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To: Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) and interested parties
From: John Mermin, Senior Transportation Planner
Subject: 2019-20 Draft Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Background

What the UPWP Is

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is developed annually by Metro as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Portland Metropolitan Area. It is a federally-required document that serves as a guide for transportation planning activities to be conducted over the course of each fiscal year, beginning on July 1st. Included in the UPWP are detailed descriptions of the transportation planning activities, the relationships between them, and budget summaries displaying the amount and source of state and federal funds to be used for planning activities. The UPWP is developed by Metro with input from local governments, TriMet, ODOT, FHWA, and FTA. It helps ensure efficient use of federal planning funds. The UPWP may be amended periodically as projects change or new projects emerge.

What the UPWP Is not

The UPWP is not a regional policy making document and does not make any funding allocations. Instead, the UPWP reflects decisions already made by JPACT & the Metro Council on funding and policy. The UPWP does not include construction, design or preliminary engineering projects. It only includes planning projects that will be receiving federal funds for the upcoming fiscal year.

UPWP Adoption process

The required Federal and State consultation was held at Metro on March 6. The draft UPWP provided for the April 18 JPACT meeting reflects input provided at the consultation meeting as well as TPAC. TPAC recommended the draft UPWP for approval at its April 5 meeting.

Next Steps

JPACT and Metro Council will be asked to take action at their May 16 meetings. Staff will transmit the adopted UPWP to Federal & State partners by May 20. This allows time for the IGA to be signed by Metro's COO prior to June 30, allowing for federal funding to continue flowing into the region without delay.

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