

Agenda Item Number 5. Advisory Council Reports

Presenter: George Kloeppel

Action Recommended: None. Information Only

Background:

Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC)

December 3, 2009

The Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC) held a special meeting on December 3, in the Buford Room of the Lane Council of Governments in Eugene with representation from Lane County, Springfield, Eugene, Coburg, LTD, and ODOT. This meeting was called to order at 11:30 by Lane County Commissioner Pete Sorenson, Chair. The MPC:

Considered the work of the statewide MPO Greenhouse Gas Task Force, scheduled to hold its fourth and final meeting the following day. The Central Lane MPO's representative to the Task Force, Councilor Alan Zelenka, provided background on the work of the TF and sought input on the portion of the draft TF report that asserted Recommendations and Legislative Concepts. Councilor Zelenka highlighted the eight recommended elements of the section headed "MPO Process for Adoption and Implementation of Plans for Reducing GHG." Input provided through the Committee's discussion touched upon the following:

- Proposed requirements to be imposed by legislative action on MPOs and local governments require the provision of corresponding funding.
- The TF and the Legislature need to clarify the State's role and authority for imposing requirements upon federally-mandated metropolitan planning organizations.
- The TF needs to recognize the Title VI and "environmental justice" implications of strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

- The TF should carefully craft the “tone” of its recommendations to the Legislature—specifically with regard to the use of “shall” or “should” language.
- The proposed phased implementation of recommended scenarios should acknowledge that there are short- and long-term strategies, and that the longer term steps need to be taken at the outset, even though “payoffs” and results might be years in coming.

Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC)

December 10, 2009

The Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC) met on December 10, at the Eugene Public Library with representation from Lane County, Springfield, Eugene, Coburg, LTD, and ODOT. The meeting was chaired by Lane County Commissioner Pete Sorenson:

- Approved minutes from its November 12 meeting.
- Heard public comments from Jim Wilcox of the bicycle coalition regarding the importance of early planning for non-motorized modes of transportation.
- Heard a report from Citizens Advisory Committee Chair Dave Jacobson regarding the CAC’s November meeting. The CAC had nominated Jacobson for another term as Chair and Sarah Strand for Vice Chair. Jacobson reported on the CAC’s recruitment efforts and on its review and recommendations regarding greenhouse gas planning and the proposed “framework” for the development of the STIP-U project priorities for the years 2011-1013.
- Reviewed the short- and long-term calendars of work for the MPC. Two recommendations for 2010 were offered: a presentation by public health on the relationship of transportation planning to healthy living, and a discussion of the relationship between the local and regional Transportation System Plans and the Regional Transportation Plan.
- Were shown a PowerPoint presentation by Mac Lynde (ODOT) on the State’s renewed effort toward the development of a 2010-1013 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). A draft was made available for comment in November. The presentation included the Legislature’s “earmarks” for projects

under HB 2001 (2009 Session) and the Connect Oregon III program. Because of reduced revenues, the STIP capacity will be significantly reduced in 2010-13.

- Approved an adjustment to the funding strategy for acquiring the previously approved Regional Transportation-Land Use Modeling System and paving project (MTIP key 13424) at Pioneer Parkway and Harlow/Hayden Bridge Road—moving \$500,000 in ARRA funding to the latter and using STP funding for the former. Approval was by motion (Piercy/Eyster).
- Were shown a PowerPoint presentation by Tom Schwetz (LTD) on the district's work toward the construction of a West Eugene EmX Extension. LTD was seeking MPC representation on a Joint LPA Committee and, given other representatives already named to the Committee, recommended MPC members from Lane County (2) and ODOT (1). Commissioner Handy and ODOT representative David Warren indicated a willingness to participate.
- Discussed with Andrea Riner (LCOG) and Rob Zako (consultant to Lane County) the progress toward the formation of a Lane ACT, as required by SB 944. A question of what level of involvement the MPC desired in the task force being formed to guide the proposal toward the County Commissioners was asked. Without motion, support was indicated for an independent representative of the MPC (staff) and a representative from the Citizens Advisory Committee.
- Heard a report from its subcommittee on the 2011-2013 STIP-U “Framework” that will guide the MPC's funding decisions. The subcommittee, as well as the CAC, had recommended supporting an annual contribution to LTD of \$500,000 for three years to maintain existing service levels, maintaining the existing Framework structure at 10 percent TDM, 25 percent planning, and 65 percent project development, preservation and modernization (including transit funding). By consensus, the MPC authorized opening the public comment period on this proposal, with the understanding that final approval would be sought at the MPC's January meeting. It was suggested that staff develop and report to the MPC on metrics that could be applied to the several goals (e.g. VMT reduction, safety, congestion reduction, etc.) set forth by the subcommittee.

