

Agenda Item Number 5.

Advisory Council Reports

Presenter: George Kloeppe

Action Recommended: None. Information Only

Background:

Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC)

May 14, 2009

The Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC) met on May 14 in Springfield City Hall with representation from Lane County, Springfield, Eugene, Coburg, LTD, and ODOT. The MPC:

Reviewed and discussed the longer-term MPO calendar, still in development. Requested that the monthly calendar review be placed on the agenda ahead of Public Comments.

Heard a report from Dave Jacobson, Citizen Advisory Committee Chair, on the Committee's work on the review of the Public Participation Plan, its review of the work plan and its relationship to the MPC, its initial consideration of the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, its continued work on the "central clearinghouse" concept, and its plan to host a community focus group to improve outreach to under-represented groups.

Considered and by motion adopted three amendments to the public Participation Plan. Each had been developed and recommended for adoption by the Citizen Advisory Committee. They centered on the addition of the CAC as a "core public involvement tool" and the addition of "social networking tools" as tools for public involvement.

Held a public hearing on the recommended allocation of Transportation Demand Management (TDM) funds in the amount of \$248,000 to Commuter Solutions. The

TDM allocation, by agreement is annually 10 percent of the metro area's STP-U award. The decision is scheduled to be made at the MPC's June 11 meeting.

Heard a report from Stacy Clauson, LCOG, on the MPO's proposed Title VI Plan, whose purpose is to eliminate barriers and conditions that prevent minority, low income, and other disadvantaged groups and person from receiving access, participation and benefits from federally supported (in this case transportation) programs, services and activities. A decision on the Draft Plan is scheduled to be made at the MPC's June 11 meeting.

Heard a report by Dave Williams of ODOT on the issue of tolling. The Department had commissioned seven white papers on the subject. The MPC discussed and commented upon the conclusions reached in the papers.

Heard updates from ODOT staff, from LTD on the proposed fall Transportation Summit, from MPO staff on two "administrative amendments" to the MTIP, and from Greg Evans on the recent OMPOC meeting with the House and Senate Transportation Committees in Salem

Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC)

June 11, 2009

The Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC) met on June 11 in the Eugene Downtown Library with representation from Lane County, Springfield, Eugene, Coburg, LTD, and ODOT. The MPC:

Heard comments from one citizen who announced that there would be a Transportation Town Hall on the evening on June 16. The event is to be hosted by Eugene Mayor Kitty Piercy and House Transportation Committee Chair Terry Beyer.

Heard a report, also submitted in writing, from Dave Jacobson, Chair of the Citizens Advisory Committee. It was noted that the main work tasks of the CAC in May were the proposed Title VI Plan, the CAC's work program, and the MPO planning calendar.

Reviewed and discussed with Andrea Riner the longer-term MPO calendar. Four calendars were presented: the regional transportation work plan 2008-2013, RTP completion calendar 2009-2011, the MPO planning calendar June 2009-June 2010, and a more detailed MPC/CAC 3-month calendar. The Committee discussed each.

All four calendar representations were well-received, and Riner thanked for the good work.

Approved by resolution the allocation of \$248,000 to the regional transportation demand management (TDM) provider, Commuter Solutions (now “Point-2-Point), to provide or assist in the provision of the Employer Transportation Benefits Program (LTD group pass, emergency ride home program, etc.), the Smart Ways to School program, the Congestion Mitigation Program, and Park and Ride activities.

Approved by resolution the adoption of the MPO’s Title VI Plan, referring to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The intent of the federally required Plan is to “eliminate barriers and conditions that prevent minority, low income, and other disadvantaged groups and persons from receiving access, participation and benefits from federally assisted programs, services and activities.” Stacey Clauson, LCOG, was lead staff for the preparation of the Plan, and presented it to the MPC for approval.

Heard a brief review by Andrea Riner (also presented in writing) of the transportation-related work of the 2009 Legislature. She noted particularly HB 2001, the Oregon Jobs and Transportation Act and SB 944, the Lane County Area Commission on Transportation bill. Also touched upon were the federal Greenhouse Gas legislation (Waxman-Markey) with a House vote expected soon, and the federal Surface Transportation Reauthorization.

Heard a report by Paul Thompson (LCOG) on the component of the MPO’s Surface Transportation Program-Urban (STP-U) allocation designated by the MPC for development, preservation and modernization activities. It was noted that the timeline for the programming of those funds called for a presentation and a public hearing in August and final MPC action in September.

Received a report on four “administrative amendments” to the MTIP, made by the Transportation Planning Committee in May.

Senior Services Advisory Council

May 12, 2009

- The recommendations of the Procurement and Monitoring Committee were considered regarding the 2009-10 contracts for services using Older Americans

Act and Oregon Project Independence funds. The Council approved the proposed recommendations.

- The Nominating Committee presented the recommended slate of officers for 2009-10. The Council will take its vote at the June 9th meeting.
- Standing Committee reports were provided by members of the Advocacy Committee and Nominating Committee.
- The status of the Legislative budget-making process was reviewed.

June 9th, 2009

- The Nominating Committee presented recommendations for re-appointment of current members whose first terms are expiring on June 30, 2009.
- Additionally, the Nominating Committee presented recommendations for new members, beginning July 1, 2009.
- The Advisory Council approved all recommendations of the Nominating Committee for referral to the LCOG Executive Committee.
- The Slate of Officers for 2009-10 was elected. They are:
 - Mary Johnson – Chair
 - Dennis Shine – 1st Vice Chair
 - Donna Peterson – 2nd Vice Chair
- Standing Committee reports were provided by members of the Advocacy Committee.

Disability Services Advisory Council

May 15, 2009

- Standing Committee reports of the Advocacy Committee and Long Term Care Committee were received.
- Nominating Committee members were recruited and confirmed.
- The Council was asked to provide input on important issues to consider during the implementation and establishment of the local Aging and Disability Resource Center.
- The progress of the 2009 Legislative Session and state budget issues were discussed.

Lane Economic Committee

May 18, 2009

Panel of bank executives discussed current economic conditions in Lane County.