

# Agenda Item Number 5.

## Advisory Council Reports

**Presenter:** George Kloeppel

**Action Recommended:** None. Information Only

**Background:**

*Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC)*

January 8, 2009

The Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC) met on January 8 in Springfield City Hall with representation from Lane County, Springfield, Eugene, Coburg, LTD, and ODOT. The MPC:

- Elected Lane County Commissioner Pete Sorenson Chair and Eugene Councilor Alan Zelenka Vice Chair.
- Approved the minutes of its November 13, 2008 meeting.

**Acting in its Metropolitan Planning Organization role, the MPC:**

- Heard a report from David Jacobson, vice chair of the MPO Citizen Advisory Committee, regarding the work of the Committee its meeting of November 19. The MPO CAC had had a presentation by Cress Bates, Lane County Public Works, on the regional geographic information system. It was noted that additional topics considered were the Surface Transportation Program-Urban (STP-U) funding program and the MPO's prioritization of projects for the use of these funds, and the Committee's membership.
- Appointed John Woodrow, Springfield Councilor, to represent the Central Lane MPO on the Oregon Freight Advisory Committee; appointed Eugene Mayor Kitty Piercy to represent the CLMPO on the Oregon Metropolitan Planning Organization Consortium; and appointed Sonny Chickering, ODOT, to the MPC liaison position with the Citizens Advisory Committee.

- Heard a report from Representative Terry Beyer, Chair of the House Transportation Committee. MPC members interacted with Rep. Beyer in a far-reaching question-and-answer session dealing with the Governor's proposed transportation package and other State transportation funding issues. The need for and importance of transit funding was particularly emphasized.
- Heard a report presented by Mike Eyster and Stefano Viggiano of LTD on the district's budget circumstance and necessary service reductions. It was noted that the costs of fuel and of operating the mandated demand-responsive elderly and handicapped service was increasing and that payroll tax revenues were declining. A discussion of funding and advocacy options followed.
- Received, modified and approved a proposed Oregon Metropolitan Planning Organization Consortium (OMPOC) legislative priorities statement. It was understood that Mayor Piercy would convey the position of the CLMPO to the Consortium at its meeting of January 30.
- Authorized the Chair to sign a letter of endorsement, addressed to ODOT, supporting the Beltline/Delta Highway Intelligent Transportation System appropriation earmark request—FY 2010.
- Received a report from the Transportation Planning Committee outlining fifteen administrative amendments approved by the TPC at meetings of November 20 and December 18, 2008.
- Reviewed the calendar of upcoming meetings.

**Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC)**

February 12, 2009

The Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC) met on February 12 in the Eugene Library with representation from Lane County, Springfield, Eugene, Coburg, LTD, and ODOT. The MPC:

- Approved the minutes of its January 8, 2009 meeting.

## **Acting in its Metropolitan Planning Organization role, the MPC:**

- Heard a report from David Jacobson, chair of the MPO Citizen Advisory Committee. He reviewed the written report of the CAC's January 21 meeting. The main agenda items at that meeting were the annual review of the Public Participation Plan, which led to a commitment to improve the evaluation table; and a report from LTD on service and funding issues. Jacobson noted that he had been elected chair to succeed retiring chair Webb Sussman, who had served on the CAC since 2004. Mayor Piercy, outgoing MPC liaison to the CAC, presented Sussman with a certificate of appreciation, congratulated Jacobson and welcomed four new members to the Committee. Sonny Chickering, ODOT Area Manager for Lane County, was welcomed as the new MPC liaison.
- Held a public hearing (one person providing comment) on the MPO's proposed funding under the federal economic stimulus legislation. Projects identified that meet the short timelines were reviewed. The initial listing of preservation projects totaled \$5.8 million. A revised list, totaling \$9.1 million was also reviewed. Staff assured the MPC that, by the time an MTIP amendment was proposed for adoption in March, the list would be structured to address the funds available. Committee members asked for information regarding the number of jobs likely to be created/saved, the duration of the projects, the public vs. private sector nature of the expenditures, prevailing wage information and diversity information. Also requested was an analysis of the issue of fairness between and among jurisdictions within the MPO. Additional information was requested on a \$500,000 item in the larger list that would fund a "regional land use model."
- Authorized the Chair to sign a letter of endorsement to ODOT regarding the I-5/Beltline funding request (earmark) from the federal authorization.
- Heard a presentation and request from Lane Transit District for an allocation to LTD of \$1 million in each of the next two years from the region's Surface Transportation Program-Urban (STP-U) allocation. It was noted that such an allocation would allow LTD to supplant local funds that would be applied to capital needs and, thus, free those funds for operational costs.

- Heard a presentation from LTD on the district’s progress and timeline for the planning and development of the West Eugene EMX Extension. Tom Schwetz, LTD, reviewed the process and identified the route alternatives.
- Heard reports from Greg Evans, Kitty Piercy and staff regarding the January 30 meeting in Salem of the Oregon Metropolitan Planning Organization Consortium (OMPOC), and from John Woodrow and staff regarding the meeting of the Oregon Freight Advisory Committee.
- Requested staff to provide exposition of more alternatives in presentations/recommendations to the MPC; provided direction to staff to consider facilitating a “transportation summit”—perhaps in conjunction with a Joint Elected Officials (JEO) meeting; requested staff to provide invitations to the March MPC meeting to Veneta and interested parties in west Eugene regarding the scheduled West Eugene Collaborative report.

**Senior Services Advisory Council**

February 10, 2009

At that meeting the following occurred:

- The Procurement and Monitoring Committee informed the Council they would like to send a letter of appreciation be sent to all sub-contractors who use the skills and time of volunteers to provide service to our clients. The Senior Services Advisory Council supported this request and recommended the Procurement and Monitoring Committee bring a draft letter to the next meeting for review.
- At the Council’s request, a draft letter to LTD was reviewed. The letter encouraged Lane Transit District to prioritize the needs of the most vulnerable (including seniors and people with disabilities) as they make decisions about service delivery cuts. The Council had previously approved a motion to communicate with LTD on this topic. Members were comfortable with the wording of the letter and supported moving forward, with the intent it be mailed under the SSAC Chair’s name.
- The Council reviewed an update of issues related to budget cuts for seniors and people with disabilities. Members received several handouts with summary points and had a lengthy discussion on the impact of service reductions. Council members were informed of a Legislative Forum

sponsored by the Advocacy Committee to be held on Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 p.m. at the Campbell Senior Center.

- Standing Committee reports were shared.

**Disability Services Advisory Council**

January 9, 2009

At that meeting the following occurred:

- The Disability Services Advisory Council received a presentation on the impact of the Governor's Proposed Budget on services to seniors and people with disabilities. A summary describing the proposed cuts to programs and benefits was reviewed. Additionally, a discussion on the status of funding for the Oregon Project Independence program occurred.
- Council members received the "Highlights of Program Year 2007-08" for Senior & Disabled Services, which is a summary of the services provided in the past fiscal year.
- Reports of the work of each Standing Committee were shared.

**Lane Economic Committee**

January 12, 2009

- Discussed the economic development project list.