BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING)	RESOLUTION NO. 05-3548
PORTLAND REGIONAL FEDERAL)	Introduced by Councilor Rex Burkholder
TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES FOR	j j	,
FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2006	j j	
APPROPRIATIONS	,	

WHEREAS, the Portland metropolitan region relies heavily on various federal funding sources to adequately plan for and develop the region's transportation infrastructure, and

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

WHEREAS, Metro's Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) has approved Exhibit A to this resolution, entitled, "Portland Region Priorities for FY 06 federal transportation appropriations,"; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Metro Council

1. Approve Exhibit A of this resolution, entitled "Metro Area FY 06 Federal Transportation Appropriations Request List" and directs that it be submitted to the Oregon Congressional delegation.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 2 day of February, 2005

David Bragdon, Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Daniel B. Cooper, Metro Attorney

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STAFF REPORT

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 05-3548, FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING PORTLAND REGIONAL FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2006 APPROPRIATIONS

Date: January 21, 2005 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 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. 05-3544, For the Purpose of Endorsing An Updated Regional Position on Reauthorization of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (Tea-21).

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, 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 06-07 Planning Department budget. However, most of the funding requests deal with implementation projects sponsored by jurisdictions other than Metro.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approve Resolution 05-3548 for submission to the Oregon Congressional delegation for consideration in the Federal Fiscal Year 06 Appropriations Bill.