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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.

- Preventive maintenance on SR7 from mile post 8.70 to milepost 11.90 would be added to the program in FY2009. The total estimated cost is \$2,144,000, which includes a preventive maintenance project outside of Belmont County.
- A preventive maintenance project on SR26 from milepost 0.00 to mile post 7.25 would be revised to also include SR148 from milepost 0.00 to milepost 12.02. The cost estimate is \$799,000 with construction programmed in FY2009.
- A preventive maintenance project on US40 from milepost 23.57 to 26.43 would be deleted from the program.
- A bridge painting project on SR7, 3.92 miles north of SR872, would be deferred from FY2009 to FY2014, beyond the four year program period.
- A bridge painting project on I470, 0.18 mile west of SR7, would be deferred from FY2009 to FY2014, beyond the four year program period.

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

- Four scenic byway projects, relating to the historic National Road would be added to the program for Ohio County for fiscal year 2008: Workshop for travel WV teachers (\$29,100), research and interpretation (\$44,959), develop website for youth interpreting (\$64,000), and administrative funding (\$31,250).

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- On I70, from the Cabela Drive underpass to the CR39/4 overpass, a project to install cable, median barrier, pave and drainage would be added to the program for Ohio County in FY2008. The estimated cost is \$635,000.
- In Marshall County, a four lane upgrade of WV2, from 3.8 miles north of CR74 to 0.95 mile south of CR 2/8, for a distance of 1.20 miles, would be added to the program for construction in FY2008. The estimated cost is \$10,500,000.

A public comment period regarding the proposed Transportation Improvement Program revision extends through April 29, 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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