

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE 2004-07 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO INCLUDE NEW FUNDING APPROPRIATED TO TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS IN THE METRO AREA BY THE 2004 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS BILL.)

RESOLUTION NO. 04-3445

Introduced by Councilor Rod Park; JPACT Chair

WHEREAS, projects selected to receive federal transportation funding must be included in the Portland Metro area Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP), which reports on the programming of all federal transportation funds to be spent in the region, and

WHEREAS, the 2004 federal appropriation bill has recently been signed into law, defining new revenues available to specific "earmarked" transportation projects in the Metro area, and

WHEREAS, these projects are consistent with Metro's 2004 Regional Transportation Plan, and

WHEREAS, these projects are determined to be exempt from findings of compliance with the Oregon state implementation plan for air quality or have already been found in compliance and the funding of these projects as defined in the federal appropriation are consistent with the time frame of the air quality analysis; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council amends the 2004-07 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program to include funding for the following projects:

- \$400,000 for the Sauvie Island Bridge replacement;
- \$500,000 to complete the Environmental Impact Statement for Unit 1 (I-205 to Rock Creek Junction) of the Sunrise Corridor;
- \$1,000,000 for preliminary engineering to add auxiliary lanes to I-205 between the Stafford interchange and I-5;
- \$400,000 for an Intelligent Transportation System laboratory at Portland State University; and
- \$300,000 for a park-and-ride in Wilsonville.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 22nd day of April, 2004



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 David Bragdon, Council President

Approved as to Form:

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 Daniel B. Cooper, Metro Attorney

STAFF REPORT

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 04-3445, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE 2004-07 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO INCLUDE NEW FUNDING APPROPRIATED TO TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS IN THE METRO AREA BY THE 2004 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS BILL.

Date: April 22, 2004

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BACKGROUND

The Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) is a report that summarizes all programming of federal transportation funding in the Metro area and demonstrates that the use of these funds will comply with all relevant federal laws and administrative rules. To qualify to receive federal transportation funds, projects must be approved in the MTIP. The MTIP is updated every two years and amended as necessary to reflect current programming of federal transportation funds.

Each year the federal government promulgates appropriations to fund their activities, including transportation services and projects. Some of the funds appropriated are assigned to specific projects, a process commonly referred to as earmarking. The 2004 federal appropriation bill has recently been signed into law, defining new revenues available to specific earmarked transportation projects in the Metro region. As it is not possible to predict which projects will receive earmarked funding, those funds cannot be programmed in advance through the regular Metropolitan or State Transportation Improvement Program.

Therefore, each year these earmarked projects need to be amended into the current MTIP to make the projects eligible to receive the funds.

Following are the earmarked projects in the 2004 federal transportation appropriation within the Metro region that need to be amended into the 2004-07 MTIP:

- \$400,000 for the Sauvie Island Bridge replacement;
- \$500,000 to complete the Environmental Impact Statement for Unit 1 (I-205 to Rock Creek Junction) of the Sunrise Corridor;
- \$1,000,000 to add auxiliary lanes to I-205 between the Stafford interchange and I-5;
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- \$300,000 for a park-and-ride in Wilsonville.

These projects have already been determined in compliance or are exempt from a determination of conformity with the Oregon State Implementation Plan for air quality.

ANALYSIS/INFORMATION

1. **Known Opposition** None known at this time.
2. **Legal Antecedents** Action would amend the 2004-07 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program, adopted by Metro Resolution No. 03-3381 (FOR THE PURPOSE OF APROVING THE 2004-07 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE PORTLAND METROPOLITAN AREA). This resolution programs transportation funds in accordance with the federal transportation authorizing legislation (currently known as the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century or TEA-21) and the federal Clean Air Act. This resolution is consistent with the Metro 2004 Regional Transportation Plan.
3. **Anticipated Effects** Adoption of this resolution is a necessary step to make these projects eligible to receive federal funds to reimburse project costs.
4. **Budget Impacts** Adoption of this resolution has no anticipated impacts to the Metro budget.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approve the Resolution No. 04-3445 to amend the 2004-07 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program as recommended.