

# Agenda Item Number 5.

## Advisory Council Reports

**Presenter:** George Kloeppel

**Action Recommended:** None. Information Only

**Background:**

Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC)

May 13, 2010

The Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC) met on May 13, in the LCOG Main Office (Park Place Building) in Eugene with representation from Lane County, Springfield, Eugene, Coburg, LTD, and ODOT. This meeting was called to order at 11:30 by Eugene Councilor Alan Zelenka, Chair. The MPC:

- Approved the minutes of its April 8 meeting.
- Heard, under Announcements from MPC Members, Commissioner Handy suggest that the draft LCOG letter to the Lane County legislative delegation regarding green house gas planning should be strengthened to make clear that serving as a pilot project was a role that LCOG and the Central Lane MPO were anxious to play, when/if adequate funding was available to do the work. Kloeppel indicated that the modification would be made and that the LCOG Executive Committee would review/approve the communication that evening.
- Heard a report from Dave Jacobson, chair of the MPO Citizen Advisory Committee, regarding the CAC's April 15 meeting at which a report was made by (and discussion held with) Tom Schwetz and John Evans from LTD on the West Eugene EmX Extension Project. Jacobson also reported that the CAC saw a preview by LCOG staff of an on-line interactive map that provides information on projects from the RTP expected to be funded within 3 to 5 years. It was noted that the RTP/MTIP map was intended to be used primarily by community members. Finally, Jacobson described the

discussion by the CAC with staff regarding the annual review of the Public Participation Plan and the MPO's Title VI Plan.

- Heard a report from Betsy Imholt of ODOT's Rail Division on the process of developing an updated Passenger Rail Study. Imholt emphasized the Willamette Valley portion of the Cascadia Corridor and observed that, in addition to a separate, dedicated route between Portland and Eugene, there were two existing routes that would be considered for more intense and higher speed performance. She emphasized that the state would need to have an Alternative Routes Analysis completed—expected to take two years—before a realistic application for federal HS Rail funding could be made. It was noted that an open house was scheduled for May 18 (4:30-6:30) at the Campbell Center in Eugene to review ODOT's goals for passenger rail expansion.
- Heard a presentation led by Springfield City Manager Gino Grimaldi on the foundational policies that would guide the development of the Regional Transportation Plan update in the coming year. After considering the two goals and seven objectives currently in place, the MPC expressed a desire to “modernize” and bring up-to-date the policy set that was now some 15 years old. It was noted that green house gas reduction, expansion of transit use and vehicle- miles-traveled (VMT) reductions were examples of policy issues that might be considered. Chair Zelenka determined that a subcommittee, including both MPC members and staff, would meet to design the approach for expanding upon the existing policy set and suggest possible objectives for consideration by the full MPC in June.
- Conducted a public hearing on a proposed amendment to the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP). No public testimony was received, but the record for comment will be kept open, and MPC will consider the amendment at their June 10 meeting. The proposal would apply \$400,000 in STP-U funding to support the necessary NEPA analysis on improvements to Franklin Boulevard in Glenwood.
- Heard a report from Savannah Crawford, ODOT, on the progress on the Beltline Facility Plan—River Road to Coburg Road. Crawford displayed the map representations of alternatives, particularly around the Beltline-Delta interchange. It was noted that the corridor improvement concepts will be the subject of an open house on March 16. She indicated that NEPA analysis would begin following the adoption of the Facility Plan. NEPA will require

more detailed and rigorous analysis of project impacts and would recommend a preferred alternative.

- Reviewed the MPO's three-month and 12-month planning calendars.
- Heard a report on the adoption by the TPC of three "administrative amendments" to the MTIP.

**Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC)**

June 10, 2010

The Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC) met on June 10, in the Library Meeting Room of Springfield City Hall with representation from Lane County, Springfield, Eugene, Coburg, LTD, and ODOT. This meeting was called to order at 11:30 by Eugene Councilor Alan Zelenka, Chair. The MPC:

- Heard, under Announcements from MPC Members, a report by Eugene Mayor Kitty Piercy about her attendance at the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) Rail Conference held this week in Vancouver B.C. Mayor Piercy also said she has agreed to Co-Chair the Cascadia Project working group on the Portland to Eugene segment.
- Heard from 2 members of the public, the first urging more funding be provided for Lane Transit District (LTD) services; the second expressing concern about a lack of public involvement opportunities in the (particularly) early stages of transportation project development.
- Received a report from Dave Jacobson, CAC Chair, on the May meeting of the CAC.
- Unanimously adopted Resolution 2010-05 amending the FY2008-2011 MTIP to add a National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) analysis for Franklin Boulevard.
- Heard a presentation from Paul Thompson of LCOG on the draft FY2010-2013 MTIP. During the public hearing: one member of the public expressed an opinion that certain projects contained in the draft MTIP did not match the MPC's adopted project criteria; and a second member of the public asked how the public could better determine where and when to effectively

become involved in the project development process. The MPC will be asked to adopt the FY2010-2013 MTIP at their July meeting.

