TIP PROCESS: 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 2016. During the program life, changes can occur in three ways:

- Staff Modifications = minor scope changes, additional funds (<500k/<25%), corrections
- Board Modifications = new projects, additional funds (500k≥/25%≥), major scope change
- Board Amendments = new regionally significant projects not in first phase of the RTP

BACKGROUND: Bulldog BLVD is an important part of Provo City’s transportation network. Many different types of travelers use this road including passenger cars, trucks, freight, pedestrians, and bicyclists. From restaurants and shopping, to recreation, health care, and schools, Bulldog Boulevard is a vibrant part of our City. As Provo City continues to grow, Bulldog BLVD will remain an important thoroughfare and one that should safely accommodate all users.

In recent years, crashes on Bulldog BLVD have increased. A recent traffic study showed that the crash rate is over three times the statewide average. Additionally, vehicle/bicycle accidents are higher here than most other parts of Provo.

PROPOSAL: Before the MPO Technical Advisory Committee is a Board Modification to the TIP adding additional funding to the Bulldog BLVD Provo project. To improve safety on Bulldog Boulevard, Provo City plans to add center-running planted medians and protected bicycle lanes. Bulldog Boulevard would be reduced to two lanes in each direction to accommodate these improvements. This project is anticipated for construction during Spring-Fall 2017.

FUNDING: This project received $1m in FFY 2016 federal safety funds by UDOT which was approved to be added to the TIP by the MPO committees in January 2016. UDOT has awarded an additional $500k to the project to further fund preliminary work. Additional funding of $3m is still need to be secured to fund the $4.5m dollar project.

RECOMMENDATION: MPO staff recommends the TIP be modified to add $500k federal safety funds programmed by UDOT. Staff understands that Provo is currently searching for the additional funds needed to fully fund this project.

SUGGESTED MOTION: I move that the MPO Technical Advisory Committee recommend to the MPO RPC that the TIP be modified to add $500k FFY2016 federal safety funds to Bulldog BLVD, Provo.

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