

APPENDIX G

Plan Updates & Amendments

Plan Updates

As required by the code of federal regulations, the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) must be updated every five years. The scope and schedule of the MTP will be determined by the MPO committees and Policy Board in consultation with FHWA and FTA.

Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendment Process

The Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) establishes a comprehensive policy direction for the regional transportation system and recommends a balanced program of transportation investments to implement that policy direction. The MTP is updated every five years, as required by federal law. In between full updates to the MTP, it may be necessary to amend the plan in response to changing local conditions and newly adopted plans. To be eligible to build a project with federal funds the project must first be amended into the MTP.

The recommended investments in the MTP do not solve all transportation problems and are not intended to be the definitive capital improvement program on the local transportation system for the next 20 years. Rather, the MTP identifies the projects, programs or further refinement studies required to adequately meet regional transportation system needs during the planning period. Local conditions are addressed through city and county TSPs, and will require additional analysis and improvements to provide an adequate transportation system. The MTP anticipates such refinements. Refinements to the RTP may also result from ongoing corridor refinement plans, NEPA studies or other area studies.

Major Amendments

These are amendments that come from NEPA processes, Corridor Refinement Plans or other studies and involve additions or deletions of projects or a significant change in scope of the project location or function. The amendment will be accompanied by a demonstration of consistency with the MTP. The amount of information required to demonstrate consistency with the MTP shall be commensurate with the scope of the project.

The following process will be used for Major Amendments to the MTP:

- 1) Bend MPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Policy Board review of proposed amendments
- 2) 25-day public comment period
- 3) Staff compiles comment report and distributes to TAC and Policy Board
- 4) Bend MPO TAC review of comments and recommendation to Policy Board
- 5) Policy Board public hearing, deliberation and adoption

Minor Amendments

Other amendments resulting from local TSPs: new roadway, transit, bikeway, pedestrian, freight and demand management projects necessary to meet the objectives of the MTP shall be accompanied by an demonstration of consistency with the MTP.

The amount of information required to demonstrate consistency with the MTP shall be commensurate with the scope of the project.

The following process will be used for Minor Amendments to the MTP:

- 1) Bend MPO TAC review of proposed amendments and recommendation to Policy Board
- 2) Policy Board review of proposed amendments, receive public comment, deliberation and adoption

Operations, Maintenance and Safety Project Amendments

Operations, maintenance and safety improvements are deemed consistent with the policy intent of the MTP if (a) they are needed to serve the travel demand associated with the MPO area's adopted population and employment forecasts, and (b) they are consistent with affected jurisdictional plans.

Operations, Maintenance, and Safety Projects Amendments to the MTP will be reviewed by the Bend MPO TAC.

Modifications to the Illustrative Project List

A formal amendment process is not required for changes to projects that are included only for illustrative purposes.

Modifications to the Illustrative Project list will be reviewed by the Bend MPO TAC. The TAC will determine if the Policy Board should be consulted about the proposed changes.

Public Notification

Information about proposed amendments and ability for public review and comment will use one or more of the following methods: media releases, BMPO webpage, BMPO e-mail lists, and other communication methods and opportunities as appropriate.