- Heard a presentation by Andrea Riner of LCOG on the local and regional public process opportunities, and how the regional partners are working to ensure the public outreach opportunities are well publicized and coordinated.
- Received a report by Stacy Clauson of LCOG on the first annual review of the MPO's adopted Title VI (civil rights) plan. Ms. Clauson said a review of the document by staff and the CAC determined the region has done well in carrying out the requirements of the plan, but also developed several ideas to improve outreach to minority and potentially underserved populations. The annual Title VI plan review report will be forwarded to ODOT. Ms. Riner added the MPO had just received a letter from ODOT indicating they will be conducting an audit of the Central Lane MPO's Title VI plan this Summer.
- Received a report of three administrative amendments to the MTIP.

### **Public Safety Coordinating Council**

May 20, 2010

- Reviewed the Adult Committee Report recommended allocation of surplus Community Corrections funds. They recommended the PSCC recommend the Board of Commissioners adopt allocation of the funds as follows, to submit to Oregon Department of Corrections for approval: \$ 8,128, domestic violence offender polygraph exams; \$26,550, six additional outpatient offender drug and alcohol treatment slots at Emergence; and \$21,250, Parole and Probation Communication Control Support Staff (Dispatch) for a total of \$55,928. (Note: The subsequent announcement of across the board state agency budget reductions have put action on this item on hold. The PSCC will reconsider this action if needed once state budget reduction amounts are clear and counties are notified.)
- Lane County and the Cities of Eugene and Springfield shared budget reports with the Council regarding the public safety-related components under consideration in their respective budgets.
- The Reentry Task Force reported that data collection and cleaning by LCOG staff is complete and Oregon Social Learning Center is beginning analysis for the study to determine what packages of services lead to the most success

for offenders reentering Lane County from the custody of Oregon Department of Corrections. The study includes service, program, and 3 year post-release recidivism data for all offenders released from DOC over a six month period. The final report will be presented at the September PSCC meeting.

- The Sustainable Future Workgroup's work is nearing completion. The Workgroup Report will be presented for adoption in September.

**Senior Services Advisory Council**

May 11, 2010

- Continuation contracts for the following services funded through the Older Americans Act were reviewed and approved:
  - Legal Services
  - Long Term Care Ombudsman Screening Committee
  - ElderHelp Volunteer Program
  - Caregiver Support Group and Training
  - Money Management Program
  - Metro Meals on Wheels
  - Food Service of Senior Meals
- Standing Committee reports of the Advocacy Committee, the Long Term Care Committee, the Procurement and Monitoring Committee, and the Nominating Committee were received.
- The Nominating Committee presented the recommended Slate of Officers for 2010-11. Voting will occur at the June meeting.

**Senior Services Advisory Council**

June 8, 2010

- The Nominating Committee presented recommendations for new members, to begin serving three year and one year terms effective July 1, 2010.
- The Council accepted the proposed nominees for new membership and recommended approval by the LCOG Board.
- The Council elected new officers for 2010-11.
- The Council recognized six years of service by outgoing members Mae Westfall Cook and Mary Johnson.
- Standing Committee reports of the Advocacy Committee, the Long Term Care Committee, the Procurement and Monitoring Committee, and the Nominating Committee were received.

- LCOG's Disability Services Advisory Council met on May 14, 2010. At that meeting the following occurred:
- Standing Committee reports of the Advocacy Committee and Long Term Care Committee were received.
- The 2010-11 Area Plan Update was accepted and referral to the LCOG Board was recommended.
- A special presentation on the rollout of the Aging and Disability Resource Center was received.
- A letter of appreciation to Senator Bill Morrisette was reviewed and signed by Council members.

*Lane Economic Committee*

May 17, 2010

1. Reviewed status of LCOG's Small Business Loan Program
  - LCOG helps small business owners to take advantage of multiple loan programs from the Small Business Administration, Economic Development Administration and US Department of Agriculture.
  - Programs provide gap financing on top of financing from private sector banks.
  - Loan eligibility requirements include some job creation or other economic development impact.
  - Demand for loan programs has increased over the last year.
2. Discussed LCOG's Climate of Prosperity task force
  - LEC members reviewed some of the suggestions made by the LCOG Board to improve the timeliness and relevancy of LEC actions.
  - LEC members appreciated the heightened focus on economic development by the LCOG Board.
  - LEC members recognized the benefits of more elected officials serving on the LEC. At the same time, LEC members expressed some concerns that the actions of the LEC should not be politicized.
  - A stronger and louder voice for the LEC in economic development matters is considered to be a very positive outcome of greater LCOG Board involvement.
  - Use of urban renewal financing to facilitate the downtown Lane Community College expansion was considered by many LEC members to be an excellent example of greater potential LEC involvement. There seemed to be a strong consensus that the urban renewal financing option was the quickest, cleanest and most efficient method. The LEC believes that its input could be useful to other relevant political bodies that are

- deliberating this issue. It would seem beneficial to find a method for this input to be carried forward.
3. Discussed upcoming June 2, 2010 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs).
    - Agenda will include a keynote speech from Congressman Peter Defazio, a panel from the University of Oregon and Oregon State University regarding the economic impact of research activities, and brief summaries of ten local economic development projects.
    - This meeting will provide an opportunity for feedback to the draft CEDs document.