

Agenda Item Number 5. Advisory Council Reports

Presenter: George Kloeppe

Action Recommended: None. Information Only

Background:

Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC)

May 12, 2011

The Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC) met on May 12 in the Springfield Library Conference Room with representation from Lane County, Springfield, Eugene, Coburg, LTD, and ODOT. This meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. by Springfield Councilor Hillary Wylie, Chair. The MPC:

- Approved the minutes of its April 5 and April 14 meetings.
- Heard comments from two members of the public, who expressed support for the proposed Lane County Hyacinth Street sidewalk improvements in the vicinity of Irving School.
- Heard a report from Edward Winter, Co-Chair of the CAC. Reporting on the CAC's April 21 meeting, Winter, joined by Co-Chair Sarah Strand, noted that the committee celebrated its sixth anniversary at its last meeting. Also considered in April were the region's green house gas planning efforts and an update on the public outreach strategy for the 2011-2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).
- Discussed the proposed FY 2012-2013 Unified Planning Work Program. Kloeppe apologized for the confusion regarding this item's inclusion on the agenda, saying that the document was a multi-jurisdictional proposal and additional detail was being addressed at the staff level through the end of the previous week. Approved by motion Resolution 2011-03 adopting the UPWP for the time period covering July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2013.
- Heard a staff presentation on the draft Congestion Management Process, which will also be included within and adopted as part of the Regional Transportation Plan in the fall. Staff noted that FHWA suggested that it also be considered for approval as a stand-alone document at the present time—in part because of the upcoming federal Certification

Review. After discussion, the Congestion Management Process was approved by motion as recommended by the TPC.

- Heard a staff presentation on two recommended amendments to the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP). The first was a request from the City of Springfield to reprogram previously approved STP-U funds from “slurry seal” to “overlay” on Thurston Road. The second was a request from Lane County to approve \$171,542 in FY 2013 STP-U funding for the Hyacinth Street sidewalk project (addressed in the public comment section of the meeting). The Chair opened a public hearing on both of the proposed amendments; there being no comment, the Chair closed the public hearing. By motion, the MPC approved the Thurston Road amendment and held the public comment period on the Hyacinth Street sidewalk project open until the June MPC meeting, at which time action to amend the MTIP would be considered.
- Considered a letter of support to the Federal Discretionary Funding Program (US DOT) on behalf of the City of Springfield’s proposal to utilize approximately \$500,000 from the Transportation, Community, and System Preservation Program to complete the Franklin Boulevard NEPA analysis and design. Because of a very short lead-time, this item was not on the published agenda. It was determined that no other jurisdiction in the region was seeking support from this program in this round, and by motion, the Chair was authorized to sign a letter of support for the application.
- Reviewed and commented upon recommendations to update the language of the Goals and Objectives for the Regional Transportation Plan. Comments received were to be considered over the next month by staff, the MPO CAC, and the TPC. Revised Goals and Objectives were to be brought before the MPC as part of the draft RTP package in July, 2011.
- Transportation Planning Manager Andrea Riner announced that the every-4-year federal Certification Review by US DOT would be conducted June 6 to 8. A draft schedule of events was discussed, and MPC members were invited to participate on Wednesday, June 8, at 8:30 a.m. in a 90-minute recap and follow-up discussion at the LCOG office.
- Received a report from Paul Thompson, LCOG, that, with the most recent Continuing Resolution (for transportation funding) by the Congress, funding was set through the end of the federal fiscal year ending September 30. While STP-U funds had been conservatively estimated in the adopted MTIP, Thompson noted that the availability of approximately an additional \$1.5 million for the current year was now certain. Accordingly, applications from partner agencies were being sought under agreed-upon guidelines, with a May 18 submission deadline. The schedule calls for the applications to be considered by the advisory committees, with MPC action slated for July 14.
- Reviewed the planning calendars for both the next two months and the next 12 months.

