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AGENDA COVER MEMO

DATE: April 2, 2003
TO: Lane County Board of Commissioners
DEPT: Public Works
PRESENTED BY: Mike Russell, Capital Improvement Coordinator
AGENDA ITEM TITLE: IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE FY03-FY07 CIP BY
WITHDRAWING THE OREGON DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION'S HWY 126 AT THURSTON ROAD
PROJECT UNDER THE PAYMENTS TO OTHER AGENCIES
CATEGORY.

I. MOTION

THAT THE PAYMENT FOR OREGON DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S HWY 126 AT THURSTON ROAD PROJECT UNDER THE CAPITAL PROJECT PARTNERSHIP BE WITHDRAWN FROM THE FY03-FY07 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.

II. ISSUE OR PROBLEM

ODOT is unable to meet its financial match obligations to the turn lane on Highway 126 at Thurston Road as presented in the application for CaPP funds. The District office is therefore asking to withdraw the project from the program.

III. DISCUSSION

A. Background

On December 12, 2001, the Board adopted Board Order 01-12-12-11 that awarded \$200,000 to ODOT for the improvement of the intersection of Highway 126 at Thurston Road as outlined in an application submitted by ODOT under the Capital Project Partnership Program (Attachment 1).

Since that time, ODOT has not been able to secure the financial match to construct the project.

B. Analysis

On February 26, 2003, the Roads Advisory Committee (RAC) considered a letter from ODOT District 5 Manager, Don Ehrich informing Lane County that ODOT was unable to provide the funding match identified in the Thurston Road at Route 126 Safety Project CaPP application. Refined project scoping indicated environmental issues, a need for right-of-way acquisition, and a revised cost estimate exceeding \$500,000. The letter requested withdrawal of the project from the CaPP program and that the \$200,000 awarded to the project go to help the City of Cottage Grove 4th and Harrison Project. The ODOT letter is attached to the Board Order as Exhibit A.

The RAC is recommending that the Board grant the request.

Granting the request does not violate any agreements with or obligations to ODOT. There is no intergovernmental agreement in effect for this project.

Granting this request would create an unencumbered balance of \$200,000 in the Capital Improvement Program for other projects. Also under consideration in a separate Board item is a recommendation by the RAC to allocate the \$200,000 to the City of Cottage Grove Hwy 99 at Harrison Avenue and 4th Street CaPP project, for which the City is requesting additional funds.

C. Alternatives/Options

1. Withdraw ODOT's Highway 126 at Thurston Road Capital Project Partnership project from the FY03-FY07 CIP.
2. As directed by the Board.
3. Take over project, add funds, and complete under County contract.

D. Recommendations

1. Option 1 is supported by both Staff and the Roads Advisory Committee.

E. Timing

This agenda item is being processed concurrent with the request from the City of Cottage Grove for additional funds for Hwy 99 at Harrison Avenue and 4th Street CaPP project, to which ODOT suggests reallocating funding from their project.

IV. IMPLEMENTATION/FOLLOW-UP

If withdrawn, no further action will be taken in regard to this project.

V. ATTACHMENTS

ATTACHMENT 1 – Original CaPP Application submitted by ODOT

BOARD ORDER

- Exhibit A - February 24, 2003 letter from ODOT District 5 Manager, Don Ehrich

ATTACHMENT 1

**Original CaPP Application submitted
by the Oregon Department of
Transportation**

ATTACHMENT 1



Capital Project Partnership Application PROJECT REQUEST (PAGE 1 OF 3)