- Heard a report from Councilor Alan Zelenka, the MPC’s representative to the State MPO Greenhouse Gas Emissions Task Force. Zelenka reported on the Task Force meeting of December 4 and the response to the MPCs recommendations of the previous day. Zelenka indicated that the recommendations related to “tone” of the report (“should” vs. “shall”), the identification of short-term actions to be accomplished, and financial support from the TGM program for a “test drive” of the Task Force Report’s proposals had been well received and changes made in the draft. No action had been taken by the Task Force regarding the MPC’s recommendation on “Equity” or Title VI issues. Zelenka agreed to provide a draft of the Task Force Report to members of the MPC for review.
- Directed the Transportation Planning Committee (TPC) to adjust the MTIP to accommodate a transfer of \$200,000 from the non-metro ARRA program (Clear Lake Road and Marcola Road paving whose bids came in below estimate) to the metro ARRA program (River Road Area, 23rd Street and Coburg Area Overlays). This action allowed the previously assigned Lane County local funds to be utilized for other road projects within the county. The action was approved by motion (Eyster/Wylie).
- Heard a report from David Warren (ODOT) on the Connect Oregon III applications received—two from the Central Lane area. Disposition of the applications will be finalized by the OTC in August 2010.
- Reviewed a staff report of two MTIP amendments approved during the past month.

Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC)

January 14, 2010

The Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC) met on January 14, in the Eugene Public Library with representation from Lane County, Springfield, Eugene, Coburg, LTD, and ODOT. The meeting was called to order by MPC Chair, Commissioner Pete Sorenson. The MPC:

- Approved, with one correction, minutes from its December 3 and December 10 meetings.
- Approved a letter in support of for the Willamette River Bridge Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) project to the congressional delegation.

- Determined not to send a recommended letter to House Transportation Committee Chair, Rep. Terry Beyer, regarding the I-5/Beltline Highway project and its alternative financing plan—decided to craft for approval in February a more extensive communication to the Oregon Transportation Commission.
- Appointed the LCOG Executive Director or designee to represent the MPO on the Lane County forum for an ACT in the county.
- Appointed Commissioner Handy and an ODOT MPC member to represent the MPO on the Joint Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) Committee for the West Eugene EmX Extension project.
- Approved a request from the City of Springfield for the MPO Citizens Advisory Committee to select a representative and alternate to serve on the Springfield TSP Stakeholder Advisory Committee.
- Heard a report from MPO-CAC Chair Dave Jacobson on CAC’s December 16 meeting at which Jacobson was re-elected Chair and Sarah Strand was elected Vice Chair. In addition, Jacobson reported that the CAC had finalized recommendations for appointment of new members (addressed by the MPC later in the meeting), heard a report on the MPO Greenhouse Gas Task Force, and discussed the STP-U framework (addressed by the MPC later in the meeting).
- Heard a report and discussed with staff the 3-month and 12-month calendars of anticipated activities for the MPC.
- Considered the recommendation of the CAC regarding appointments to the Citizens Advisory Committee: Appointed Paul A. Adkins, Phillip Carroll, Rosalie Marquez, and Jennifer Smith to the Committee; re-appointed Dave Jacobson and Phillip Farrington to three-year terms; , and re-opened the recruitment period for an indefinite period to ensure adequate geographic and interest area representation.
- Heard a report from staff and discussed the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) work plan. The MPC discussion particularly emphasized the need for clarity around “what we are trying to accomplish” in the long term and the importance of stating that vision in a way that a “fifth grader could understand it”. The

MPC requested that the CEOs of the three large jurisdictions consider the regional vision and report back with recommendations about what could most profitably be addressed jointly—at a regional level.

