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The Bel-O-Mar Regional Council is proposing to revise the FY2008 - FY2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Fiscal Year programming is on a July 1 basis with FY2008 beginning July 1, 2007. Projects must be included in the local TIP and the State TIP to be eligible for federal funding. Bel-O-Mar is currently accepting public comments regarding the projects described below.

As requested by the Ohio Department of Transportation, the following projects would be added to or revised in the program for Belmont County.

- Implement a transportation enhancement/scenic byway project on the Ohio University - Eastern Campus involving a roofing project. The total estimated cost is \$161,250, with the project to be programmed in FY2009.
- Revise a two lane resurfacing project to reflect an overall cost reduction. Sections retained include SR147 from milepost 14.38 to 19.99, SR149 from milepost 14.02 to 14.60, and SR149 from milepost 14.73 - 20.78. The total estimated cost is \$1,881,380 with construction programmed for FY2010.
- Add the preliminary engineering phase to the currently programmed major rehabilitation of a section of I70, from milepost 7.61 to 12.61. The engineering phase is estimated to cost \$3,000,000 and would be programmed in FY2009.

As requested by the West Virginia Department of Transportation, the following projects would be added to the program for Marshall County.

- Add the right of way phase to the Woodland Bridge super structure replacement project on WV2. The estimated cost for right of way is \$50,000, with this phase of the project to be programmed in FY2008.
- Correct the slide on WV2 in the Glen Dale Narrows by installing piling. The total estimated cost is \$3,200,000 with construction to be programmed in FY2008.
- Install a concrete wall on WV2 in the Glen Dale Narrows. The estimated cost is \$1,100,000 with construction to be programmed in FY2008.

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As requested by the Ohio Valley Regional Transportation Authority, the following capital projects would be added to the program for FY2009.

- Apply additional funds in the amount of \$62,500 for the purchase of a replacement bus washer.
- Purchase three bus shelters at an estimated cost of \$16,245.
- As a contingency project, should funds be available, undertake concrete repairs at an estimated cost of \$10,000.

A public comment period regarding the proposed Transportation Improvement Program revision extends through June 17, 2008. Interested parties who desire to present their views on this proposed revision should submit written comments to:

Transportation Director
Bel-O-Mar Regional Council
P.O. Box 2086
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PLEASE NOTE that it is Bel-O-Mar's policy to provide an opportunity for public comment before taking formal action to endorse our Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and to endorse any revisions to the Program. We have selected the print medium as the effective means by which to provide opportunities for public comment. Your cooperation in having the information made available to the public is sincerely appreciated. Thank you.

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