REC'D AUG 31 2001
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GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION						
ROAD/STREET NAME McKenzie Highway, Route 126 at Thurston Road				MILE POST FROM 9.5 TO 9.8		LENGTH (M)
<input type="checkbox"/> URBAN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RURAL		FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION Statewide Highway		APPLICANT ODOT		
2. PROJECT DATA						
ITEM	EXISTING	PROPOSED	GRADING (# cubic yards)		WORK BY STATE/COUNTY/CONSULTANT/APPLICANT	
TRAVEL LANES (#)	2		PAVING (# tons)		PRELIMINARY (S, CNTY, C, A) CNTY	
STRUCTURES (#)			SIGNING (Y or N)		CONSTRUCTION (S, CNTY, C, A) CNTY	
SIGNALS (#)			ILLUMINATION (Y or N)		RIGHT OF WAY DESCRIPTIONS (S, CNTY, C, A) CNTY	
BIKE WAY (Y/N)			DESIGN STANDARDS	ODOT	RIGHT OF WAY ACQUISITIONS (S, CNTY, C, A) N/A	
AVERAGE DAILY TRAFFIC	10,600		DESIGN SPEED		CONSTRUCTION BY	
YEAR OF AVERAGE DAILY TRAFFIC	1999		EXCEPTION (Y or N)		<input type="checkbox"/> CITY CONTRACT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COUNTY CONTRACT <input type="checkbox"/> STATE CONTRACT	
3. FINANCIAL DATA						
ESTIMATED COSTS (\$000'S)		PROPOSED FUNDING SOURCES				
		FUND SOURCE	PRE	CON	CONSTR	TOTAL
PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING	\$	CPP	\$	\$	\$	200
RIGHT OF WAY	\$	ODOT	\$	\$	\$	50
ADWAY	\$		\$	\$	\$	0
STRUCTURES	\$		\$	\$	\$	0
SIGNALS	\$		\$	\$	\$	0
ILLUMINATION	\$		\$	\$	\$	0
TEMPORARY PROTECTION	\$		\$	\$	\$	0
ENGINEERING & CONTINGENCIES	\$		\$	\$	\$	0
TOTAL CONSTRUCTION	\$					220
TOTAL ESTIMATE	\$					250
RECOMMENDED LET DATE BY FISCAL YEAR: 2003		PROJECT NARRATIVE DEFINE THE PROBLEM The McKenzie Highway near the intersection with Thurston Road has vertical curves and no turning refuge is available for traffic movements. There were 12 crashes at this location between 1995 to and including 1999. Speed limit is 55 and traffic moves swiftly.				
		PROPOSED SOLUTION Construct an eastbound left turn refuge on McKenzie Highway to service Thurston Road users.				

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Capital Project Partnership Application PROJECT REQUEST (PAGE 2 OF 3)

ROAD/STREET NAME	MILE POST
McKenzie Highway, Route 126 at Thurston Road	FROM 9.7 TO 9.8

5. PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

Twelve crashes have occurred at this location on the state highway as a result of turning movements associated with the Thurston Road intersection. Traffic speeds are high and usage is over 10,000 vehicles daily. Our computed Benefit/Cost ratio over just 3 years is over 1.5. With increasing traffic anticipated the incidents of crashes will also increase.

NOTE: If you would like to submit other supporting documentation (i.e. letters of support), please attach to this application.

6. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

RESPONSIBLE OFFICE TO BE CONTACTED FOR THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES:

- | | | |
|--|----------------|------------------|
| 1. Project Scoping and Project Development | _____ (Office) | 726-2552 (Phone) |
| 2. Public Hearing / Citizen Involvement | _____ (Office) | _____ (Phone) |
| 3. Environmental / Planning | _____ (Office) | _____ (Phone) |

THIS OFFICIAL REQUEST IS FROM:

Agency District 5, Region 2, ODOT

By

Donald W. Ehrich
Signature

Title

District 5 Manager

By

Donald W. Ehrich

Print

Date

31-Aug-01

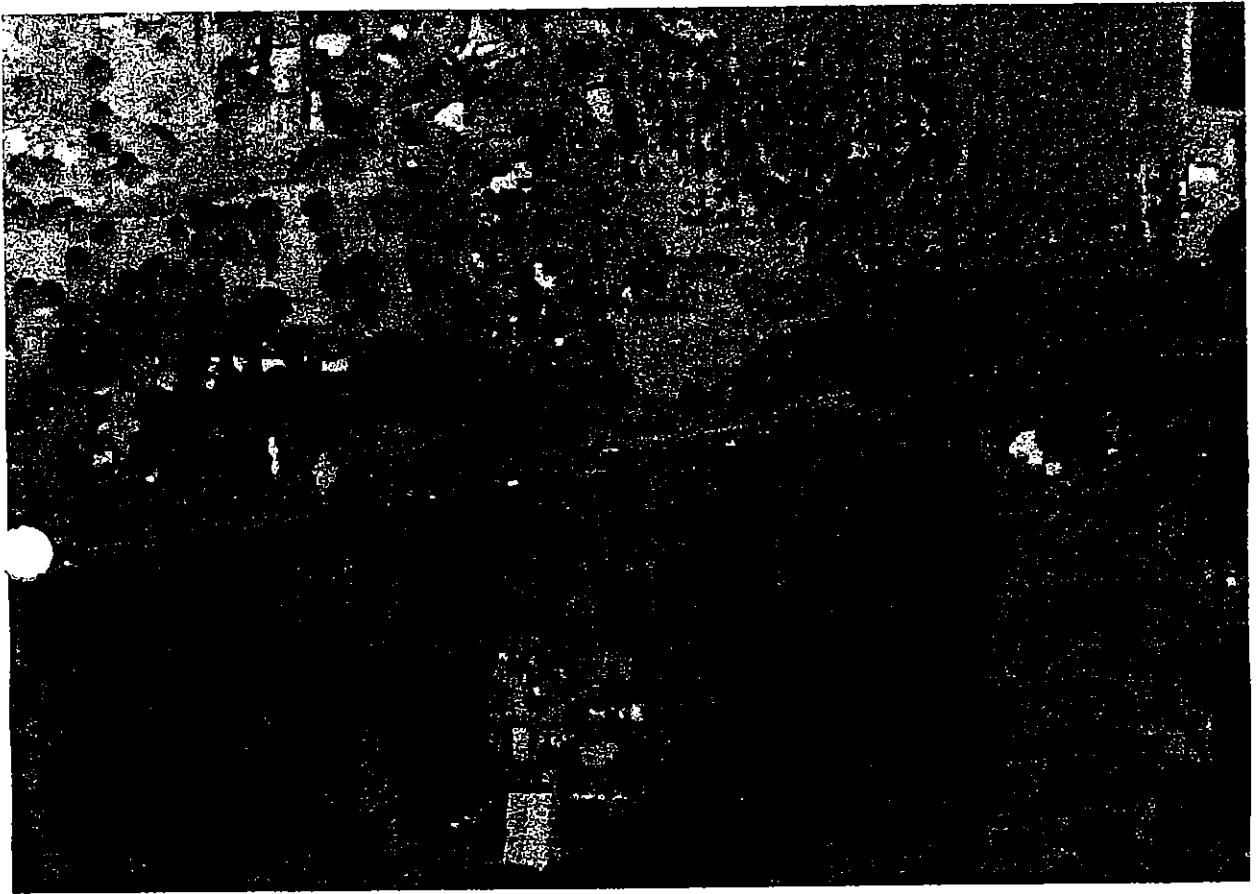
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Capital Project Partnership Application PROJECT DETAILS (PAGE 3 OF 3)

ROAD/STREET NAME		McKenzie Highway, Route 126 at Thurston Road				MILE POST FROM 9.7 TO 9.8										
7. PROJECT TASK ASSIGNMENTS																
ENTER: S - STATE E - EXISTING		CNTY - COUNTY NA - NOT APPLICABLE		C - CONSULTANT U - UNAVAILABLE or UNKNOWN		A - APPLICANT										
CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMM.	NA	STRIPING (PERMANENT)	CN	RR CROSSING		AIRPORT CLEARANCE	N									
PHOTOGRAMMETRY	CN	PROJECT SIGNING	S	RR PROTECTION		LAND USE ACTIONS AND PERMITS	N									
RECONNAISSANCE SURVEY	CN	DETOUR	S	RR SEPARATION		FLOOD PLAIN	N									
PUBLIC HEARING	NA	ILLUMINATION	NA	RR ENCROACHMENT		BUILDING	N									
FIELD SURVEY	CN	STORM SEWER	NA			CORPS OF ENGRS. / DSL REMOVAL / FILL	N									
VICINITY MAP	S	LANDSCAPING IRRIGATION	NA			COAST GUARD	N									
SOILS/GEOTECH INVESTIGATION	NA	SENSITIVE LAND	NA			GEOLOGY AND MINERALS	N									
HYDRAULIC STUDY	NA	LOCAL AGREEMENT	S			AGENCY FACILITY PERMITS	S									
SIGNS (PERMANENT)	S															
						WETLANDS	N									
						BIOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT	N									
						HAZMAT	N									
						HISTORIC RESOURCE	N									
						AIR CONFORMITY STUDY	N									
						DEQ NON-POINT SOURCE WATER	N									
						ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY	N									
						NOISE STUDY	N									
						SECTION 4(F)	N									
8. RIGHT OF WAY																
RIGHT OF WAY LIAISON	S	EASEMENTS (#)	ACCESS CONTROL (Y / N) CURRENT: PROPOSED:		COMPANIES											
ACQUISITIONS		RELOCATIONS														
SIMPLE	COMPLEX	BUSINESS	RESIDENTIAL													
(#)	(#)	(#)	(#)													
9. TYPICAL SECTION (1)																
BKE PATH	SIDE WALK	CURB TYPE	PARKING	SHOULDER / BIKELANE	LANE 3	LANE 2	LANE 1	MEDIAN	LANE 1	LANE 2	LANE 3	SHOULDER / BIKELANE	PARKING	CURB TYPE	SIDE WALK	BKE PATH
10. SUGGESTED BASE DESIGN																
NEW WORK		OVER EXISTING		NEW WORK		OVER EXISTING										
11. ANTICIPATED BRIDGE WORK																
STRUCTURE	LENGTH (M)	WIDTH (M)	COST (\$)	STRUCTURE	LENGTH (M)	WIDTH (M)	COST (\$)									
BRIDGE 1				BRIDGE 4												
BRIDGE 2				BRIDGE 5												
BRIDGE 3				BRIDGE 6												

