

Agenda Item Number 5.

Advisory Council Reports

Presenter: George Kloeppel

Action Recommended: None. Information Only

Background:

Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC)

January 13, 2011

The Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC) met on January 13, in the Eugene Library with representation from Lane County, Springfield, Eugene, Coburg, LTD, and ODOT. This meeting was called to order at 1:00 P.M. by Eugene Councilor Alan Zelenka, Chair. The MPC:

- Approved the minutes of its November 4 and December 9 meetings.
- Heard comments from one member of the public, Mark Rabinowitz
- Elected Hillary Wylie to the position of MPC Chair and Sid Leiken to the position of Vice Chair; named Kitty Piercy to represent the MPC on OMPOC, Sonny Chickering and Sid Leiken to participate on behalf of the MPC on the Local Preferred Alternative (West Eugene EmX Extension) Committee; and reappointed Sonny Chickering as the MPC's liaison to the Citizen Advisory Committee.
- Heard a report from Dave Jacobson, outgoing Chair of the CAC. Reporting on the CAC's December meeting, Jacobson noted that the committee had spent considerable time with Mark Pangborn and John Evans of LTD regarding the proposed EmX Extension in West Eugene. The CAC had recommended the West 11th West 13th route with mitigation for the consideration of the MPC, and had urged that the 6th/7th route was also valuable to the system's ultimate build-out. The CAC had also elected Sarah Strand and Edward Winter to serve as Co-Chairs in 2011. The CAC had also considered the Regional Transportation Options Plan and recommended that additional funds be allocated to RTOP from STP-U money.
- Approved the designation of the LCOG Executive Director as the MPO representative to the Lane ACT with Transportation Planning Manager Andrea Riner as alternate representative.

- Approved a housekeeping adjustment to the previously approved FY 10-13 Air Quality Conformity Determination.
- By resolution, approved an additional \$74,000 for FY 2010-11 and a like amount for FY 2011-12 (\$148,000 total) to fund work (LCOG and point2point Solutions) on the Regional Transportation Options Plan (RTOP).
- Held a public hearing (testimony by one citizen) on the recommendation to fund local and regional Transportation Systems Management Plans, rather than the Household Travel Behavior Survey that was funded by ODOT, with STP-U resources. Action on this recommendation is scheduled for February.
- Approved a letter of support, to be signed by the Chair, expressing the MPO's support for the City of Eugene's Safe Routes to School funding application that would fund improvements to barriers in three school areas: Prairie Mountain, Malabon and Meadowview.
- Heard a presentation and engaged in a discussion with representatives of LTD regarding the proposed EmX Extension in West Eugene; heard the analysis regarding the alternative routing and the process leading to a Locally Preferred Alternative determination by the MPC.
- Heard a report on the staff analysis and summaries for existing Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) projects that had been called out for special assessment by the MPC—a step toward the development of a new RTP.
- Received a status report on the Regional Transportation Planning Work Plan, approved by the Land Conservation and Development Commission in 2008
- Received the Central Lane MPO MTIP report on “obligated projects” at the end of FFY 2010; learned that during the year \$88.46 million had been obligated within the MPO—43.9 percent for roadway modernization, 34.2 percent for roadway preservation, safety and operations, 17 percent for transit, 4.6 percent for bicycle, pedestrian and rail, and 0.9 percent for planning.
- Reviewed the planning calendars for 3-month, 12-month and 4-year time periods.
- Heard a report from ODOT that the first meeting of the recently chartered Lane Area Commission on Transportation would be held on February 9.
- Received without objection one administrative amendment to the MTIP, approved on December 16 by the Transportation Planning Committee—Eugene: Amazon and Willamette Pathway Connections.

The Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC) met on February 10, in the Eugene Library with representation from Lane County, Springfield, Eugene, Coburg, LTD, and ODOT. This meeting was called to order at 1:00 P.M. by Eugene Councilor Alan Zelenka, Chair. The MPC:

