AGENDA ITEM

DATE: 27 January 2014
SUBJECT: TIP Modification – Provo Westside Connector
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BACKGROUND: The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a 4 year program that lists all the regional transportation projects and programs. The TIP will next be updated in 2014. During the program life, changes can occur in three ways:

- **Staff Modifications = minor scope changes, additional funds (under 250k), corrections**
- **Board Modifications = new projects, additional funds (over 250k), major scope change**
- **Board Amendments = new regionally significant projects not in first phase of the RTP**

PROPOSAL: This is a Board Modification because additional funding over $250k is being requesting. The city of Provo is requesting $7m in additional funding needed to complete construction of the Provo Westside Connector road between I-15 at University AVE and the Provo Municipal Airport. Originally phase one of the project was to construct 2 lanes (1 lane in each direction) along the entire corridor as a phase 1 project and later widen out to 4 lanes in a later unfunded phase 2. To date the project has received $10m county sales tax funding, $18m state funding, and $4.9m congressional earmark funding for a total of $32.9.

Since being funded, it has been determined that the design work between I-15 and Provo 500 West requires the full 4 lane configuration due to retaining walls and wetland impacts. This change requires $7m in additional funding needed. MAG policy requires that the sponsor cover any cost overruns, but that they can ask the MPO Technical Advisory Committee to recommend to the MPO Regional Planning Committee for additional regional funding. Since this is a regional project and has had congressional, state, and local support, it seemed prudent to fully fund the project.

RECOMMENDATION: MPO staff recommends that the MPO Technical Advisory Committee approve the proposed TIP modification and recommend to the MPO Regional Planning Committee the same. The county sales tax fund should be used for this project which currently has $7.1 million available in FY2014. No impacts to currently programmed projects would occur.

PROPOSED MOTION: I move that the MPO Technical Advisory Committee approve and recommend approval to the MPO Regional Planning Committee, $7m of county sales tax funds for the Provo Westside Connector project, knowing that the county commission has the final decision on these funds, in order to complete committed improvements in the area.

ATTACHMENT: Provo MAG Funding Request
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