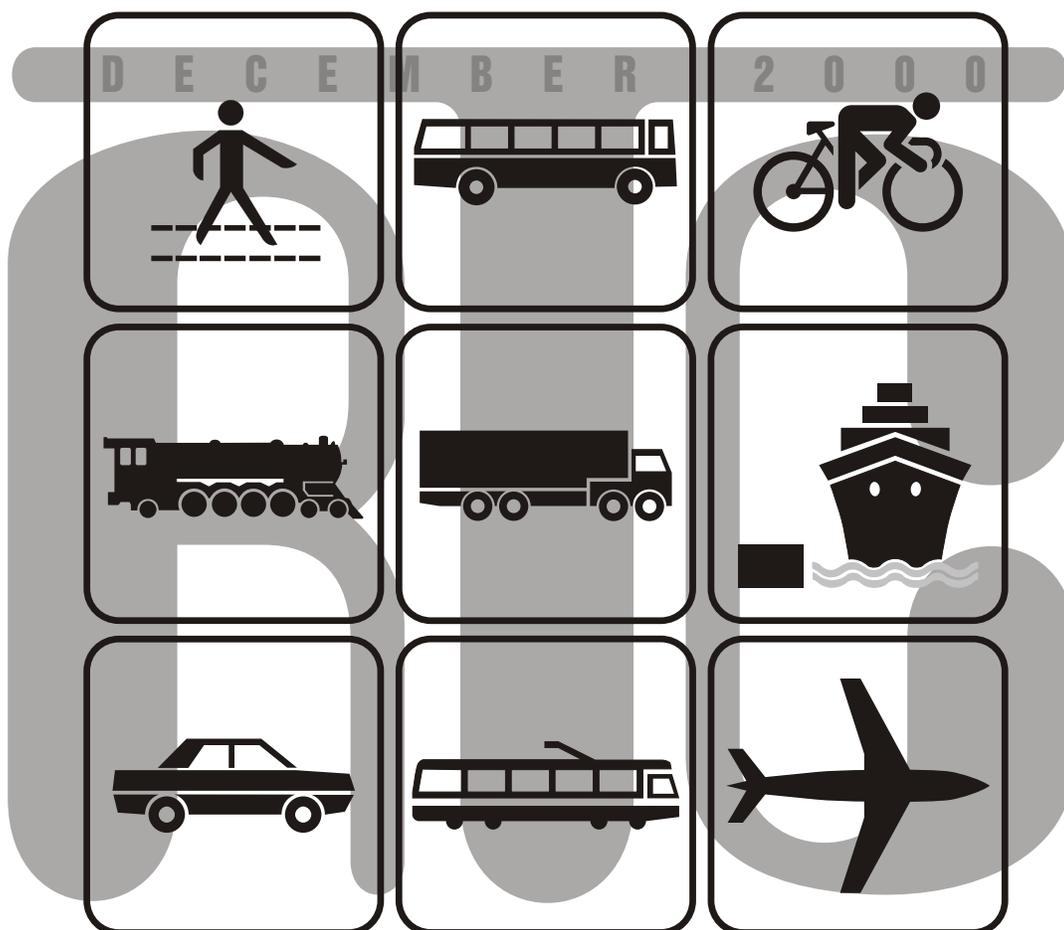


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STAFF REPORT

TO: Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council Board of Directors
FROM: Dean Lookingbill, Transportation Director
DATE: November 28, 2000
SUBJECT: **Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendment, Resolution 12-00-30**

BACKGROUND

The Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) for Clark County is the long-range regional transportation plan for the region. It has a twenty-year planning horizon and represents the collective strategy for developing a regional transportation system that provides mobility and accessibility for personal travel and goods movement. The Plan also facilitates existing and planned economic development. The MTP identifies future travel needs, recommends policies/strategies, and identifies implementation programs to meet future needs. Federal and state law requires that the Plan undergo periodic review. The Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) for Clark County was initially adopted by the RTC Board of Directors in December 1994. The Plan has been subject to annual review and has undergone two major updates and three amendments in the ensuing six years (see attached *Chronology of MTP Update and Amendment, 1994 to 2000*).

The proposed 2000 amendment will make minor changes to the MTP which will 1) incorporate the I-5 High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) project, 2) update the MTP's base year performance measure report from year 1996 to 1999 and 3) make minor amendments to the MTP's Appendix A list of projects to incorporate the I-5 HOV project, incorporate ITS program/projects, delete those projects now complete and to note the projects which are now underway or fully funded.

