

# Agenda Item Number 5. Advisory Council Reports

**Presenter:** George Kloeppel

**Action Recommended:** None. Information Only

## **Background:**

*Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC)*

March 10, 2011

The Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC) met on March 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 Lane County Commissioner Sid Leiken, Vice Chair. The MPC:

- Approved the minutes of its February 10 meetings.
- Heard comments from nine members of the public, who addressed the proposed EmX extension to west Eugene and the issue of naming the Interstate 5/ Willamette River crossing “Whilamut Passage Bridge”.
- Heard a report from Edward Winter, Co-Chair of the CAC. Reporting on the CAC’s February 17 meeting, Winter noted that the committee had spent time with the annual review of the Public Participation Plan (with recommendations for change anticipated in May), an update from several presenters on key transportation projects, and on a “Primer on Least Cost Planning” from staff.
- Approved by motion a letter to the Oregon Department of Transportation supporting the naming of the I-5 bridge over the Willamette River as the “Whilamut Passage Bridge.”
- Reviewed and discussed a proposed listing of 13 new projects for possible inclusion in the Regional Transportation Plan.
- Discussed the alternative routes for the proposed EmX extension to west Eugene. The CAC and the TPC had recommended the 13<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> Ave alignment, while the City of Eugene Council had expressed its opposition, first, to the No Build proposal for the extension to west Eugene and, second, for the 6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Ave alignment as the Locally Preferred Alternative. Because the City’s choice changed the emphasis from one alignment to another, it was the conclusion of the MPC that the public should be afforded another opportunity to comment on the project, prior to the MPC’s selection of a LPA.

Accordingly, staff was directed to arrange for a public hearing prior to the April MPC meeting to be conducted by the MPC in light of the Eugene City Council's proposed LPA alignment. [Hearing subsequently set for April 5].

- Based upon a background memorandum from Paul Thompson, LCOG, the MPC discussed the current standards (set forth in the adopted FY 10-13 MTIP) for treating certain proposed MTIP amendments as "administrative amendments," to be decided by the Transportation Planning Committee, rather than the MPC. Without motion, it was decided to treat such proposed MTIP amendments as elements of a Consent Agenda item for the MPC. Subsequent to TPC approval, administrative amendments would be listed on the MPC agenda and dealt with, either as a whole, or if pulled from the Consent Agenda by any member, individually.
- Reviewed the planning calendars for 3-month, 12-month and 4-year time periods.
- Heard a report from ODOT on the work of the recently chartered Lane Area Commission on Transportation.
- Received a report of nine administrative amendments to the MTIP, approved on February 24 by the Transportation Planning Committee.

#### **Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC)**

April 14, 2011

The Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC) met on April 14, in the Springfield Library Meeting Room with representation from Lane County, Springfield, Eugene, Coburg, LTD, and ODOT. The MPC:

- Approved the minutes of its March 10 meetings.
- Heard comments from ten members of the public, nine of whom spoke out against, and one of whom spoke for, the West Eugene EmX Extension Project.
- Heard a report from Sarah Strand, Co-Chair of the CAC. Reporting on the CAC's March 17 meeting, Strand noted that the committee had spent time with the annual review of the Public Participation Plan, reviewed the draft Unified Planning Work Program, and received a staff presentation on the Congestion Management Process.
- After considerable discussion, approved a motion put forth by Commissioner Leiken to select as the MPC's Locally Preferred Alternative for the West Eugene EmX Extension, the 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> Route with mitigation, contingent on a second vote by the Eugene City Council, Lane Transit District and the MPC once the environmental review has been prepared. The motion passed on a vote of 9 to 1.
- Received a presentation by LCOG's Transportation Planning Program Manager Andrea Riner on the Draft FY 12/13 Unified Planning Work Program.

- Received a presentation by LCOG Senior Transportation Planner Paul Thompson on the Regional Transportation Plan's Congestion Management Process.
- Received a staff report from Ms. Riner on progress in developing the statewide process for MPO's to address Greenhouse Gas Emissions, which include proposed targets for the Central Lane MPO area of a 21% per capita reduction of GHG emissions by 2035. These targets are scheduled to be adopted by the Land Conservation and Development Commission at their May meeting.
- Reviewed the MPO's calendar for the next year.
- Received an update from ODOT's Area 5 Planner Savannah Crawford.
- Reviewed one administrative amendment to the MTIP.

