

Agenda Item Number 5. Advisory Council Reports

Presenter: George Kloeppe

Action Recommended: None. Information Only

Background:

Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC)

March 13, 2008

The Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC) met on March 13 in the Springfield Library Conference Room with representation from Lane County, Springfield, Eugene, Coburg, LTD, and ODOT. The MPC:

Acting in their Metro Planning Role:

- Received a report from Susan Payne of LCOG on progress meeting the alternative plan performance measures in TransPlan. Ms. Payne provided information that all six performance measures had been met at the 2005 review point, and were well on their way to meeting the 2010 measures.
- Received a draft proposal of a work plan to update TransPlan from Springfield Planning Manager Greg Mott and Eugene Transportation Planning Manager Rob Inerfeld.

Acting in their Central Lane MPO Role:

- Received a report from the MPO's Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) from Kathi Wiederhold of LCOG. The MPC appointed 4 new citizen members to the CAC.
- Reviewed a straw proposal from ODOT on the Region 2 FY 10-13 Surface Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) proposal. The MPC authorized staff to draft a response requesting an additional \$875,000 for the I-5 @ Coburg Interchange project.
- Approved a proposal to cable- and web-cast the proceedings of the MPC. Cable-casting is to begin not later than the MPC's June meeting. Web-casting will commence as soon as appropriate computer programming can be completed.

- Held a public hearing and provided feedback to staff on the draft FY08-09 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP.) The MPC is expected to adopt the UPWP at their April meeting.
- Authorized staff to execute an intergovernmental agreement with ODOT and LTD delineating agency roles and responsibilities with respect to the functions of the MPO. This agreement is a new requirement in the SAFETEA-LU transportation bill.
- Authorized MPC Chair Sid Leiken to sign a letter of comment on the Oregon Transportation Commission's (OTC) federal earmark policy. In the letter, the MPC urged the OTC to include MPO's in their decision making and information process; allow locally-obtained earmarks to count as local contributions to transportation projects; and encourage flexibility in obtaining funding particularly in light of expected loss of Timber Revenue funding to the counties.

Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC)

April 10, 2008

The Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC) met on April 10 in the Eugene Library's Bascom-Tykeson Conference Room with representation from Lane County, Springfield, Eugene, Coburg, LTD, and ODOT. Prior to addressing the items on the agenda Andrea Riner, LCOG's new Transportation Planning Program Manager was introduced. It was also noted that, pursuant to the MPC's direction, the meeting—and future meetings—would be on Comcast Metro Television Channel 21. The MPC meetings would be shown live when held in Eugene and delayed when held in Springfield.

The MPC also heard comments from three members of the public.

Under the agenda, the MPC:

- Received a report from the MPO's Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) from Kathi Wiederhold of LCOG. Most of the CAC's time in April had been spent on the Public Participation Plan with limited time spent on the proposed UPWP. The CAC expressed a desire to better understand the schedule of documents for which the Committee's review would be sought in order to facilitate a more "in-depth review."
- Heard a staff report and recommendation from the Transportation Planning Committee (TPC) regarding priorities for ODOT modernization projects. ODOT (Region 2) had requested a response to a "straw proposal." Springfield Mayor Sid Leiken recused himself from this agenda item because of an actual conflict of interest. Vice Chair Bobby Green presided over the discussion and action. A modification to the proposal was recommended by the TPC by which resources for the Gateway/Beltline would again be included. By motion, the MPC authorized the Chair to communicate with ODOT Region 2 proposing funding for all four Task 2 projects—including \$15 million for Gateway/Beltline: International Way to Postal Way.

- By resolution, adopted the proposed FY 2009 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), as recommended by the Transportation Planning Committee. The issue of whether the document was sufficiently detailed about *how* the listed tasks would be accomplished was discussed. Likewise, the question of whether the UPWP should include work by local governments toward compliance with the State Transportation Planning Rule was discussed. Regarding the latter, a motion was passed requesting that the TPC give consideration to, and report back to the MPC about, the implications of creating one plan—the MPO’s federally-required Regional Transportation Plan and the state-required transportation system plans for the participating jurisdictions and the state-required regional transportation system plan.
- By resolution, allocated a total of \$595,000 of STP-U funding to five local agencies and to LCOG for planning activities set forth in the just-adopted UPWP.
- Reviewed the proposed “Connect Oregon II” projects for the county and the metro area and, by motion, recommended prioritizing the two within the MPO area—Number 1: Eugene Depot Transit Access and Number 2: Union Pacific Railroad Yard Crossover. In addition, the MPC agreed to express its support for the proposed LTD Veneta Transit Center (outside of the MPO area) as worthy of Connect Oregon II support.
- Reviewed the current year’s three Transportation Enhancement program proposals from the City of Eugene and, by motion endorsed the projects and authorized their submission to ODOT.
- Heard a report (presented also in writing) from Andy Vobora, LTD, on the issue of “fare free” service by the transit district.
- Heard a report from Sonny Chickering, ODOT Area 5 Manager, on the Beltline Flyover, the property disposition related to the terminated WEP project, and the decision by the ODOT Director to appoint Jane Lee, former Area 5 Manager, at the Region 2 Manager for the Department.
- Heard a report from Susan Payne, LCOG, on the amendment of the FFY 08-11 MTIP by the Transportation Planning Committee (administrative amendment) regarding the (Springfield) 69th Street: Thurston Road-B Street project—moving construction from 2007 to FFY 2008.
- Heard a report from Andrea Riner, LCOG Transportation Planning Program Manager, on the anticipated issues to come before the MPC through August.

Lane Economic Committee (LEC)

February 25, 2008

Discussed opportunities to expand economic development tools including enterprise zones, urban renewal areas and certified industrial land sites.

Lane Economic Committee (LEC)

March 17, 2008

Discussed obstacles to economic development including insufficient industrial land and inconsistencies in Eugene downtown development code.

Senior Services Advisory Council

April 8, 2008

At that meeting the following occurred:

- Standing Committee reports of the Advocacy Committee, Long Term Care Committee, the Procurement and Monitoring Committee, and the Nominating Committee were reviewed.
- Terry Parker, LTD, presented the Lane Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan for 2006-07. LTD has worked collaboratively with human service agencies, including S&DS, to complete an inventory of the transportation needs of special populations in the Lane County area.
- The 2008-09 Area Plan for Seniors and People with Disabilities in Lane County was presented to the Council. After thorough review and discussion, the Council voted to recommend to the LCOG Board adoption of the plan.
- The Senior Services Advisory Council is beginning its recruitment activities for new members. Application packets were available for members to share with potential candidates.

Disability Services Advisory Council

March 14, 2008

At that meeting the following occurred:

- Standing Committee reports of the Advocacy Committee and Long Term Care Committee were received.
- Terry Parker, LTD, presented the Lane Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan for 2006-07. LTD has worked collaboratively with human service agencies, including S&DS, to complete an inventory of the transportation needs of special populations in the Lane County area.
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