

## Tech Memo 12.5: Draft Project List Recommendations to the Planning Commission

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To: Transportation System Plan (TSP) Public Advisory Committee (PAC) Members

From: TSP Project Management Team

Project: Clackamas County Transportation System Plan Update

Subject: Project Prioritization Process Overview – Current Status and Next Steps

This memorandum outlines:

- The process used to prioritize lists for the Clackamas County Transportation System Plan (TSP) update since PAC Meeting #5C in April 2013 when the PAC recommended project priorities, and
- The remaining steps for finalizing the project lists before the Planning Commission work session and public hearing in September and October.

### I. RECENT ACTIVITIES

Since PAC meeting #5C in April 2013 when the PAC recommended project priorities, the following activities have taken place:

- **Community Outreach:**
  - The Virtual Open House from May 15 through June 15 provided an interactive map for gathering public feedback on the PAC recommended priorities.
  - County staff attended and presented at 33 business and community meetings throughout the County. A full list of the presentations is available online at [www.clackamascountytsp.com](http://www.clackamascountytsp.com).
  - A summary of the public feedback was discussed with the PAC in June 2013.
- **Additional Capacity Analysis:** Operational analysis was performed on the draft 20-Year Capital Projects (Tier 1) network to identify any potential changes to the list or adjustments in project priorities to best meet the TSP goals and objectives. The analysis assessed how the study intersections and County roadways will operate with the Tier 1 projects and projected growth for 2035. The results are documented in *Tech Memo 12.4: Tier 1 Scenario Analysis*.

- **Countywide Review:** The Project Management Team (PMT) and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) reviewed the PAC prioritization recommendations and made recommendations based on the feedback received through the community outreach process, the results of additional capacity analysis performed, and their expertise from a County-wide perspective.

## II. PROJECT LISTS AND TIERS

At this stage of the TSP update, the project lists are being finalized for presentation to the Planning Commission in September and October. The current draft lists reflect a variety of input, including:

- An analysis of the transportation system and study intersections under existing conditions, the 2035 Low Build Scenario (includes funded projects as of summer 2012), the 2035 Full Build Scenario (includes all planned projects in the previous TSP), and the Tier 1 Scenario (includes all projects in the PAC recommended Tier 1 list).
- A goal assessment of potential projects based on the TSP vision, goals, and objectives, Public input gathered through the PAC, three virtual workshops, and other community outreach activities.
- Feedback from the community-based Geographic Area Projects (GAPS) groups, the TAC, and County staff.

Tables and maps reflecting the current project priorities are provided in *Appendix A*. Table 1 provides further information on the project lists.

**Table 1 TSP Project Lists**

Project List Name	Tier	Funding Available	Funding Allocated (Number of Projects)	Type of Projects Included
<b>20-Year Capital Projects</b>	1	Approximately \$444 million (based on funding forecast)	\$420,505,000 (118 projects)	Top recommended projects that can reasonably be undertaken given the current estimates of available funding.
<b>Preferred Capital Projects</b>	2	Approximately \$444 million (potential additional funding)	\$384,370,000 (41 projects)	Additional recommended projects that the County hopes to undertake if additional funding becomes available during the next 20 years.
<b>Long-Term Capital Project Needs</b>	3	None known	\$2,170,579,000 (173 projects)	All other needed projects identified in the TSP update process. These are not expected to be funded or constructed by the County during the next 20 years, but they are still needed to meet the County's projected transportation demands.

## III. COUNTY PROJECTS FOR DISCUSSION

Table 2, provided in *Appendix B*, lists the County projects for PAC discussion at the August 20<sup>th</sup> PAC meeting, including projects that have been **added, removed, changed in priority,** or brought up for **discussion** since the PAC's last review of the project list. The last column on the table notes the change in priority or reason for discussion and provides an explanation. The projects have been grouped by

geographic sub area. PAC members will have the opportunity to comment on these projects and any others they would like to highlight for discussion during the August 20th meeting.

#### IV. ODOT PROJECTS

The majority of the TSP process has focused on refining and prioritizing projects located on County facilities outside cities. However, work has also been done to identify the County's priority projects on ODOT facilities. The County has developed a separate list of ODOT projects, with projects categorized as high, medium, or low priority. These projects have primarily been refined and prioritized based on the analysis of the transportation system under existing conditions and the future conditions scenarios, input from the TAC, and discussions with County staff. The County's recommended prioritization will be shared with ODOT to help inform their future planning and priorities. The prioritized list of ODOT projects is provided in *Appendix C*.

#### V. NEXT STEPS

The draft project list recommendations to the Planning Commission will be reviewed by the PAC during Meeting #6 on August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013. At that meeting, the PAC will discuss any changes that should be made to the Tier 1 20-Year Capital Projects or adjustments in project priorities. Public review of the final plan will take place in October through December when it will be presented first to the Planning Commission and then to the Board of County Commissioners.

## LIST OF APPENDICES:

A: Draft Project List Recommendations to the Planning Commission – Maps and Tables

B: Table 2: County Projects for PAC Discussion

C: ODOT Project List