

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE) RESOLUTION NO. 98-2705
METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION)
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO INCLUDE) Introduced by
THE TEA-21 HIGH PRIORITY PROJECTS) Councilor Washington, Chair
JPACT

WHEREAS, The new six-year federal transportation authoriza-
tion bill known as the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st
Century (TEA-21) was approved in May; and

WHEREAS, TEA-21 authorized funding for 10 "high priority"
transportation projects in the Portland metropolitan area shown
in Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, Each high priority project will be appropriated
funds over each of the six years of the Act as shown in Exhibit
A; and

WHEREAS, The first year of funding has been appropriated for
all the projects and the second year of funding is expected to be
appropriated before the end of the current calendar year; and

WHEREAS, Some of the projects authorized funds have not been
approved in the current FY 98 MTIP/STIP; and

WHEREAS, Sponsors of some projects have requested permission
to begin work on planning and implementation of work on the
projects; and

WHEREAS, Several issues must still be resolved prior to
complete programming of all the authorized high priority project
funds; and

WHEREAS, The Priorities 2000 update of the current MTIP/STIP
is not expected to address these final details until the middle
of 1999; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The FY 98 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) is amended to include all the high priority projects shown in Exhibit A.

2. Only appropriated funds are authorized in the MTIP for obligation and only up to the federal obligation limitation specifically enjoyed by the funds.

3. High priority projects may "use" limitation from other Metro region federal formula funds appropriated by TEA-21 with concurrence of TPAC's TIP Subcommittee or may use state limitation with concurrence by ODOT.

4. All other authorized high priority funds shall be programmed according to the schedule identified in TEA-21 through FY 2000 and all funds made available through FY 2003 may be pooled in the fourth year of the MTIP recognized by the U.S. Department of Transportation for informational purposes only.

5. Final programming of the future year funds will be resolved through the Priorities 2000 update process.

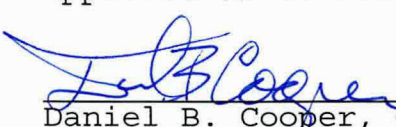
6. This amendment is consistent with the air quality conformity determination adopted by Resolution No. 98-2686.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 5th day of NOVEMBER, 1998.

Approved as to Form:



Jon Kvistad, Presiding Officer



Daniel B. Cooper, General Counsel

EXHIBIT A

TEA-21 HIGH PRIORITY PROJECTS AND SCHEDULED AUTHORIZATION

PROJECT	TOTAL	98	99	00	01	02	03
Tri-Met Buses	3.500	0.000	1.750	1.750	0.000	0.000	0.000
Ped to MAX (Gresham)	1.000	0.110	0.150	0.180	0.180	0.190	0.190
Portland Transit Signal Priority	4.500	0.495	0.675	0.810	0.810	0.855	0.855
Lovejoy Ramp	5.000	0.550	0.750	0.900	0.900	0.950	0.950
Broadway Bridge	10.000	1.100	1.500	1.800	1.800	1.900	1.900
So. Rivergate O'Xing	13.000	1.430	1.950	2.340	2.340	2.470	2.470
Murray O'Xing	3.750	0.413	0.563	0.675	0.675	0.713	0.713
Tualatin/Sherwood Bypass	0.375	0.041	0.056	0.068	0.068	0.071	0.071
I-5/217/Kruse Way Intrchnng	7.000	0.770	1.050	1.260	1.260	1.330	1.330
I-205/Sunnybrook Intrchnng & Related Arterial	19.000	2.090	2.850	3.420	3.420	3.610	3.610
Funds at 100% of Authorization	67.125	6.999	11.294	13.203	11.453	12.089	12.089
Funds at 90% of Authorization	60.413	6.299	10.164	11.882	10.307	10.880	10.880
Difference*	6.712	0.700	1.129	1.320	1.145	1.209	1.209

To obtain 100% of high priority project funding over six years, formula fund obligation authority of this amount must be used.

Six year splits based on 11%, 15%, 18%, 18%, 19%, 19% stipulated in the six year authorization.

STAFF REPORT

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 98-2705 FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO INCLUDE THE TEA-21 HIGH PRIORITY PROJECTS

Date: September 16, 1998

Presented by: Andrew Cotugno

PROPOSED ACTION

Approval of this resolution would amend the FY 98 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) to include the 10 high priority projects authorized funds in the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21), the new six-year federal transportation authorization. The projects and associated schedule of authorized funds are shown in Exhibit A of the resolution. It restricts the normal flexibility enjoyed by staff and project sponsors to request advance of authorized funds in recognition of unique restrictions that come with the high priority project funds. It establishes a mechanism for such advancement should overall needs to obligate the state's federal funds warrant such action. It defers final resolution of high priority project programming to the Priorities 2000 update process.

TPAC and JPACT have reviewed this MTIP amendment and recommend approval of Resolution No. 98-2705.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

TEA-21 authorized funds for 10 "high priority" transportation projects in the Portland area. It approved numerous additional projects throughout the state. All 10 projects are included in Metro's 1995 financially-constrained Regional Transportation Plan. However, five of the 10 projects are not currently included in the MTIP. Additionally, TEA-21 made this class of projects subject to the annual obligation limitation process for the first time. This restriction poses both opportunities and potentially serious difficulties in orderly statewide obligation of federal funds which have not yet been fully assessed by ODOT and regional staff. Therefore, there is a need to proceed with caution regarding obligation of currently appropriated funds.

The high priority funds will be appropriated in six increments through the life of the Act. The first year increment was provided in the FY 98 appropriation and the second increment is expected before the end of the calendar year as part of the FY 99 appropriation. Sponsors of several of the projects have indicated a desire to begin work. To accommodate these requests, the projects and their funding must be programmed in both the MTIP and STIP. The resolution addresses these pressing needs while assuring that the more sensitive questions surrounding the funds will be addressed in an orderly fashion during update of the program during the Priorities 2000 process. Should additional obligation authority be warranted in the interim, the resolution provides that concurrence of TPAC's TIP Subcommittee can approve such action.