

Region 1
2010-2013 Development and Construction STIP Coversheet
Modernization Project Criteria Summary Reports

Process and strategies used to develop an initial list of Modernization projects:

Region worked with stakeholders to develop a modernization allocation recommendation to take to the Northwest Area Commission on Transportation (NW ACT), Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT). Region 1 Open House for discussion and consideration was also held. In developing the recommendation, we took into account the revised STIP criteria and Region's recent conversations with stakeholders regarding reductions to the 2008-2011 modernization program.

Our target for additional modernization funding is slightly under \$15 million for the 2012-2013 STIP update. As a part of the modernization program reductions adopted by the Oregon Transportation Commission in April, the funding for the US:26 185th to Cornell project was reduced by \$14.481 million. Restoring construction funds to this previously identified regional and statewide priority was quickly identified as the Region's consensus recommendation.

Information provided to the ACTs:

Please see attached memos.

Summary of ACT discussions:

Region also held an open house for regional stakeholders and the public on April 17, 2008, to present funding targets and information from program managers (i.e., Preservation, Bridge, Safety, etc.) about the STIP focus areas and potential projects.

Region 1 presented and was involved in discussions about the STIP at the following meetings:

- April 25, 2008, MPO's Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee;
- May 1, 2008, with the Northwest ACT; and,
- May 8, 2008, MPO's Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation.

At these meetings the 2010/2013 modernization funding discussion started where the 2008/2011 STIP modernization program reduction discussion in the previous months ended. When funding was reduced from the US:26 185th to Cornell project, the Region's recommendation was to keep working to develop the project with the federal and County funds, with the understanding that additional funds would be needed before construction could proceed. Knowing this, the discussion centered around deciding if it was appropriate to use new 2010/2013 STIP dollars to restore construction funding to US:26 185th to Cornell, or was there another priority the region would like to pursue. At each meeting the unanimous conclusion was reached that US:26 185th to Cornell project is the priority.

Region is planning additional stakeholder outreach efforts for the summer and fall of 2008 in Hood River County, Columbia County and other locations within Region's jurisdiction.

Information disseminated to public and public involvement:

Please see the attached information for details.

Process used by region to roll-up recommendations:

The unanimous endorsement of the recommend list by members of the NW ACT and JPACT made "rolling-up" of comments simple. There is consensus that restoring the funding to the US:26 185th to Cornell project is the regional priority.