- Heard an update from ODOT staff that the Oregon Transportation Commission was slated to consider/approve Enhancement awards in the following week. The region had one application for an Enhancement grant in the mix for the current year.
- Heard a brief report from Mayor Piercy on the progress toward passenger rail planning by ODOT.
- Received a report of three administrative amendments to the MTIP, approved on April 28 by the Transportation Planning Committee.

Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC)

June 9, 2011

The Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC) met on June 9 in the Springfield Library Conference Room with representation from Lane County, Springfield, Eugene, Coburg, LTD, and ODOT. This meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. by Springfield Councilor Hillary Wylie, Chair. The MPC:

- Approved the minutes of its May 12 meeting.
- Received an update from George Kloeppe, LCOG Executive Director, that the USDOT had just completed its quadrennial review of the Central Lane MPO, that preliminary indications were the review would be favorable, with a final report available in the September time-frame.
- Mayor Kitty Piercy reported on the success of the annual Business Commute Challenge.
- Heard a report from Sarah Strand, Co-Chair of the CAC. Reporting on the CAC's May 21 meeting, Strand, joined by Co-Chair Edward Winter, described the CAC's review of the RTP process with particular emphasis of a review of the plan's goals.
- Unanimously approved Resolution 2011-05 amending the FY 10-13 MTIP to program STP-U funds for the Lane County Hyacinth Road sidewalk project.
- Received a report from LCOG Senior Transportation Planner Paul Thompson on a proposal to program an additional \$1.5M available in FFY2011 STP-U funding. During the public hearing on this item, two community members spoke in opposition to portions of the Eugene North Bank bicycle path improvement project. The funding proposal will now be forwarded to the CAC and TPC for their final recommendations. The MPC will take action on the proposal at its July meeting.
- Approved a letter in support of Eugene's application for a Transportation, Community, & System Preservation Grant application.
- Received a report on the annual review of the MPO's Title VI plan from LCOG Transportation Program Manager Andrea Riner. Noting actions taken over the last year

to strengthen the MPO's Title VI process. Riner also noted a positive audit conducted by ODOT's Title VI coordinator.

- Discussed a proposal on coordination agreements between the CLMPO and LaneACT. MPC members requested staff provide more information for the MPC's consideration at a later meeting.
- Reviewed the MPC's calendar.
- Received an update from ODOT Planner Savannah Crawford on the June 8 LaneACT meeting.
- Received a rail update from Mayor Piercy who described actions being taken by the State to form a committee to consider, among other things, appropriate rail alignment for higher speed rail between Portland and Eugene. The State expects to launch the committee in July.
- Received an update from Ms. Riner on greenhouse gas reduction efforts. Riner said GHG targets have now been established for each of the six MPOs by LCDC, and that work is now beginning on development of a GHG reduction "toolkit."

Lane Area Commission on Transportation (LaneACT)

May 11, 2011

The Lane Area Commission on Transportation (LaneACT) met on May 11, in the ODOT Area 5 Offices in Springfield, with representation from Lane County, the Cities of Coburg, Cottage Grove, Creswell, Dunes City, 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; a representative of Highway 126 East, and three of the four newly appointed Designated Stakeholders—a total of 23 of the 24 active members. The LaneACT:

- Approved the minutes for the April 13th meeting.
- Appointed four Other Stakeholders to the LaneACT, completing the stakeholder selection process. The newest stakeholders are George Grier, Gary McNeel, Gene Organ, and Ryan Papé. Many qualified applications were submitted and the LaneACT decided to keep the applications active until the end of the year.
- Reviewed a draft Work Plan presented by ODOT staff. Suggestions were incorporated and the ACT approved the Work Plan by consensus.

Received an overview of the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) by ODOT staff. LaneACT members appreciated the background information and presentation. The STIP overview was scheduled to be continued at the ACT's next meeting in June.