**Lane Area Commission on Transportation (LaneACT)**

March 9, 2011

The Lane Area Commission on Transportation (LaneACT) met on March 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:

- Corrected and approved the minutes for the February 9 meeting.
- Received a presentation on the State of System by ODOT Region 2 Interim Manager Eryca McCartin. The presentation provided a broad overview of the challenges facing ODOT over the next several years, from deteriorating roads and bridges to financial limitations. Ms. McCartin responded to questions and appreciated hearing the shared concerns from ACT members.
- Received an update on the citizen recruitment process. The recruitment process was authorized by the ACT at the February meeting. Materials were developed and distributed for the recruitment process including applications (both in English and Spanish), informational flyers (both hard copies and an e-mail version); display ads in county-wide newspapers (including Spanish publications); posters announcing the recruitment to Lane Transit District, Rhody Express, and South Lane Wheels for posting on various routes; and recruitment information to each of the local jurisdictions for dissemination. The recruitment process ended March 16. At the time of the March ACT meeting 18 applications had been received.
- Provided staff direction on the citizen recruitment process. The ACT decided to have the applications mailed to the full membership, in advance of the April meeting. Each member will review the applications and come to the next April prepared to identify their top recommendation for each of the four Designated Stakeholder positions. The Steering Committee was asked to develop evaluation criteria.

- Received a report from the Steering Committee presented by Dave Jacobson. The Steering Committee suggested that the ACT would benefit from presentations on transportation maintenance needs, ongoing transportation updates, and transportation related legislative information. Mr. Jacobson noted that new stakeholder members had received an orientation by Sonny Chickering, who would continue to do so as new members were added. The Steering Committee thought all members might find the orientation helpful. ACT members provided feedback on what other types of presentations they would like.
- Received a summary of the Lightning Round conducted at the February meeting and provided feedback on the categorization of the ideas. Staff explained that the summary was a work in process, appreciated the feedback, and would provide an updated summary for the April meeting. The summary will serve as a starting point for the work plan that the ACT will be developing and adopting over the next several months.
- Shared information about what was happening in their jurisdictions. For example, the annual United Front trip had occurred; a Highway 126 E study had been completed; EmX has been well received by Springfield residents; a recent open house was held on the Eugene Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan; construction on Exit 199 near Coburg would begin next year; at the Federal level, some transportation funding bills had passed; a permanent district manager, David Warren, has been appointed; the Eugene Council supported the 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> Avenues option for the west Eugene EmX project; and the updated League of Women Voter's pamphlet, *They Represent You*, is now available.
- Reviewed an updated calendar. It was suggested that the ACT discuss the selection process for the Other Stakeholder citizen positions at the April meeting.

**Lane Area Commission on Transportation (LaneACT)**

April 13, 2011

The Lane Area Commission on Transportation (LaneACT) met on April 13, 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; MPO Citizen Advisory Committee; and a representative of Highway 126 East—a total of 18 of the 21 members. The LaneACT:

- Approved the minutes for the March 9 meeting
- Appointed four Designated Stakeholders, as called for in LaneACT's bylaws. The Designated Stakeholders that will be seated at LaneACT's May 11 meeting:
  - Bill McCoy representing Trucking,
  - Martin Callery representing Rail,
  - Emily Swenson representing Bicyclists and Pedestrians, and
  - Tim Marshall, representing Environmental Land Use
- Developed a process to select between 4 and 6 Other Stakeholders. The LaneACT Steering Committee was tasked, along with participation of any other ACT and newly appointed Designated Stakeholders, with developing a recommended slate of candidates.

LaneACT members will also review all applications, in preparation for appointments in May.

- Received a presentation by Area 5 Manager Sonny Chickering of the Lane County projects included in the Adopted 2010-2013 Surface Transportation Improvement Program (STIP.)
- Reviewed potential work plan items for the LaneACT and discussed what elements might be included in the work plan. ODOT staff were directed to prepare a draft work plan for the ACT's review at a later meeting.
- Reviewed the LaneACT calendar for the next 12 months.

**Senior Services Advisory Council**

April 19, 2011

At that meeting the following occurred:

- The 2011-12 Area Plan Update was reviewed and approved. The proposal will now go to the LCOG Board for acceptance.
- Report was given on the status of Health System Transformation within the State of Oregon. Input was requested from Senior Services Advisory Council members regarding proposed guiding principles for the Lane Coordinated Care Organization.
- SSAC members approved a modification to the Senior Meals Program suggested donation procedure.
- SSAC members were encouraged to attend the April 30<sup>th</sup> Legislative Forum to be held at the Hilyard Center.
- Standing Committee reports were tabled until next meeting.

**Disability Services Advisory Council**

March 11, 2011

At that meeting the following occurred:

- Information was shared regarding state and local level activities on Health System Transformation. Locally, LaneCare, LIPA and S&DS have been meeting regularly. Additionally, meetings are being held with physician groups and the hospitals.
- Budget status reports were shared.
- Standing Committee reports were shared.

