Description of Rolling Plan

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Description
This document describes the unique structure of the Mt. Hood Multimodal Transportation Plan (MHMTP). The MHMTP is a 15-year “rolling plan” that focuses on the implementation of priority projects. Projects included in the Implementation Plan have action plans developed and agreed upon by the Project Partners that state the critical tasks and who will complete them in order to ensure implementation of these projects in a 0- to 6-year time frame. Projects can move up in priority over the course of the plan.

Status Update
The Implementation Plan Project List was adopted by the Project Leadership Group (PLG) on December 19, 2013. Because funding, regulatory, and other circumstances change over time, other projects adopted in the MHMTP will be re-evaluated periodically to assess their readiness for implementation. This aspect of the MHMTP enables leveraging of financial and political resources as they become available in the future.
The Mount Hood Multimodal Transportation (MHMTP) is not a typical long-range plan. Rather, it is a 15-year “rolling plan” whereby projects that are ready for implementation are listed as short-term projects and will be implemented first. Because funding, regulatory, and other circumstances change over time, other projects adopted in the plan will be re-evaluated periodically to assess their readiness for implementation. This aspect of the MHMTP project enables leveraging of financial and political resources as they become available in the future.

The plan is focused on implementing projects to improve the corridor as soon as it is feasible. To keep things moving, the Project Partners (Oregon Department of Transportation, Clackamas County, Hood River County, the U.S. Forest Service-Mount Hood National Forest, and the Federal Highway Administration – Western Federal Lands Highway Division) have agreed to meet at regular intervals. Each year, staff of the Project Partners will meet and review project progress and current opportunities to implement other MHMTP projects. Projects can move up and down in priority in the plan based on changes in funding opportunities, political conditions and other issues. Every five years, the Project Partners will re-evaluate project priorities, taking a more in-depth look at progress and needs and opportunities. At these times, projects can be modified or new projects can be added to the plan that meet the overall project’s core values.

In addition, meeting and coordination between the partners will occur throughout the years when projects are being implemented, and when there are opportunities arise to move projects forward or add new projects to the plan.

The MHMTP core values are based on the project charge that was finalized by the Project Leadership Group (PLG) in March 2012. The PLG is the decision-making body for the MHMTP and is made up of representatives from the Oregon Department of Transportation, U.S. Forest Service, Clackamas County, and Hood River County.

The project core values as defined by the Project Management Team, based on the project charge, are:

1. **Improve highway safety for all users,**

2. **Expand travel options year round to reduce peak travel demand and enhance mobility and access to recreation and rural communities,**

3. **Projects are financially feasible and sustainable,** and

4. **Projects can be implemented in 15 years.**