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MEMORANDUM

TO: Thurston Regional Planning Council

FROM: Paul Brewster, Senior Planner *PB*

DATE: September 2, 2016

SUBJECT: Thurston County Federal Funding Transfer Request

	Program Area	Mission Statement
X	MPO/RTPO	A
	Core Services	
	Contract Services	
	Grant Services	

PURPOSE

Review Thurston County's request to transfer \$425,000 in Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds from both the *Maytown Road SW, Littlerock Road SW to SR 121* and *Yelm Highway and Meridian Road Intersection* to the *Rich Road Upgrade Project*.

Summary:

- In 2011, TRPC awarded \$1,311,300 in STP funds to Thurston County for the *Rich Road Upgrade – 87th Avenue to Normandy Street*.
- The Rich Road Upgrade Project is the county's highest priority and additional funding is necessary to offset increased costs.
- Thurston County is requesting that additional STP funding, awarded by TRPC to Thurston County in 2013 to both the *Maytown Road SW, Littlerock Road SW to SR 121* (\$175,000) and *Yelm Highway and Meridian Road Intersection* (\$250,000) projects be transferred to the Rich Road Upgrade Project.
- TRPC's authorization of this funding request will nearly position the project to a funding secured status and enable the county to advertise the Rich Road Upgrade Project for construction in 2017.
- Thurston County anticipates requesting additional funding for this project during this year's call for projects.
- Thurston County will use other funding sources to complete the two projects from which the federal funding will be de-obligated.
- A copy of Thurston County's request letter is included with this memorandum.

REQUESTED ACTION

None. TRPC and the Transportation Policy Board will review this request in September. TRPC will take action on this request in October.

Attachment



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BACKGROUND

Thurston Regional Planning Council periodically reviews and takes action on local agency requests to transfer federal funding between projects that TRPC has previously awarded funding to. Such requests are often made to consolidate federal funding on projects of a greater scope in order to meet project phase schedules or compensate for unforeseen costs in right-of-way acquisition, environmental issues, or construction.

The Rich Road Upgrade is Thurston County's highest priority project. It is also a large project that will help fulfill the region's 2017 obligation authority. All design, environmental permitting, and right-of-way acquisition is complete. Additional funding is necessary to offset additional costs for a railroad crossing and easements that the county has negotiated with BNSF Railway. Thurston County submitted a letter to TRPC requesting that \$425,000 in additional STP funding, award by TRPC to Thurston County from the projects shown below, be transferred to the Rich Road Upgrade Project:

1. *Maytown Road SW, Littlerock Road SW to SR 121* (\$175,000); and
2. *Yelm Highway and Meridian Road Intersection* (\$250,000)

Thurston County has made steady progress on the Rich Road Project. In 2011, the county obligated \$173,000 for design and engineering. In 2014, \$300,000 was obligated for right-of-way. This fall, Thurston County is expected to submit a proposal during TRPC's federal funding call for projects to seek additional funding to be used toward the construction phase. The transferred funds plus the additional new revenue will fully fund the construction phase of the project and allow the county to advertise it for construction in early 2017.

TRPC will review Thurston County's federal funding transfer request in September and take action in October. Prior to the Council's approval, the funding transfer request will be posted for public comment in September. All public comments received will be presented to TRPC in October.

Thurston County's Yelm Highway and Meridian Road Intersection Project and the Maytown Road Project remain priorities for the county. Work continues on the design phases for these projects and the county will seek other funding sources to construct these projects.

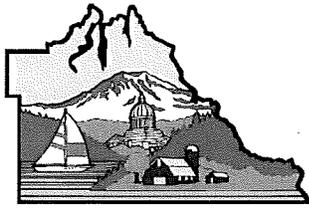
TRPC and county staff will be on hand during this agenda item to present the funding transfer request and answer questions.

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RE: Thurston County – De-obligation of STP funding and Re-authorization

Thurston County Public Works received STP fund authorization for the Yelm Hwy & Meridian Rd Intersection (STPUS-5252(010)) and Maytown Rd – Littlerock Rd to SR 121 (STPR-C344(001)) projects in 2013 for the amounts of \$250,000 and \$173,000 respectively. Public Works is requesting that this funding be de-obligated and re-authorized to the Rich Rd SE Phase 2 – 87th Ave to 500' North of Normandy project which is programmed to obligate the currently allocated \$838,300 of STP in construction funding in 2017. The Rich Rd project STP funding timelines are summarized below:

- May 11, 2011 – Regional STP Award for full project - \$1,311,300
- September 29, 2011 - Preliminary Engineering Fund Authorization - \$173,000
- April 25, 2014 – Right of Way Authorization - \$300,000
- Early 2017 – Construction Authorization - \$838,300

The Rich Rd project is currently the highest priority road project to call for bids for Thurston County. If the request is approved the project would be fully funded and would be advertised for construction in early 2017. All design, environmental permitting and right of way acquisition has been completed. The cost estimate for the Rich Rd project has increased due to improvements required for a Burlington Norther Santa Fe (BNSF) railroad crossing in the project limits. These improvements include regrading and widening the crossing to accommodate the project's wider roadway section and relocating and replacing crossing signal equipment to meet federal standards. Public Works is required to pay BNSF \$300,000 to construct all of the crossing signal upgrades. In addition, the County must pay BNSF for an expanded easement adjacent across the tracks and perform some asphalt pavement improvements at the crossing.

The Yelm Hwy and Meridian Rd Intersection and Maytown Rd projects remain priorities for Thurston County and Public Works is continuing to work on the design. These projects are eligible to submit for other non-STP funding sources, which the County is pursuing. Thurston County will re-pay all federal funds billed to date on these projects.

Public Works appreciates your consideration of this request and is available to answers any questions or provide further information if required.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Scott Lindblom'.

Scott Lindblom, P.E.
Interim Public Works Director

Cc: Theresa Parsons
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