

Agenda Item Number 5. Advisory Council Reports

Presenter: George Kloeppel

Action Recommended: None. Information Only

Background:

Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC)

January 10, 2008

The Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC) met on January 10 in the Springfield Library's Conference Room with representation from Lane County, Springfield, Eugene, Coburg, LTD, and ODOT. The MPC:

- Welcomed new County Administrator, Jeff Spartz, and wished outgoing ODOT Regional Manager, Jeff Scheick, well in his new position in Colorado
- Elected Springfield Mayor, Sid Leiken, Chair and Commissioner Bobby Green Vice Chair for 2008; agreed that Kitty Piercy and Anne Ballew would serve as the Central Lane MPO's (CLMPO) representatives to the Oregon Metropolitan Planning Organization Consortium (OMPOC). The MPC deferred its selection of a member to serve as liaison with the Citizen Advisory Committee.
- Heard a report from its Citizen Advisory committee's Vice Chair, Dave Jacobson, regarding the committee's meeting held on December 5. The report described the testing of the eMPO website, the committee's review of the synopsis of the Air Quality Determination, and the committee's annual review of the Public Participation Plan, adopted by the MPC in January 2007. In addition, the committee assisted staff in the review and response to questions raised by the MPC and the Goal 1 Coalition regarding the overall performance of the Citizen Involvement Plan in the context of the previous year's update of the Regional Transportation Plan.
- Considered and ultimately approved by motion a proposal by staff and ODOT Region 2 on necessary reductions in FY 2008-11 "Modernization" funding. Specifically, the reductions included \$3.4 million at the I-5 – Coburg interchange and \$2.5 million in preliminary engineering for modernization improvements Beltline Highway (River Road to Coburg Road). Sonny Chickering, ODOT, noted that these cuts would not slow the work on these projects. The MPC's action was advisory to the Department.

- Approved recommendations for Modernization funding for projects in the MPO area for the FY 2010-13 STIP, including the “backfill” of funding for the two projects recommended for reduction in the FY 2008-11 STIP cycle (above). A third recommendation—the provision of \$3.4 million for the I-5 – Beltline project (Phase II) was adjusted to make the allocation less explicit due to ODOT timing issues.
- Discussed, at ODOT’s request, the metro area’s “Modernization” priorities for the FY 2010-13 STIP cycle (and beyond) for larger funding amounts than were currently identified as available. The MPC asked staff to provide both the STIP prioritization criteria but possible local criteria (from the RTP) and to schedule a special MPC meeting prior to the regular February 14 meeting (probably January 31).
- Received and discussed a follow-up report from Byron Vanderpool on the questions that had been raised regarding the RTP update. In the area of citizen involvement, the staff was asked to obtain a cost estimate on televising (Metro TV) the MPC meetings.
- Heard a report from Sonny Chickering, ODOT Area 5 Manager, including the department’s response to a citizen concern, raised through Commissioner Dwyer; the review and update of the state’s “Public Involvement Policy for Transportation Planning;” the federal “earmarks for Oregon contained in the FY 2008 Omnibus Appropriations Bill; the Road User Fee Report; and the related report from a private consultant on “tolling in Oregon.”
- Reviewed “administrative amendments” to the FY 2008-11 MTIP, approved by the Transportation Planning Committee in December.
- Reviewed the calendar of upcoming MPC agenda topics and agreed to schedule a public hearing on February 14 on the FY 2010-13 STIP “Modernization” priorities.

Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC) Special Meeting

January 29, 2008

The Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC) held a special meeting on January 29 in LCOG’s 4th Floor Large Conference Room with representation from Lane County, Springfield, Eugene, Coburg, LTD, and ODOT. The MPC:

- Received public input from one citizen urging the MPC to ensure bridges in Lane County are safe.
- Provided input to staff on evaluation criteria to be used in developing a prioritized list of regional projects for inclusion in the FY 2010-2015 STIP.

The Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC) met on February 14 in the Eugene Library's Bascom-Tykeson Room with representation from Lane County, Springfield, Eugene, Coburg, LTD and ODOT. Springfield Mayor Sid Leiken was in the Chair. The MPC:

- Heard public comments from three individuals.
- Heard a report from its Citizen Advisory committee regarding the committee's meeting held on January 16. The report described the Committee's attention to the State's Transportation Improvement Program, the MPO's "Citizen Guide to Transportation Planning" and the Central Lane MPO's Public Participation Plan. It was noted that a later agenda item would address the proposed training for the MPC, the CAC and staff related to compliance with Title VI (Civil rights Act) compliance. It was also noted that a presentation/discussion was scheduled later in the agenda for ODOT's draft Public Involvement Policy and Procedures Update.
- Considered, conducted a public hearing, and ultimately approved by motion the metropolitan area's priorities for STIP-eligible modernization projects for potential inclusion in the STIP for FY 2010-15. It was noted that, as a result of the January 29 special meeting of the MPC, MPO-specific prioritization factors were applied in addition to the State's required Construction-STIP (C-STIP) priority factors, and reported within the recommendation. Four C-STIP modernization projects and three Development-STIP (planning for modernization) projects were passed along to the County for inclusion with Lane's non-metro priorities. It was noted that the MPO-specific factors were applied for this process only and would be revisited by the MPC at a later time.
- Approved by motion recommendations from the TPC for a list of "Large Unfunded Projects" for the FY 2010-15 STIP period. Included were six projects.
- Heard a presentation on and discussed a draft ODOT Public Involvement Policy and Procedure Update.
- Briefly discussed and deferred to a later meeting final consideration of televising MPC meetings. Questions were raised about how the cost of such a strategy would be met and it was noted that, at the MPC's discretion, MPO citizen involvement funds could be used for televising those portions of the MPC's meetings dealing with the MPO function.
- Regarding a draft ODOT Policy on Project Earmark Requests, the MPC requested staff to solicit the participation of the Director of the Department of Transportation for a more extensive presentation and discussion at a near-term meeting.
- Regarding a proposed training on Title VI (environmental justice), heard a staff report that two 2-hour trainings were being planned for March 5. The trainers are expected to be Ginny Tsu, FHWA, and Janet Sharp, ODOT.

- Requested that a report be brought back to the MPC in March regarding the progress by local and state staff in crafting a work program for the required update of local transportation system plans (TransPlan).
- Heard a report from ODOT Area Manager Sonny Chickering on behalf of Department Director Matthew Garrett on the OTC's two meetings over the past month, and the likely timelines for the Department's disposition of real properties formerly needed for the West Eugene Parkway.
- Reviewed the calendar of upcoming MPC agenda topics

Lane Economic Committee (LEC)

January 28, 2008

The LEC met on January 28th to discuss obstacles to economic development in Lane county.

Senior Services Advisory Council

December 11, 2007

- Standing Committee reports of the Advocacy Committee, Long Term Care Committee, and the Procurement and Monitoring Committee were reviewed.
- S&DS Highlights of Program Year 2006-07 was distributed and reviewed with Council members.
- Information pertinent to the needs of seniors and people with disabilities residing in Lane County was distributed, including handouts regarding the 2009 transition to digital television, the St. Vincent de Paul Heather Glen Housing Project in Veneta, and a draft bill addressing planning efforts towards the future of long term care.

Disability Services Advisory Council

January 18, 2008

- Standing Committee reports of the Advocacy Committee and Long Term Care Committee were received.
- The Oregon Healthcare Survey and the Oregon Health Plan survey were reviewed. Each Council member was encouraged to respond to these state-sponsored surveys.
- A report on the status of a Department of Human Services Committee addressing maximum service payments for in-home care was received.