- Shared information about what was happening in their jurisdictions. For example, the Governor was moving forward with stakeholder interviews for the high speed rail alignment committee; the county adopted its Capital Improvement Program (CIP), the opening of Veneta’s park and ride had been delayed in recognition of Eugene Police officer Chris Kilcullen; Cottage Grove would be dedicating the Chambers Covered Railroad Bridge in December; the annual Rhododendron Festival would be held May 22 in Florence; new pedestrian crossings were now in place along Highway 101; the construction of the Coburg/I-5 interchange would begin soon; funds are available for Highway 99 improvements in the vicinity of the new state hospital and prison; LTD was in the process of reconstructing the UO bus stop funded by ODOT Project Readiness funds; two freight truck accidents has occurred recently on Highway 58; a new pavement project on Highway 99 had gone bid; and a paving project on Highway 58 would begin soon.
- 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)

June 8, 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.

The Lane County Public Safety Coordinating Council met May 19 at the John Serbu Youth Campus, Juvenile Justice Center, Carmichael Room. The PSCC:

- Amended and approved March 17, 2011 minutes.
- Received a presentation by Ross Shephard, former Lane County Public Defender, on Senate Bill (SB) 416, of which Mr. Shephard is the author. The intent of the legislation is to reduce the number of people admitted to the Oregon Department of Corrections (DOC) by 500 people per year. Goals of SB 416 are to reduce the number of people judges are sentencing to the DOC and reduce the number of people who leave prison but subsequently commit a new felony and return to prison. There is a funding mechanism associated with the bill that would pay for provision of services including housing, clothing, education and employment referrals, and other needed services by counties. The bill is in being considered in the Joint Ways and Means Committee.
- County Commissioner Faye Stewart provided an update on the Lane County budget, including FY 11-12 proposed Service Reductions to the General Fund.
- The Juvenile Committee reported it met April 29 to develop spending recommendations for Juvenile Crime Prevention funds for 2011-2013. The Lane County 2011-2013 Juvenile Crime Prevention Plan will be presented to the PSCC at a Special Meeting on June 20, 3:00-5:00 p.m. in the LCOG Buford Conference Room for adoption of a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners for action. Lynne Schroeder, Assistant Director of Lane County Department of Youth Services, said the Oregon Youth Authority (OYA) recently presented a proposal to the Juvenile Department Directors' Association meeting. Governor Kitzhaber's proposal would cut 475 beds, leaving 425 beds. The youth offenders incarcerated as adult offenders for Ballot Measure 11 crimes would take up all of the beds, which would leave less than half the number of available beds currently available to counties for juvenile offenders, which for Lane County is 32 beds. The co-chairs recommendation added 200 beds back, and the OYA was reviewing the recommendation. There currently is no funding in the budget to counties from the OYA for basic services consisting of detention and shelter, which is approximately \$350,000 annually for Lane County Youth Services.
- The Reentry Task Force, focused on ex-offenders reentering Lane County from state and federal incarceration, met April 26 to discuss the recommendations of the Supervisory Authority Team (SAT) for the Lane County 2011-2013 Community Corrections Plan (CCP) Budget.
- The Adult Community Safety Committee met May 3 to review the SAT recommendation for the CCP Budget for 2011-2013. Commissioner Stewart attended the meeting along with Chief Deputy Doug Hooley, Community Corrections Commander Greg Fox, and Circuit Court Judge Deb Vogt, constituting the full membership of the SAT. Commissioner Stewart indicated this was the most difficult time in a long series of difficult times over the last two decades for Lane County. Reductions for the CCP budget are estimated to be \$1,561,224, reducing the budget from \$19,918,898 for 2009-2011 to \$18,357,673 for 2011-2013. The Committee met again June 9 and completed and adopted its report for action at the June 20 Special Meeting of the PSCC for adoption of a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners for action.