- Approved the minutes of its January 13 meeting.
- Heard a report from Sarah Strand, co-chair of the CAC, on the Committee's January 20 meeting. The CAC: had been briefed by staff on the Title VI review (audit) of the MPO, conducted in July; heard a presentation by staff on the new MPO website; and discussed the current coordinated regional transportation projects.
- Approved by resolution the allocation of \$225,000 in STP-U funding for the support of the preparation of local and regional Transportation System Plans (TSPs). These funds were originally programmed for the Central Lane Household Survey, which was funded in stead by ODOT.
- Heard a presentation by DLCD staff and the LCDC Chair on the agency's rulemaking re. green house gas reduction targets, and reviewed the schedule of associated activities leading to adoption in May.
- Discussed with Lane Transit District (LTD) staff the anticipated process leading to the selection of a Locally Preferred Alternative route (under a "build" option) for a West Eugene EmX Extension. The MPC is expected to be asked to decide at its March 10 meeting.
- Heard a report from staff and from OMPOC Chair, Kitty Piercy, about the Consortium's legislative priorities. Questions were asked and answered and general, but not unanimous, support was expressed for the draft Priorities. Commissioner Bozievich indicated that he was not prepared to support the proposed positions under the Oregon Sustainable Transportation Initiative section of the draft Priorities.
- Briefly reviewed the calendar for upcoming MPC tasks.
- Received a letter from ODOT's Savannah Crawford in response to a question asked at the January meeting about "local match" for transportation improvement projects.
- Received a memorandum from ODOT's Interim Region 2 Manager, Eryca McCartin regarding the present status of 2012-15 STIP and HB 2001 funding.
- Reviewed six "administrative amendments" to the MTIP, approved by the Transportation Planning Committee on January 27. Councilor Zelenka asked about the definition that allowed "new projects" to be included as administrative amendments. After some discussion, there was agreement that the MTIP provision (p. 11) that provided the guidance on such amendments should be revisited.

Senior Services Advisory Council (SSAC)

February 8, 2011

LCOG's Senior Services Advisory Council met on February 8, 2011. At that meeting the following occurred:

- A report on the performance of Older Americans Act contractors was provided. All current contractors are meeting their contractual obligations and performing well.
- The S&DS Annual Report was presented and reviewed. Comments were received from Advisory Council members.
- State budget issues and the work of the Health System Transformation Team was presented. Council members had an extended discussion regarding their concerns and interests in the work of the Health System Transformation Team and how it will impact services to seniors and people with disabilities.
- Standing Committee reports were shared.

Disability Services Advisor Council (DSAC)

January 14, 2011

LCOG's Disability Services Advisory Council met on January 14, 2011. At that meeting the following occurred:

- A presentation by Sheila Thomas, Director of Lane Independent Living Alliance, was given. Sheila described the many services provided through the organization that are of benefit to people with disabilities such as the Blue Path certification for businesses which entails an accessibility review and certification, career mapping and assistance for people with disabilities, the Peer Support club, and ADA technical assistance.
- The S&DS Annual Report was presented and reviewed. Comments were received from Advisory Council members.
- Report on the work of the Aging and Disability Resource Connection was submitted.
- Standing Committee reports were shared.

Lane Area Commission on Transportation (LaneACT)

February 9, 2011

The Lane Area Commission on Transportation (LaneACT) had its inaugural meeting on February 9, in the ODOT Area 5 Offices in Springfield, with representation from Lane County, the Cities of Coburg, Cottage Grove, Creswell, Eugene, Florence, Junction City, Lowell, Oakridge, Springfield, Veneta; Port of Siuslaw; Lane Transit District; Confederated Tribes; ODOT; Central Lane MPO; Lane County Roads Advisory Committee; MPO Citizen Advisory Committee; and a representative of Highway 126 East. A total of 19 of the 21 members! The LaneACT:

- Was welcomed by ODOT Director Matt Garrett, who thanked the group for forming an ACT and expressed his enthusiasm for forming a long term working relationship between ODOT and our local agencies.
- Agreed upon a set of meeting ground rules.

- Received a high level overview of the LaneACT bylaws by ODOT Area 5 Planner Savannah Crawford.
- Elected Creswell Mayor Bob Hooker as Chair, and Eugene Mayor Kitty Piercy as Vice Chair.
- Chair Hooker then opened the public comment section of the meeting, and the members received comments from two members of the public; one advocating for prudent transportation investments being made, particularly in support of bicycles; and a second advocating for more investments in support of freight and the trucking industry.
- Established a Steering Committee consisting of Chair Hooker, Vice Chair Piercy, ODOT Area 5 Manager Sonny Chickering, Springfield Councilor Hillary Wylie, Lane County Commissioner Jay Bozievich, and MPO/CAC Representative Dave Jacobson.
- Authorized a Stakeholder Recruitment Process to select up to 10 citizen representatives. These stakeholders will be selected and seated over a 5 month period.
- Established the LaneACT's regular meeting date and time as the second Wednesday of each month, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- Reviewed their upcoming calendar for the next 11 months.
- Engaged in the "lightning round" in which each participant had one minute to list their most important transportation issues and projects. These issues will form the core of the LaneACT's workplan.

