations, addressed by this resolution as well as reauthorization of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21), addressed by Resolution No. 04-3410, For the Purpose of Endorsing An Updated Regional Position on Reauthorization of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (Tea-21).

The proposed position paper addresses several critical regional transportation issues. The Portland region is pursuing an aggressive agenda to implement a high-capacity transit system. This effort involves implementing three projects concurrently within the next three to five years: finishing Interstate MAX, and starting the Wilsonville to Beaverton commuter rail and I-205/Downtown LRT. Additionally, there are several complementary projects for which the region is requesting funding: bus and bus facility purchases regionwide, Wilsonville Park and Ride, the final segment of the Westside LRT, highway projects and others.

Oregon and Washington continue developing a cooperative strategy to address the transportation needs in the I-5 Trade Corridor. The paper outlines the Federal funding needs and sources for continuing this work and requests support for obtaining these funds. Other interstate issues addressed in the paper include Columbia River channel deepening, high-speed rail and support of requests by the State of Washington.

ANALYSIS/INFORMATION

- 1. Known Opposition** None known.
- 2. Legal Antecedents** Projects within the region earmarked for federal funding must be consistent with the Regional Transportation Plan, adopted by Metro Resolution No. 03-3380A, For the Purpose of Designation of Adopting the 2004 Regional Transportation Plan as the Federal Metropolitan Transportation Plan to meet Federal Planning Requirements.
- 3. Anticipated Effects** Resolution would provide the US Congress and the Oregon Congressional delegation specifically with the region's priorities for transportation funding for use in the federal transportation appropriation process.
- 4. Budget Impacts** Metro is involved in planning related to several of the projects included in the priorities paper and must approve many of the requested funding allocations. Failure to obtain funding for one or more of the projects could affect the FY 05-06 Transportation Department budget. However, most of the funding requests deal with implementation projects sponsored by jurisdictions other than Metro.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

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