- Susan Sowards, Principal Planner, LCOG, reported that Lane County on behalf of the PSCC had submitted a letter of intent in response to the Justice Reinvestment Initiative Solicitation, requesting technical assistance to complete a planning process to look at justice reinvestment in the community. This data driven approach fits 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 will be available to help with the transition to how we do business. The deadline has been extended and Ms. Sowards will be gathering additional signatures to demonstrate support in order to strengthen the County's application.
- Tim Laue, Chair, reported for the Workplan Workgroup that he will be making a presentation May 24 to the Board of County Commissioners on provisions of SB 77 and Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) 213-070 regarding determining what a "Minimally Adequate Level of Public Safety Services" is for Lane County. Mr. Laue said the proposed workplan suggests review of the SB 77 process for the Governor's declaration of a public safety state of emergency which may be a result of the anticipated loss of Secure Rural Schools (SRS) funding. There are six crisis counties, including Lane County, in the state that have relied heavily on SRS funding for general fund purposes. In 2008, Lane County closed 84 jail beds and took other actions in anticipation of the SRS loss. Subsequently the federal stimulus package provided a rider for SRS ratcheting down. He noted, for example, there were 96 Sheriff's Office rural patrol officers in 1996 to serve a much less populous county and soon there will be only 14. Judge Bearden stated there were 50 juvenile detention beds at Youth Services in 1980 and today there are 16. Mr. Laue explained that under SB 77 if the BCC asked for a declaration of a public safety state of emergency, the Governor would appoint a fiscal board. The Criminal Justice Commission will review data listed in OAR 213-070 and report to the fiscal board. The fiscal board would make a determination within two weeks about whether or not a declaration should be recommended to the Governor. The Governor would then make a decision within two weeks on whether or not to make a declaration. Mr. Laue understood such a declaration had never been made in Oregon. There were provisions in State law that would provide bridge funding to the County from the State to finance services until the next election. He added consideration of bankruptcy by all southwestern Oregon counties would have to get the Legislature and Governor's attention.
- Jacque Betz, Florence Assistant City Manager, reported she would attend a budget meeting in Florence that evening. The City of Florence recently filled a police officer position and detective and code enforcement positions are waiting completion of the budget process.
- Paul Solomon, Executive Director of Sponsors, Inc. reentry services, reported Sponsors received grant funding from the Criminal Justice Commission for a Reentry Service Center which included job program resources for any body with a criminal history in Lane County. In April 42 people were assisted in securing full time jobs in a county with one of the highest unemployment rates in Oregon.

Banking Industry Panel

Pacific Continental Bank Area President Mitch Hagstrom stated that his bank currently had significant resources, but was finding difficulty in finding qualified borrowers, especially in the real estate development and construction fields. He said Pacific Continental showed year-end profitability, despite increased overhead and staff training expenses brought on by new federal regulation. He predicted that the increased regulation would eventually result in higher loan rates.

Citizens Bank President Bill Humphreys reviewed data showing Citizen Bank deposit and loan composition, balance sheet and income statements, returns, margin, and cost of funds records. He prognosticated:

- Interest rates are going to go up
- Oil prices will likely stay high, depleting consumer spending
- The foreclosure crisis will last for at least another year
- Fiscal situation is serious and requires tough decisions about the high total debt level and spending policies, but they will not be made until after the 2012 election

Oakridge Economic Development Projects

City of Oakridge City Administrator Gordon Zimmerman recited that “Oakridge is the Center of Oregon Outdoor Recreation and the Mountain Biking Capital of the Northwest, a beautiful area where families and businesses live and grow, work and play, learn and dream, in a safe and sustainable community.” He distributed a document entitled “Oakridge Future Enhancements” and reviewed current volunteer community projects, current City projects, and future potential City projects it identified.

Senior Services Advisory Council

At that meeting the following occurred:

- 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 2011-12. Voting will occur at the June meeting.

Senior Services Advisory Council

June 14, 2011

At that meeting the following occurred:

- The Nominating Committee presented recommendations for new members, to begin serving three year and one year terms effective July 1, 2011.
- The Council accepted the proposed nominees for new membership and recommended approval by the LCOG Board.
- The Council elected new officers for 2011-12.
- The Council recognized the exemplary service of those members whose terms have completed.
- Standing Committee reports of the Advocacy Committee, the Long Term Care Committee, the Procurement and Monitoring Committee, and the Nominating Committee were received.

Disability Services Advisory Council

May 13, 2011

At that meeting the following occurred:

- Standing Committee reports of the Advocacy Committee and Long Term Care Committee were received.
- The Council's input was sought regarding guiding principles for a Coordinated Care Organization.