**Lane Economic Committee**

March 7, 2011

**Economic Development in the City of Veneta**

Veneta City Manager Ric Ingham distributed a document entitled "City of Veneta – Economic Development Focus 2010-2011" and reviewed information it contained. He discussed the importance of infrastructure improvement to the city – upgrades to Highway 126, water pipeline and water plant creation, and natural gas connection.

**eDev (Micro Business Center) Services and Loans**

Shawn Winkler-Rios explained the operation and standards for service of eDev. He said the agency had served approximately 500 small businesses with 50-60 development assistance courses a year. He emphasized that the service did not simply dispense advice, but engaged in "experiential learning" – entrepreneur development, not training.

## **Small Business Administration Loans**

Mr. Dignam described a newly developed federal Small Business Administration commercial loan program that was usable for refinancing existing debt. He explained that many area banks and local businesses had expressed interest in accessing its resources.

### **Lane County Public Safety Coordinating Council**

March 17, 2011

- Faye Stewart, Lane County Commission member on PSCC, provided a County Budget Report. He reported that Ms. Richardson was working with staff to gather information and planned to submit a proposed budget to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) by the end of March 2011. Cost savings including no cost of living increases (COLA) to employees who did not already have COLA as part of their contracts would reduce the deficit from \$8.8 million to \$6 million. She was exploring all options to close the deficit including cutting programs and was asking employees to help.
- Mr. Stewart said he was in Washington, D.C. in early March with the United Front delegation. Everyone in the delegation wanted to find a way to reauthorize the federal Secure Rural Schools funding. The challenge was how to find the offsets to fund Secure Rural Schools. Due to the rules the House adopted, it would be very difficult to find a way to do so. The Secure Rural Schools program was in President Obama's budget at a reduced level and continues on a downward glide path to zero. The coalition which represented counties and school districts in 41 states had initiated the Campaign for Rural America which was working to fund the ten year authorization at the 80 percent level received two years ago. In addition to looking for offsets and having the Secure Rural Schools program included in the budget, Senator Ron Wyden was crafting a stand alone bill that he could place in any bill that moved forward in the next year.
- Mr. Stewart said after meeting with Supervisory Authority Team it was apparent that the Community Corrections Act budget would be \$550,000 less than it was originally, but no recommendation has been developed for the Adult Committee. Opt out options for Parole and Probation, even though that was not considered a viable option, were being considered. Efficiencies in other programs were under consideration. Lane County Mental Health (LCMH) said it would no longer provide mental health services to corrections which would represent one program reduction. However, the services were needed and it would not be easy to determine how they would be provided.
- Mr. Stewart stated Governor Kitzhaber had put significant energy into restructuring provision of health care services and there were concerns among Health and Human Services staff that the County may no longer provide health services and have the public health authority it had in the past. There were concerns among other counties that they would be phased out of providing health and human services.
- Roland Hoskins, Director, Lane County Department of Youth Services and member of the PSCC Juvenile Committee reported the committee met to discuss the Disproportionate Minority Confinement issue. Notices were sent to interested parties, including some PSCC members, which explained the next steps in the process. Staff planned to invite community leaders and agencies to form a steering committee that will

meet in May to review their role in the project to provide resources to go to the problem solving phase. A subgroup would identify and narrow down the problems to provide two or three issues by the end of June, after which the project would be handed back to DYS.

- During Intra-System Communication, members provided budget status updates for their jurisdictions, with the cities represented being in fairly good shape due to their increasingly conservative spending patterns and efficiencies. Agencies funded by state funds reported the status of their budgets in the Governor's budget plan now under Oregon Legislature Ways & Means Committee review.
- Mr. Laue presented the scope developed by the PSCC Workplan Workgroup to complete the following PSCC Workplan item:
  - 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.

The Workgroup proposed asking law enforcement, corrections, social service, mental health and other agencies to identify their current level of services, their historic level of services, where they may have fallen below the minimally adequate level in the past, when they anticipated in the future they would fall below the minimally adequate level of service, using the template included in the agenda packet. He asked PSCC members to complete the template for their agencies and forward them to Ms. Sowards. They will be reviewed at a meeting of the PSCC Workplan Workgroup in April or May, and presented to the PSCC at the May 19, 2011 meeting.

- The PSCC voted to apply for a Justice Reinvestment Initiative technical assistance grant. The initiative provides an opportunity for technical assistance to complete a planning process to look at justice reinvestment in the community. This data driven approach fit well with the PSCC's workplan to reduce corrections and related criminal justice spending, reinvesting those savings and reworking the system to be more efficient. Implementation funding was available to help with the transition to how the County does business. County Administrator Liane Richardson was willing for County Administration to be the applicant for the project on behalf of the PSCC. Mr. Stewart agreed to serve as the jurisdictional champion for the application in collaboration with the District Attorney and Lane County Sheriff. The Letter of Interest is being prepared by LCOG staff to be submitted prior to the due date of May 13.