EMCTC Announces Public Meeting to Discuss Potential Transportation Projects

Monday, June 6, 2011
5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Gresham City Hall

The East Multnomah County Transportation Committee (EMCTC) will convene a public meeting to receive input on candidate projects for federal transportation funds under Metro's Regional Flexible Funds (RFF) program. The meeting is scheduled for June 6 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Oregon Trail Room of Gresham City Hall located at 1333 NW Eastman Parkway, Gresham, Oregon.

Metro forecasts that $70.7 million in federal Surface Transportation Program and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program funds will be allocated to the Portland region in fiscal years 2014 and 2015. While some of these funds have already been dedicated to construction of rail transit projects or will fund other transportation programs, $22.5 million is available for local projects. Of that amount 75%, approximately $16.7 million, is designated for Active Transportation and Complete Streets projects, which are projects that add or improve facilities for bicycling and walking and access to transit. The other 25%, approximately $5.6 million, is allocated to Freight and Green Economy projects. Multnomah County will receive approximately $1.6 million of Active Transportation and Complete Streets project funding, and $.66M for Freight and Green Economy.

Projects must meet the criteria described in Metro's 2014-15 project nomination process guidelines. These guidelines and further information about the regional allocation process can be downloaded from http://web.multco.us/transportation-planning/regional-flexible-funds

Multnomah County staff, along with staff from the cities of Fairview, Gresham, Troutdale and Wood Village have been working to identify potential projects. The Multnomah County Bicycle and Pedestrian Citizen Advisory Committee has also been consulted on Active Transportation Projects.

At the June 6th meeting, staff and the elected members of EMCTC will present the projects to the public for consideration and comment. Members of the public will also have the opportunity to suggest alternative projects. By June 17, EMCTC will provide summaries of its top candidate projects to Metro for review. EMCTC will make its final project selection at its July meeting on Monday, July 11, 2011.

Potential candidate projects by category:

Active Transportation and Complete Streets

- Arata Rd.- sidewalks and bike lanes, and drainage improvements
- NE Sandy Blvd - between 185th - 209th: sidewalk, bike lanes infill, transit stop enhancements
- NE Sandy Blvd and NE Halsey Street transit stop enhancements, road crossings
- Stark Street- north side sidewalks (city limits to Troutdale Road)
- Wood Village Blvd.- between Halsey Street and Arata Road: shared path
- NE 223rd Ave - North of NE Sandy Blvd to Chinook Landing Marine Park on the Columbia River: bike lanes and sidewalk gaps
- NE 223rd Ave - between NE Halsey to the south and the recently constructed railroad structure: bike lanes and sidewalks

Green Economy and Freight Initiatives

- NE Sandy Blvd- 185th to Gresham/Fairview City Limits: Widen travel lanes on north side an additional 20'
- NE Sandy Blvd. – NE 223rd Ave – NE 238th Drive: Project Development project to explore design improvements to Sandy Blvd providing access to CCRD and Townsend Business Park
- NE Sandy Blvd- NE 230th Ave (entrance to Townsend Business Park) to NE 238th Drive (Walmart development): pavement and drainage improvements, bike lanes and sidewalk, and transit stop enhancements