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DATE: September 24th, 2021
TO: Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee (TPAC) and interested parties
FROM: Chris Ford, ODOT R1 Policy & Development Manager
SUBJECT: I-5: Columbia River (Interstate) Bridge: Requested Amendment to the 2021-24 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program

The purpose of this memo is to introduce an amendment to the 2021-24 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP), which will allow for the same amendment to the 2021-24 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

The I-5: Columbia River Bridge project, also known as the Interstate Bridge Replacement (IBR) project, is in the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) as project number 10893. The project was amended into the 2018-21 MTIP and STIP as a Planning phase, but is not yet included in the 21-24 MTIP and STIP.

The amendment would add \$36 million allocated by the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) to a preliminary engineering (PE) phase. The money would add to the \$9 million in planning phase funds from the 18-21 MTIP/STIP and to \$35M in funds from Washington. This \$80 million comprises a substantial component of the estimated \$135 million in estimated costs to complete NEPA for the IBR program, with a goal of completing a supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS) in mid-2024.

The MTIP amendment would allow for the \$36 million to be amended into the 21-24 STIP and subsequently released by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for use toward NEPA efforts.

Please see supporting information submitted by ODOT in Attachment 1. For questions about ODOT's requested amendment, contact Ray Mabey, Assistant Program Administrator, Interstate Bridge Replacement Program, at raymond.mabey@interstatebridge.org