



DATE: August 19, 2008
TO: Roads Advisory Committee (RAC)
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SUBJECT: ODOT Earmarks Requests List

This is an opportunity to comment on Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) and Oregon Transportation Commission's (OTC) official Earmarks Requests List priorities for Lane County, which is ODOT Region 2, Area 5.

You may recall commenting earlier this year on the new Earmarks List policy. The policy was adopted by OTC and took effect May 13, 2008. The Board considered your comments, before taking action commenting on the policy in March 2008. Now ODOT is inviting Lane County and other stakeholders to participate in creating the official OTC Earmarks Requests List regarding priorities for Lane County.

OTC and ODOT will use the state Earmarks Requests List to request transportation dollars for modernization projects in Oregon from the federal highway bill (SAFETEA-LU), anticipated for reauthorization in 2009.

On June 16, 2008, Transportation Planning staff informed all Lane County cities (public works staff, city managers, mayors, and transportation staff) that ODOT was requesting input on OTC Earmarks Priorities. Recipients were notified that a specific public hearing date would be forthcoming. The public hearing before the Board will be September 3, 2008. Another notice will be sent to the cities and interested parties during the week of August 18 and information will be placed on the web.

The list of modernization projects on the reverse of this memorandum is based upon priorities for the 2010-2015 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), given a large funding package made available by the 2009 legislature. In addition, the Franklin Boulevard project was included by the Cities of Eugene and Springfield. The Junction City Highway 99 project that was included by the Board in the 2010-2015 STIP was not included on the earmark list because that project will require vacation of a rail line, and proposing an earmark for it, for the five year period between 2009-2013, is thought to be premature.

The list incorporates Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC) action on July 10, 2008, and adds the Highway 126 West/Green Hill Road to Veneta project for the non-MPO area of Lane County. Staff will report on your comments and recommendations at the Board's September 3, 2008 meeting.

| Proposed Lane County (Region 2, Area 5) OTC Earmarks List Priorities | |
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| Requested funding is for Construction (C-STIP), and not Development (D-STIP), unless otherwise noted | |
| 1. I-5 @ Beltline Interchange | \$ 35.0 million |
| 2. Gateway/Beltline: International Way to Postal Way | \$ 15.0 million |
| 3. I-5 @ Coburg Interchange \$19.5 million | \$ 19.5 million |
| 4. Beltline Highway: River Rd. to Coburg Rd. (Phase I) | \$ 20.0 million |
| 5. Highway 126W/Veneta to Green Hill Rd. (D-STIP) | 2.0 million |
| 6. Franklin Blvd., Ferry St. Bridge to Springfield Bridge | 25.0 million |
| 7. Eugene-Springfield Highway (SR 126) @ Main St. | 50.0 million |
| 8. W. 11 th /Terry St. to Green Hill Rd. | \$20.0 million |