Lane County Public Safety Coordinating Council

December 2, 2010

- Doug Mitchell, Drug Court Judge, and Sheyne Benedict, Drug Court Coordinator, presented information on the history of the Lane County Drug Court (LCDC) and the new \$1,150,370 3-year Drug Court Enhancement Grant awarded in partnership by the US Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and Bureau of Justice Assistance to Lane County Community Corrections. The Enhancement Project will serve offenders throughout Lane County with substance abuse addiction with a particular focus on participants with co-occurring disorders, opiate/heroin users, and those needing intensive supervision. Goals of the project are: reduce recidivism and substance abuse among offenders and increase the likelihood of successful rehabilitation and provide the opportunity for the Drug Court Team to participate in continuing interdisciplinary education. LCOG is monitoring the program's progress for reporting purposes and to provide timely and accurate information about the program's operations and the makeup and outcomes of program participants to the Drug Court Advisory Board and Drug Court Enhancement Team to help with any mid-course corrections needed for the project. Target outcomes are: 90% of all LCDC participants will have no misdemeanor or felony charges filed in Circuit Court within one year of graduation; 42% or more of Non-heroin using LCDC participants, including those with co-occurring disorders, will successfully graduate; and 36% of heroin addicted LCDC participants will successfully graduate, improving over the current 18% rate.
- Tim Laue, lay citizen member, was elected Chair and Paul Solomon, lay citizen member, was elected Vice Chair for PSCC for 2011-2013.
- Chair Faye Stewart, County Commission representative, presented Jennifer Solomon, outgoing City of Eugene appointee to PSCC, with a plaque in recognition of her service on the PSCC during her tenure as a Eugene City Councilor.

- Chair Stewart reported on the County budget status, requiring the county to make an \$8.8 million cut to General Fund funded services. He said this did not include any reductions from the state.
- Greg Hazarabedian, Public Defenders' representative, reported that the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission would approve the final version of the Administrative Rules for implementation of SB 77. The 2010 legislation outlines the process and procedures CJC must employ if the governing body of any county or the Governor seeks a declaration of a Public Safety Services Emergency by requesting that the Commission review and analyze public safety services provided by that county. The bill targets counties which are believed to be in a state of fiscal distress that compromises the counties' ability to provide a minimally adequate level of public safety services. The end result is intended to be a Recovery Plan recommended to the governing board of the County.
- Janice Gotchall, Lane County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) Management Analyst, told the group that LCSO was awarded federal grants for external surveillance cameras at the Lane County Jail and an intensive mental health and substance abuse treatment program in the jail with outpatient treatment in the community after offenders are released from the jail.
- Mr. Solomon stated that Sponsors, Inc. was a federal Second Chance Mentoring Program grant for \$299,671 for two years. They also are executing an agreement with the Veteran's Administration to provide housing for veterans who are offenders returning to the community.
- They adjourned for a tour of the Springfield Jail housed in the new Springfield Justice Center.

Lane County Public Safety Coordinating Council

January 20, 2011

- Chair Laue, lay citizen member, presented the final 2011 PSCC Report Card on the Criminal Justice System in Lane County. He noted that the PSCC spent several years developing the Report Card and detailed Data Book, utilizing readily available data comparable to both Oregon and the United States, providing consistent, longitudinal system indicators. LCOG staff provide the data collection and analysis support for the Report Card. He reported that for 2011 there are no major changes in grades for either the Adult or Juvenile Criminal Justice System and improvement in these grades seems unlikely given current and projected levels of system resources and capacity. He highlighted negative trends and some positive news. The full Report Card Data Book is posted on the LCOG website at www.lcog.org/safety.cfm Follow the link to Community Safety Data/Publications. The Report Card also will be posted there following transmittal to the Board of Commissioners. Both also will be posted on the Lane County PSCC website.
- Viriam Khalsa, Management Analyst for Lane County Department of Youth Services (DYS), presented information on DYS's \$20,000 grant from the Oregon Commission on Children and Families to develop and implement a plan to address Disproportionate Minority Contact in the Juvenile Justice System. The project has three phases: Phase 1, assessment/education/build community base; Phase 2, identify target(s)/plan intervention; Phase 3, implement intervention/monitor/feedback. The purpose of the project is to help

DYS ensure equal and fair treatment for every youth in the juvenile justice system, regardless of race and ethnicity.

