



March 24, 2015

To: Metropolitan Policy Committee  
From: Paul Thompson  
Subject: Item 5.b: Draft MTIP Amendment: Eugene STP-U Riverfront Path Reconstruction

**Action Recommended:** Conduct Public Hearing. Provide feedback to staff.

### **Purpose**

This agenda item requests the addition of a new project to the FFY12-15 MTIP: Eugene Riverfront Path Reconstruction; and the transfer of unused programmed MPO discretionary STP-U funds from the City of Eugene 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue (Josh St-Bertelsen St) project to the new project.

### **Background and Discussion**

The MPC previously programmed MPO discretionary STP-U funds for the 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue (Josh St.- Bertelsen St.) project. The project cost estimates were based upon assessment of the surface condition of the pavement; it was assumed the street needed a full-depth reconstruction. Upon further pavement testing, it was determined that the street could be rehabilitated with cold plane pavement removal and repaving, with a small percentage of partial depth pavement repairs. The proposed treatment resulted in significant project savings of \$180,000 of unused STP-U funds.

Subsequently, the City of Eugene would like to request the remaining \$180,000 be transferred to the Preliminary Engineering phase of a new Eugene Riverfront Path Reconstruction project. The project will reconstruct the section of the Ruth Bascom Riverfront Path on the EWEB redevelopment site to be consistent with the Riverfront Master Plan.

### **Public Involvement**

The MPO's Public Participation Plan (PPP) calls for a range of public involvement when the MPC is considering programming STP-U funds, including a public hearing and public comment period, notice to interested parties and a web notice, and other optional outreach, including an open house and a newspaper display advertisement.

At its March 19 meeting, the MPO's Transportation Planning Committee (TPC) discussed the proposal to re-program the STP-U funds, and unanimously supported forwarding the funding request for public comment and consideration by MPC. TPC recommended a full 30-day public review process, with notice to interested parties, a web notice, and a public hearing. The public comment period will open

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Friday March 27<sup>th</sup> and will remain open until April 26<sup>th</sup>. Action on the proposed amendment is scheduled to take place at the May 7<sup>th</sup> MPC meeting.

**Recommendation**

Conduct Public Hearing. Provide feedback to staff.

**Attachments**

1. STP-U Application Eugene Riverfront Path Reconstruction
2. MTIP Amendment Forms