- Considered Surface Transportation Program –Urban (STP-U) “framework,” recommended by a four-member MPC subcommittee and the Citizens Advisory Committee. The MPC was asked to approve the framework and initiate the process of soliciting projects for programming of STP-U funds. The MPC expressed support for the recommended percentage targets and for the recommended allocation of \$500,000 per year for three years to LTD for system operations. However, a view was expressed that criteria and metrics for the measurement and valuation of proposals was missing. Also expressed was a desire for LTD to state the use and effect in measurable terms of the proposed allocation for transit operations. A vote to approve the recommended framework failed. Staff was asked to return to the MPC in February with more detail on the criteria and measurement of value of proposed projects.
- Heard an update from ODOT on urban area activities.
- Received a staff report on two administrative amendments to the MTIP approved by the TPC in December—a Special Transportation Eligibility Determination Pilot project for LTD with \$50,000 funding from ODOT, and an adjustment of ARRA funding for paving (preservation) work on 11th Avenue and 13th Avenue in Eugene.

Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC)

February 11, 2010

The Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC) met on February 11, in the Springfield Library Meeting Room with representation from Lane County, Springfield, Eugene, Coburg, LTD, and ODOT. The meeting was called to order by MPC Chair, Eugene City Councilor Alan Zelenka. The MPC:

- Approved, the minutes from its January 14 meeting.
- Heard a report from Citizens Advisory Committee Chair Dave Jacobson on the CAC’s January 21 meeting, in which new members of the Committee were oriented and welcomed; the work of the LC-FACT, pursuing the development of a Lane Area Commission on Transportation, was reviewed; Springfield’s TSP development was reviewed and Dave Jacobson and Diana Alldredge were

named to represent the CAC on the City's TSP Stakeholder Committee; an overview was provided on greenhouse gas planning; information was provided on the MPO's development of a "framework" for the 2011-2013 STP-U allocations; and the annual MTIP report was reviewed.

- Approved by motion the recommended FFY 2011-13 STP-U Framework, Matrices and project application form, as recommended by a subcommittee created for the purpose.
- Approved by motion the issuance of a letter from the MPC Chair to the Oregon Transportation Commission requesting clarifications (or modifications) to HB 2001 (2009 Session), specifically addressing project delivery expectations, an alternative funding structure (if federal earmarks are not available and/or a shortfall in gas tax receipts is experienced); the need for additional flexibility; and the need for cooperation to allow local government to work with the State to meet regional transportation needs. A request was added, approved by consensus, to copy the letter to members of the Lane County delegation to the Legislature.
- Conducted a public hearing on three proposed amendments to the FFY 2008-11 MTIP—Middle Fork Willamette R. Loop Path, Willamalane Park and Recreation District, \$70,000; Point2Point Solutions' Regional Transportation Options Plan, \$20,000; and Eugene's transportation planning program, \$150,000. Approved the first amendment for the Willamalane Path and held the other two recommendations for further input and action at the March MPC meeting.
- Heard a presentation by Savannah Crawford, ODOT, on the proposed revisions to the State TIP Criteria. After reviewing the new criteria, it was suggested that the State also consider the four priorities just approved for use in the Central Lane MPO's STIP-U Framework—preservation of assets, enhancing transit, improving safety and reducing GHG emissions.
- Heard a report from Andrea Riner, LCOG, and MPC Chair Alan Zelenka regarding the proposed legislation (SB 1059) dealing with the report of the MPOs' Greenhouse Gas Emissions Task Force (Zelenka representing Central Lane MPO). Proposed amendments have been offered—copies distributed.

- Heard a report from Mark Pangborn, LTD General Manager, regarding federal transit policy changes for “New Starts,” fixed guideway transit facilities. The new methodology for evaluating projects seeking federal capital assistance will work to the advantage of streetcar proposals. Pangborn noted that the FTA will now give weight to such factors as land use support, economic development environmental impact and livability. He noted that, in practice, the evaluation and rating of project proposals using such criteria will be difficult, as compared to the former, more objective, process. Pangborn anticipated significant competition for funding, with many more projects eligible nationally.
- Heard a brief presentation by Andrea Riner on the Central Lane MPO’s Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) annual report.
- Reviewed the calendars for the next 3-month and 12-month periods; received oral updates from ODOT and Mayor Piercy, as the new Chair of the Oregon Consortium of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (OMPOC); heard from Bryon Vanderpool, LCOG, that the SEL was continuing to work toward a simpler, more easily-understood policy set for the next Regional Transportation Plan (RTP); reviewed the report of eight administrative amendments to the MTIP by the TPC in January; heard from Byron Vanderpool that, when a federal “jobs bill” (ARRA2) is passed and signed, the timelines for allocating transportation funding will likely be shorter than they were for ARRA, and that jurisdictions needed to be setting up those projects that could go under contract within 90 days of funding notice.