- Faye Stewart, County Commissioner, and Liane Richardson, County Administrator, presented a status report on the County's budget process, stating the County held a retreat for department heads and four workgroups have been formed to look for immediate savings. Ms. Richardson said the County was in the process of updating their budget forecast with some of the strategies already being implemented and projected into next year's budget.
- Liz Rambo, Trial Court Administrator, and Doug Hooley, Jail Captain, Lane County Sheriff's Office, presented an update on the Defendant/Offender Management Center (DOMC) at the Lane County Jail. The project began with a decision point analysis project of the PSCC which spent several years identifying road blocks on the system and preparing a report with data for each decision point, problems identified, and recommendations for action. One recommendation was to implement the DOMC to improve consistency between the courts, pretrial release office, and jail on capacity based releases from custody. Technical assistance and training on evidence based practices for reducing recidivism were provided by Dr. Ed Latessa and the National Institute of Corrections. A team developed a risk assessment tool to determine the level of risk of recidivism and of failing to appear for court events. The assessment is conducted on everyone during intake at the jail. An initial validation study of the risk assessment tool indicated it was as effective as the state of the art tool being used in Washington. They are currently designing a motivational interviewing training for all staff in Parole and Probation and the jail. Pretrial Services, LCSO, and P&P work collaboratively determine who is release and with what conditions.
- Alex Gardner, District Attorney (DA), explained that Oregon Solutions, a think tank that facilitated multi-group programs, has become interested in Lane County's long-standing struggle to solve its morgue problem. He related that the medical examiner was a division of the DA's Office and that the morgue is currently in the basement of Sacred Heart and is not OSHA compliant. He said his office considered developing a stand-alone morgue. He reported that they had about 1,000 bodies per year that they were called to do an autopsy on and they end up taking jurisdiction for about half of them, ultimately performing about one autopsy per day. He stated that a stand-alone morgue was not ideal; they wanted to incorporate their design into the state medical examiner's plan which was for a regionalized medical examiner system. He added that in the minority of cases that were actually homicide cases there was benefit in being able to transition the evidence from the body to the lab at the same site. It was also beneficial to be in close proximity to the court and the police force. In order to solve that problem and to meet the Oregon State Police (OSP) Springfield Forensic Lab's needs, which currently employs 25 forensic scientists in a space meant to house five, they are working on developing a combined facility that would house forensics for OSP and LSCO along with the morgue.
- Chair Laue stated that the County budget for the fiscal year beginning in July will necessarily require General Fund reductions in the millions of dollars. Reductions in dedicated pass through funding from the State of Oregon may be even greater. In 2012 the federal Secure Rural Schools funding to Lane County is scheduled to sunset. The continuing reductions in federal, state and local funding is likely to have a decidedly

negative impact on the entire criminal justice and social services systems in Lane County. Services at all levels may be compromised to such a degree that the systems are unable to function at even the most minimally acceptable of levels. The result may be a crisis of profound proportions in community, social and public safety services. The PSCC, after discussion, agreed to adopt the following as their main workplan item for 2011-2012:

- 1) Describe under the provisions of SB 77 (see December meeting notes above) (and OAR 213-070) what a “Minimally Adequate Level of Public Safety Services” is for Lane County,
- 2) Describe (under the same provisions) when a “Public Safety Services Emergency” might be reached for Lane County to anticipate the scenario before it is upon us, and
- 3) Enhance the collaboration, cooperation, and communication between the agencies and officials of the Coordinating Council to mitigate the impacts of such an emergency.

Lane Economic Committee

January 24, 2011

Officers Election

Rob Scoggin was elected as chairman for 2011. John Sullivan was elected vice-chair.

Cottage Grove Economic Development

Economic Development Coordinator Kristin Sanger made a presentation regarding the status of “Growing the Grove” program in Cottage Grove. She reviewed partnerships that had been developed with the city in the effort. She cited specific projects that illustrated its goals of (1) Support small business; (2) Promote Cottage Grove; (3) Be ready for new industry; and (4) Expand partnerships.

Ms. Sanger described strategies and tactics of the program: grassroots support, self-sustaining economic development program, rebuilding of the Revolving Loan Fund, developing the historic downtown, producing promotional advertising, and targeting industries.

Chamber of Commerce Regional Prosperity Initiative

Ben Sappington made a presentation regarding the Eugene Area Chamber of Commerce Regional Prosperity Initiative. He described the background and grant funding of the program, emphasizing its importance for business retention and expansion.