The proposed changes are further described below:

1) Incorporation of the I-5 High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Project

The proposed I-5 A.M. peak period HOV project, from 134th Street to Mill Plain Boulevard, is to be incorporated into the MTP (see attached graphic, *I-5 Vancouver/Portland HOV Project Proposal*). This follows action taken earlier in 2000 by the RTC Board to support the project. Incorporating this project requires an update to the regional air quality conformity analysis report in the MTP (see Appendix A section below). Opening of the HOV lane will occur in conjunction

with the completion of the I-5 widening construction project now underway. WSDOT is continuing to develop detailed HOV operational analyses, design plans and to address the needed environmental processes. RTC staff, in coordination with agency partners, is developing a public awareness campaign for the project.

2) Update Chapter 3 Base Year Transportation System Elements

Two changes are proposed to Chapter 3. The first change is an update to Table 3-5: C-TRAN Fixed Route System (see attached, *C-TRAN Fixed System - Bus Routes, July 2000*). The version in the current MTP reflects C-TRAN service as of January, 1999. However, in July, 2000 C-TRAN service underwent the largest change in C-TRAN's history.

The second proposed change is an update to the output base year data from the regional travel forecasting model presented in Chapter 3 of the MTP. The base year is updated from 1996 to 1999. The attached tables entitled *Regional Travel Forecast Model Results: Comparison of Key MTP System Performance Measures*, contain summarized results of regional transportation performance measures which reflect the updated base year.

3) Minor Revisions to Appendix A

Transportation projects identified in the MTP are listed in the MTP Appendix A (see attached, *MTP Appendix A*). As stated above, the Appendix A list of projects/programs will be amended to incorporate the I-5 HOV project and ITS program/projects. The table is also amended to delete those projects now complete and to note those projects now underway or fully funded. The table denotes deletions by strikeout and additions are underlined. Several projects have been deleted from Sections B and C and added to Section A to reflect that they are underway or fully funded. Projects must be identified in the Plan before they can be programmed for federal funding in the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP). The revised regional air quality conformity analysis is also included in Appendix A. The results show that the MTP will not negatively impact regional air quality conformity.

During 2000, public involvement activities at which the MTP was presented include transportation outreach events at Westfield Shopping Town, Vancouver (formerly Vancouver Mall) held on April 1, and June 10, 2000. RTC coordinated with Clark County, City of Vancouver and WSDOT to organize and staff the event which provided the public an opportunity to learn about local, regional and state transportation plans and projects and to provide comment on the Plan and its development. RTC also participated at a transportation information booth coordinated with WSDOT at the 2000 Clark County Fair from August 4 through 13, 2000. The MTP is developed with technical review and input provided by Regional Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) members and policy review provided by the RTC Board. The Metropolitan Transportation Plan document can be accessed from RTC's web site at <http://www.rtc.wa.gov/programs/mtp/outline.htm>.

POLICY IMPLICATION

The MTP represents the framework plan and policies for development of the regional transportation system. The 2001-2003 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), adopted in October 2000, is consistent with the Plan. RTC, as the Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO), must certify that there is consistency between the MTP and the transportation elements of local comprehensive plans required under the Growth Management Act (GMA) and that the transportation elements conform with the GMA's requirements. The evaluation of local transportation elements was carried out by RTC in 1994 and re-evaluated in 1997. The certification is re-affirmed with the MTP update. A major update to the MTP will be carried out in conjunction with the update to the Comprehensive Growth Management Plan for Clark County update due in December, 2001. Consistency and certification will be reviewed as part of the update process in 2001. Also, to be addressed with the 2001 MTP update is a re-evaluation of MTP project priorities.

BUDGET IMPLICATION

Regular update and amendment of the adopted MTP is a requirement for the receipt of federal transportation funds. Federal regulations require that the MTP contain a financial plan that demonstrates consistency between proposed transportation investments and available and projected sources of revenue. After revenues are set aside for system maintenance, preservation and operating costs, the remaining revenues are available to fund capital improvements to the regional transportation system identified in the MTP.

ACTION REQUESTED

Adoption of Resolution 12-00-30, "2000 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendment".

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____ 2000,

by the Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council.

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