SMF Multi-Interface Operation

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- Issues discovered recently with multi-interface testing.
 - SMF works but inefficiently in certain configurations
 - These configurations are not uncommon
 - Solutions may impact multiple drafts
 - SMF
 - SMF-MIB
 - OLSRv2?
 - Solutions proposed would not impact packetbb 2 or NHDP

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ECDS Solution/Issues

• Solution:

- Forwarding election could done on a per interface basis (not node.)
- Interface on which the packet was received needs to be taken into consideration.
- Issue:
 - NHDP does not natively provide one to two hop interface connectivity information required by this modification.
 - NHDP does not provide 2 hop nodal identification.

S-MPR Solution/Issues

• Solution:

 MPR election could specify which one hop neighbor interfaces should forward.

Issue:

 NHDP does not natively provide one to two hop interface connectivity information required to elect interfaces (not nodes) for forwarding.

Way forward?

Continue with current SMF draft

- Plus:

- Draft is experimental
- Algorithms work just inefficient
- Algorithms are optional and more can be developed
- Provides time to develop better multi-interface algorithms

- Minus:

May produce draft which misses some subtle issue

Way forward?

- "Fix" the algorithms in appendix now
 - Plus:
 - Produce "better" draft
 - Minus
 - Complicated
 - Most likely won't get it right on the first try
 - Requires at least 2 more TLV definitions
 - Delayed publish date