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IN THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY
STATE OF OREGON

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) PROJECT UNDER THE PAYMENTS TO OTHER AGENCIES
) CATEGORY.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners desires to be able to assist in funding of road improvements under the Capital Project Partnership Program, and

WHEREAS, on December 12, 2001, the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) was awarded \$200,000 under said program for the Highway 126 at Thurston Road Improvement Project by Board Order 01-12-12-11, and

WHEREAS, ODOT requests the withdrawal of the project from the FY03-FY07 Capital Improvement Program as presented in a letter from ODOT District 5 Manager, Donald Ehrich attached to this order as Exhibit A, and

WHEREAS, the Roads Advisory Committee, through action taken at its February 26, 2003 meeting, is recommending the Board grant the request, **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT**

ORDERED, that the FY03-FY07 Capital Improvement Program be amended to reflect the withdrawal of the ODOT Highway 126 at Thurston Road project from the Payments to Other Government Agencies category, **AND BE IT FURTHER**

ORDERED, that the \$200,000 allocated to the project be made available for other projects.

DATED this _____ day of _____ 2003.

Peter Sorenson, Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Date 3-25-03 lane county



OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL

EXHIBIT A



Oregon

Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor

Department of Transportation

District 5

644 'A' Street

Springfield, OR 97477

(541) 726-2552

FAX (541) 726-2509

February 24, 2003

Lane County Public Works
ATTN: CIP Coordinator
3040 North Delta Highway
Eugene, OR 97408-1696

FILE CODE:

RE: Lane County CAPP/Thurston Road @ Route 126 Safety Project

With regret I wish to inform Lane County that we have been unable to program an adequate amount of matching funds to ensure this proposed project at Thurston Road and Route 126 is deliverable. Consequently, you may need to adjust the CIP and we have a suggestion for achieving that with minimal impact to this highly valued County program.

We originally estimated that the left turn refuge at Thurston Road could be completed for \$250,000. Our scoping of the Thurston Road project indicates a need to purchase additional right of way and the possibility that environmental work would be required. I've been informed that those factors inflate the estimated cost of the entire improvement to perhaps \$500,000 or more and we do not have that level of funding available for this project. We had also envisioned the project being completed as part of the Jenkins Drive - Silver Creek preservation project and that does not appear to be possible due to timing issues. Consequently, we can not augment the funds generously offered through CAPP and now programmed in the CIP for the project.

We would suggest that Lane County consider re-allocating some or all of the CAPP funding programmed for the Thurston Road project to the 4th and Harrison Project in Cottage Grove. The Cottage Grove CAPP project has had greatly increased cost estimates due to the expensive nature of work at railroad crossings. However, the most important element of this project is the railroad crossing since it facilitates the re-alignment of the two city streets and the needed pedestrian improvements. We strongly support the 4th and Harrison project locally within ODOT and our \$50,000 match to the CAPP funding is programmed for this fiscal year. Our recommendation would be to re-allocate funding from the Thurston Road CAPP project to the 4th and Harrison project as an interim strategy until the actual expenses for the Cottage Grove project become more clearly identifiable.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this program and your consideration in this matter. We greatly appreciate the willingness of Lane County to consider the needs of the state system integrated with those of our local communities through the CAPP program.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald Ehrich".

Donald Ehrich
District 5 Manager