

CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Study Session Worksheet

Presentation Date: 06/23/2015 **Approx Start Time:** ^{10:30 am} ~~3:30 pm~~

Approx Length: 30 minutes

Presentation Title: Input into Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) policy development

Department: Public and Government Affairs (PGA) and Department of Transportation and Development (DTD) - Engineering Division

Presenters: Gary Schmidt, Director of PGA and Barbara Cartmill, Director of DTD

Other Invitees: Lori Mastrantonio, Senior Planner

WHAT ACTION ARE YOU REQUESTING FROM THE BOARD? Would the Board like to submit a letter to Metro regarding input into the current phase of the MTIP policy development?

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: Metro is in the process of creating a package of options on how to spend regional flexible funds and is gathering input into Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program coordination policies. Metro is holding a series of three workshops to inform regional policies related to the 2018-2021 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) and the 2019-2021 Regional Flexible Funds Allocation (RFFA).

The MTIP is the document that puts the Regional Transportation Plan and its related policies into action. It documents the expenditures of all of the federal transportation funds spent in the region. Metro is required to prepare the MTIP document every two years, documenting funded projects scheduled for the next four years.

Metro allocates federal funds that come to the region through a project selection process called Regional Flexible Funds Allocation (RFFA). These funds come from three federal grant programs: the Surface Transportation Program, the Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality Program and the Transportation Alternatives Program. These programs allow greater discretion on how the monies are spent – hence the term “flexible” – which allows for greater focus on local priorities and innovative solutions to transportation challenges.

Three workshops have been used to develop a series of policy options for further consideration and public input. Metro staff collected feedback received at the May 29th workshop and is developing a revised draft proposal for the 2018-2021 MTIP policy. The revised draft will be presented at the June 26th workshop where Metro staff and workshop participants will determine whether the draft proposal is ready for release for a formal public comment period scheduled in the late summer 2015 (July/August). The proposal will be reviewed at the July JPACT meeting. After the public comment period, feedback gathered will be summarized and presented at TPAC and JPACT. A refinement period has been scheduled for the fall 2015. The tentative timeline for

action and adoption of the 2018-2021 MTIP policy is at the end of 2015. The timeline below illustrates the key milestones.

Anticipated timeline

Activity	General Date/Timeframe
Completion and Acknowledgement of Draft Financial Forecast	March 2015
Release MTIP/ RFFA Draft Work Program	March 2015
Begin Policy Update Discussions	March - June 2015
Meet with Sub-Regional Coordinating Committees	May 2015
• Begin TPAC and interested stakeholder workshops	April - June 2015
Public Comment Period (45 days) on MTIP/ RFFA Policy Update	July/August 2015
Revision Period for MTIP/RFFA Policy Update	August/September 2015
Council Work Session, TPAC and JPACT Presentations of Final MTIP/RFFA Policy Update	October/November 2015
2018-2022 MTIP/2019-2021 RFFA Policy Adoption by JPACT and Council	November/December 2015
2019-2021 RFFA Solicitation Process Begins	January 2016

The key policy questions for consideration:

- 1) Do the existing programs and funding categories adequately reflect recently adopted regional plans and policies?

Overall, the existing programs and funding categories work together to implement regional policies. Materials for the third workshop, which will not be available until June 17th (after the submittal of these materials) may include more specific information about possible options for changing the policies and funding categories. We have heard from our partners that it is important to retain some focus on investing in freight movement and projects that benefit economic development.

- 2) Should a new program or funding category be created to address the need for Safe Routes to Schools?

Local interest groups have proposed to either add a program specifically to fund Safe Routes to Schools programs or a new funding category for Safe Routes to Schools construction projects. A specific workshop is scheduled for Monday June 22nd to discuss this issue. At the C4 Retreat, participants discussed that the existing Regional Travel Options (RTO) program and the Active Transportation funding category allow for Safe Routes to Schools projects. One concept that emerged from the discussion is that Safe Routes to Schools programs and projects could be prioritized within the program/funding categories.

- 3) What is the best way to encourage equitable investment throughout the region?

The changes to the process for Regional Flexible Fund project application solicitation, review and project funding recommendation are being discussed. The key items that need more clarification are:

- How will the membership of regional technical review committee be determined and the participants selected? There needs to be equitable regional participation on this committee.
- What is the process for bringing the priority projects from each of the coordinating committees together into one proposal that is forwarded to JPACT? More discussion and definition is needed in this step of the process.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: None. Currently this is a policy discussion that will guide a funding program implemented by Metro.

LEGAL/POLICY REQUIREMENTS: None.

PUBLIC/GOVERNMENTAL PARTICIPATION: Staff has participated in the first two workshops facilitated by Metro. Metro staff has presented information to the C4 Metro subcommittee about the MTIP Policy discussion. This topic was also talked about at the C4 Retreat on June 11, 2015.

OPTIONS:

1. Submit a letter to Metro staff to provide input into the June 26th 2015 workshop and the development of options that will be used for the public comment period.
2. Submit a letter in early July, after staff participates in the final workshop on June 26, 2015 and after the July 9th JPACT meeting agenda is distributed. Staff will bring a draft letter to you for review on July 7.

RECOMMENDATION: Have staff participate in the June 26th workshop and leave option open to submit a letter to Metro encouraging the incorporation of specific recommendations into the options that will be going out for public comment.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

SUBMITTED BY:

Division Director/Head Approval _____

Department Director/Head Approval *R. B. Carlmill* 6-17-15

County Administrator Approval _____

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Available funding (based on 2016-18 policy)

2019-2021 RFFA total available:	\$125.74 million*
Transit Bond (\$16 million/yr)	\$ 48.00 million
Step 1	\$ 28.06 million
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TOD • RTO • TSMO/ITS • MPO Planning (in-lieu of dues) • Corridor/Systems Planning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$ 9.89 million \$ 7.55 million \$ 5.00 million \$ 3.96 million \$ 1.66 million
Step 2	\$ 49.68 million
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Economy/Freight Initiatives (25%) • Active Transportation/Complete Streets (75%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$12.42 million \$37.26 million

* Subject to final forecast prior to call for projects in 2016