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Subject: FRANKLIN NEPA UPDATE

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MEMORANDUM**

INFORMATION SHARE:

This update is for your information. You may wish to share this with the Council by placing it in the Council Communication Packet

In July 2012 the City, in partnership with ODOT, hired a consultant team (URS Corporation) to work with the City to complete the required National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process for the Franklin Boulevard project. Phase 1 of the project is now complete. The deliverables from Phase 1 included a white paper with the following recommendations:

- Realign the center of proposed improvements to widen equally on both sides of the existing right-of-way.
- Further design refinements for the four intersections along the corridor (Glenwood Blvd., Henderson Ave., Mississippi Ave. and McVey Hwy.).
- Complete detailed environmental resource documentation.
- Look at how the widths of the various design elements, like travel lanes, can be reduced in an effort to avoid impacts.

Phase 2 of the project is now under contract and work has begun. Phase 2 of the project will include:

- Stakeholder and public involvement which includes but is not limited to:
 1. Development of public involvement and communication plans.
 2. Development of project website & functions (public comments and surveys).
 3. Introduction of project to project area businesses and property owners.
 4. Collection of employment data from area businesses.
- Environmental data collection and analysis for right-of-way, land use and planning, socioeconomic, populations protected by Environmental Justice policies, wetlands and waterways, water quality, biological and threatened and endangered species, air quality, seismic conditions, and hazardous materials.
- An updated conceptual level design of the multi-way boulevard/urban arterial hybrid corridor centered on the existing right-of-way.
- Concept level cost estimates.
- Meeting(s) with FHWA, FTA, Consultant, and City to help determine whether the project will be able to be considered a Categorical Exclusion (Cat-Ex) or if the project will need to proceed under an Environmental Assessment (EA).

As part of the environmental scan, and related to public involvement in this Phase, a letter and a FAQ sheet has been sent out to employers and property owners of those employers in the Franklin NEPA study area to introduce this phase of the project and to gather employment data as part of assessing the project's environmental impacts. A copy of the Project FAQ information sheet is attached.

Phase 2 is expected to wind up by February 2014, including the meeting with FHWA and FTA to determine which NEPA documentation process will be required.

The follow on Phase 3 will complete the required environmental process and public involvement. Phase 1, 2, and 3 of this project is scoped at \$1.2 million and funded by a combination of Federal-Aid Surface Transportation Program - Urban (STP-U), Urban Renewal, Transportation Systems Development Charge, and Lane Transit District funding. Phase 1 of the project was \$46,000 and the cost of phase 2 is \$500,000. A total of \$6 million in construction funding for the project is proposed in the 2013-2015 and 2016 – 2018 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), and expected to be approved by the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) later this calendar year.

If you have questions or comments, please contact Kristi Krueger at 541-726-4584.