Public Safety Coordinating Council (PSCC)

January 21, 2010

- Chair Faye Stewart presented the Board of County Commissioners’ request for PSCC input on the Board’s consideration of restructuring the PSCC to add five additional lay citizen members. Commissioner Stewart stated this is in line with the guidelines in the Good Governance Document adopted by the Board early in 2009. The topic, including the history on the makeup of the PSCC, was discussed by the body. They voted to amend the bylaws to add the new lay citizen positions to the membership.
- Tim Laue, Chair, Adult Community Safety Committee, presented the Committee’s revised evaluation components for the Lane County Community Corrections Plan. He explained the Committee was recommending revised program objectives and methods of evaluation for the 2009-11 Community Corrections Plan to measure Lane County’s progress in

achieving the four goals included in the Oregon Department of Corrections Intergovernmental Agreement with Lane County:

1. Reduce Criminal Behavior
2. Enforce Court, Board of Parole and Post-Prison Supervision, and Local Supervisory Authority Orders
3. Assist Offenders to Change
4. Provide Reparation to Victims

LCOG Staff are preparing the data collection plan and gathering the data from Community Corrections funded programs. The Committee will reconvene in March to examine baseline data.

- Lisa Smith, Director, Lane County Department of Youth Services, presented the 2010-2012 Juvenile Crime Prevention Plan Update. The Plan identifies gaps in services to youth in the community. It establishes addressing disproportionate minority youth contact with the juvenile justice system as a community priority issue over this biennium. It also identifies priority programs to be funded in the categories of Juvenile Crime Prevention, Basic Services, and Diversion Services with Oregon Juvenile Crime Prevention funds.
- Ron Chase, Executive Director of Sponsors, Inc. and Chair of the Reentry Center Task Force, reported for the Task Force. Lane County is one of three counties being awarded pilot Reentry Service Center grants from the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission. Lane County will receive \$406,214 to better assist prisoners reentering Lane County from State and Federal corrections facilities in transitioning back into the community. Target outcomes are to: reduce the number of released offenders who are committing new crimes; reduce the number of released offenders who use drugs; increase the number of released offenders who are gainfully employed; increase the number of released offenders who are in self-sufficient and stable living situations; and ensure that released offenders continue to have appropriate care for mental health and substance abuse problems. The new center will be operated by Sponsors and will open in their new facility being constructed at Oregon Route 99 and Roosevelt Boulevard in Eugene.
- Tim Laue, Chair, Public Information Task Force, distributed the PSCC 2010 Report Card and Data Book on the Criminal Justice System in Lane County. Copies have been distributed through the Eugene Chamber of Commerce monthly mailing, the Springfield Chamber of Commerce monthly emailing, to the LCOG Board through your packet, and at various County locations. Hard copies of the Data Book, the Adult Report Card, and the Juvenile Report Card are available on request through LCOG and are available

electronically on the LCOG internet website at www.lcog.org/safety.cfm. Follow the link to Community Safety Data Publications.

- The next meeting of the Public Safety Coordinating Council is March 18, 3:00-5:00 p.m., John Serbu Youth Campus, Lane County Juvenile Justice Center, Carmichael Training Room. It is an open public meeting.

Senior Services Advisory Council

February 9, 2010

- At the recommendation of the Planning and Budget Committee, the Council reviewed and approved the 2010-11 Area Plan Update for services to seniors and people with disabilities in Lane County.
- The Council reviewed the Oregon Project Independence Budget Note Report prepared by the Department of Human Services, Seniors & People with Disabilities and presented to the State Legislative Committee on Human Services. Council members expressed some concern regarding some of the proposed changes to the Oregon Project Independence Program and proposed having the Advocacy Committee further review the recommendations.
- Standing Committee reports were shared.

Disability Services Advisory Council

January 8, 2010

- The Disability Services Advisory Council received information published by the State of Oregon Legislative Fiscal Office and the Department of Human Services regarding the impact of proposed service reductions if sufficient funding is not available.
- Council members received the “Highlights of Program Year 2008-09” for Senior & Disabled Services, which is a summary of the services provided in the past fiscal year.
- The issue of long-term health impacts due to the recent reduction in dental coverage through the Oregon Health Plan was brought to the Council’s attention. The matter was referred to the Advocacy Committee for further evaluation and response.
- Reports of the work of each Standing Committee were shared.

Lane Economic Committee

January 25, 2010

- Discussed the Regional Prosperity Summit

