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 to make it easier and safer to get around the greater Portland region.

Action Requested/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?

MPAC last had an update on the proposed 2020 transportation funding measure on June 12, 2019.

Since that time, the Transportation Funding Task Force co-chaired by Commissioners Jessica Vega Pederson and Pam Treece has continued to discuss core components of the potential measure, including priority projects in key travel corridors and regionwide programs to provide benefits and meet needs beyond these corridors. The Task Force meets monthly, except in some months when it has met twice.

Over the summer, three Local Investment Teams composed of community members considered potential investments in the 13 Tier 1 corridors designated by the Metro Council, with Task Force input, in June. The teams toured the corridors, reviewed potential investments and provided feedback to the Task Force, Metro Council and regional/local staff based on their experiences living, working and traveling there.

Metro staff incorporated this feedback along with performance-based analyses of potential outcomes, risks and readiness of various projects, as well as input from jurisdictional partners into a Tier 1 corridor projects staff recommendation. This recommendation was released to the Task Force on Oct. 18. It will be included in the packet for this MPAC meeting.

Metro and partners hosted three #GetMoving transportation measure forums in Hillsboro (Oct. 21), Oregon City (Oct. 22) and Portland's Jade District (Oct. 24). More than 200 people participated in these events, where they reviewed potential investment outcomes in priority corridors, engaged with staff and decision-makers, and participated in panel discussions with local residents and leaders.

The Task Force discussed the staff recommendation at its Oct. 30 meeting. Following further discussion at upcoming meetings, the Task Force is expected to make a Tier 1 corridors project recommendation to the Metro Council in December.

In addition to specific projects, the Metro Council has directed that potential transportation funding measure include a number of regionwide programs that advance desired outcomes and provide

benefits beyond these projects. The Task Force discussed potential programs at meetings in August and September, providing input to the Metro Council. The Metro Council considered this input along with community engagement findings and desired measure outcomes, and directed staff to continue developing nine such programs for further Task Force and Metro Council review and discussion in the winter. Metro is planning public and partner engagement around these programs in January.

Over the winter, the Task Force and Metro Council will also have additional discussions about potential investments in several Tier 2 corridors that jurisdictional partners wish to put forward for consideration. The Task Force and Metro Council will also discuss potential revenue mechanisms for the measure; the Council is expected to provide direction on revenue mechanisms in early 2020.

The Task Force is expected to make an overall measure recommendation to the Metro Council in the spring. The Metro Council will consider referring a measure to voters in late spring 2020.

What packet material do you plan to include?

Preliminary Staff Recommendation for Corridor Investments and Regionwide Programs (Oct. 18, 2019)