MPAC Worksheet

Agenda Item Title: Regional Transportation Funding Measure Update

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Purpose/Objective
Provide an update on work with the Metro Council, the Regional Transportation Funding Task Force, partners and community to develop a potential 2020 regional transportation investment measure.

Outcome
Greater clarity for MPAC members on the measure's development; opportunity to ask questions and give feedback.

What has changed since MPAC last considered this issue/item?
In December 2018, JPACT and the Metro Council adopted a significant Regional Transportation Plan update, following years of engagement that included over 19,000 touch points with residents, community and business leaders, and regional partners. Through the extensive engagement that shaped the plan, Metro heard clear desires from residents for safe, smart, reliable and affordable transportation options for everyone and every type of trip.

Built around key values of equity, climate, safety, and congestion relief, the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan recognizes that a growing and changing region demands a new vision for serving people's transportation needs.

The themes of this engagement and vision have led directly to the key outcomes and values driving a potential 2020 transportation funding measure.

In January, the Metro Council provided direction on key outcomes, principles and the structure of a potential transportation investment measure that could help advance this vision. The Metro Council also identified several dozen potential key travel corridors where investment could help advance these outcomes as a starting point for further discussion, engagement and prioritization. Finally, the Metro Council approved a charge to provide direction for a Regional Transportation Funding Task Force.

The Transportation Funding Task Force
The Metro Council is ultimately responsible for what could be referred to the region's voters in 2020, but its decision-making is closely informed by community engagement and the recommendations of a Transportation Funding Task Force with nearly three dozen leaders representing perspectives and communities throughout the region.

The Task Force, appointed by the Metro Council President and co-chaired by Multnomah County Commissioner Jessica Vega Pederson and Washington County Commissioner Pam Treece, has met five times since its appointment to identify shared values and discuss key travel corridors where investment could advance these values and the Metro Council's direction.

In April, Metro staff presented a high-level evaluation of the potential of investment in 75 travel corridors to advance the Task Force's values. Task Force members were asked to complete an online exercise in which they applied this evaluation as well as their personal knowledge and

experience to identify potential investment corridors they would include in a measure. The Task Force then reviewed the results of this exercise and the degree to which the corridors that emerged as being of most interest would advance their values if included for investment in a measure.

In meetings on May 15 and 29, the Task Force further discussed corridor prioritization and reached a recommendation to the Metro Council. Metro Council direction on this recommendation at a work session on June 4 initiates a new phase of community engagement and project identification that will last through the summer. During this time, the Task Force will begin discussions of potential region-wide programs for funding transportation improvements that would augment the priority investment corridors for the measure.

At MPAC's June 12 meeting, Metro staff will share the Metro Council's measure direction, the Task Force's identified values and recommended priority corridors, themes of recent community engagement, and next steps for developing the potential funding measure. Staff looks forward to answering MPAC members' questions about the process moving forward.

What packet material do you plan to include?
None