

# Agenda Item Number 5.

## Advisory Council Reports

**Presenter:** George Kloeppel

**Action Recommended:** None. Information Only

**Background:**

*Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC)*

July 8, 2010

The Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC) met on July 8, in 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:

- Approved the minutes of its May 13 and June 10 meetings.
- Heard a report from Dave Jacobson, chair of the MPO Citizen Advisory Committee, regarding the CAC's May 20 field trip of the MPO region.
- Heard a staff report from Susan Payne of LCOG, and received a special report from Dr. Stacey Bricka of NuStats about the MPO's receipt of updated household travel survey data. These data are a critical input to LCOG's transportation modeling program and describe typical transportation behavior of MPO residents. This information replaces data last updated in 1994.
- Held a public hearing and unanimously approved delegating authority to the Transportation Planning Committee to amend the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) to add the Franklin Boulevard Multiway Boulevard Project, following a 30-day public comment period.

- Heard a staff presentation from Paul Thompson of LCOG on the FY2010-2013 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP). ODOT Regional Manager Sonny Chickering moved passage of the MTIP proposing that ODOT would provide necessary \$1.03M match funding, instead of Lane County, for the \$10M Coburg Interchange Project federal earmark. On a vote of 6 in favor, and 2 against, the motion failed. MPC bylaws require at least one affirmative vote from Eugene, Springfield and Lane County to pass any issue, and the 2 Lane County representatives voted in opposition.

MPC directed staff to schedule an August 12 meeting with the FY 2010-2013 MTIP as the single item. This meeting will provide an additional opportunity for ODOT and the Lane County Board of Commissioners to resolve project issues, currently an item on the Board's July 28<sup>th</sup> agenda.

- Heard an overview of the MPC's calendar of events from Andrea Riner of LCOG.
- Received a report on 7 administrative amendments to the FY2008-2011 MTIP.

**Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC)**

August 12, 2010

The Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC) held a special meeting on August 12, in Bascom-Tykeson Room of the Eugene Library 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 July 8 meeting.
- Expressed its support for a TIGER II grant for the "Franklin Corridor Partnership" (Eugene, Springfield, LTD and ODOT); a TIGER II grant application from Lane County for safety, bicycle and pedestrian improvements on Territorial Highway; and a Sustainable Communities Regional Planning grant application (Central Lane MPO, Eugene, Springfield, LTD, Lane County and other regional partners).
- Heard a report on and discussed six administrative amendments to the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP). Requested and heard a description of the criteria for administrative amendments.

- Considered the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) update process and, by motion, agreed to reexamine all projects proposed for the next RTP; authorized the Chair to send a letter to the Federal Highway Administration, outlining the process and timeline that the MPO will follow in preparing the update for adoption in November 2011; and requested that the Chair convene a subcommittee of the MPC to prescribe the process for such a reexamination.
- By resolution, adopted the FY 2010-2013 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP), including the projects modified by administrative amendment.

**Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC)**

September 9, 2010

The Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC) met on September 9, in the Springfield Library Meeting Room with representation from Lane County, Springfield, Eugene, Coburg, LTD, and ODOT. This meeting was called to order at 11:35 by Springfield Councilor Hillary Wylie, Vice Chair. The MPC:

- With one correction, approved the minutes of its August 12 meeting.
- Received a report from its Citizen Advisory Committee Chair, Dave Jacobson, regarding the CAC's regular July meeting and its outreach efforts at the Eugene Celebration.
- Received a report from the Citizens Advisory Committee regarding the annual review of the MPO's Public Involvement Program. The review process concluded that the program was "headed in the right direction," but offered four recommended amendments to the Plan, as well as a series of general and continuing recommendations. The public comment period on the proposed amendments was to run for 45 days and the MPC will be asked to take adoptive action in November.
- Received and held a public hearing on the draft FFY 2010-13 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program Air Quality Conformity Determination. After a presentation on the AQCD document, there was no one wishing to speak at the hearing. The AQCD is expected to be considered by the MPC after the public comment period and acted upon in October.

- By motion authorized the Chair to sign three letters of support for five project applications by three agencies for Transportation Enhancement funding. Projects were being submitted by the City of Eugene, the City of Coburg and Willamalane Park and Recreation District.
- Heard a report by Savannah Crawford, ODOT, on the departments' Statewide Transportation Improvement Program and the FFY 2012-15 STIP criteria. While at the present time no “modernization” funding is expected in the 2012-15 STIP, the Legislature’s adoption of HB 2001 in 2009 identified ten considerations that were to be used for the project selection criteria in the 2012-15 STIP. Subsequent to the legislation, the OTC had adopted criteria and prioritization factors. All ACTs in the state (along with the MPC and County Commission in Lane County) were asked to reevaluate their previous priorities for modernization against the new criteria and prioritization factors that could be used “in the event modernization funds become available.” The MPC agreed to provide comments to ODOT in October.
- Reviewed the calendars of upcoming MPC activities. Issues added by the MPC for consideration in October or in the near-term future include: A discussion of the protocol for “administrative amendments” to the MTIP, a presentation by, discussion with, LRAPA regarding the air quality elements in the transportation planning work of the region, a review of the rulemaking process around HB 3370, and discussion and provision of comments regarding the ODOT Rail Study.
- Heard a brief report from Sonny Chickering, ODOT, on the Transportation Commission’s meeting on September 22 at which consideration will be given to the formation of a Lane Area Commission on Transportation. Chickering noted that two sets of proposed Bylaws have been provided to the Commission—the FACT-LC version and the Board of Commissioners version.
- Received an informational copy of the previously authorized letter to the Federal Highway Administration regarding the MPC’s adoption of the 2010-13 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program and its commitment to review all RTP projects in both the constrained and illustrative project lists to assure that they will address present-day needs.

- Received an executive summary of the State's 2010 Oregon Rail Study and agreed to provide comments to ODOT in October.
- Received a report from staff of two administrative amendments approved by the Transportation Planning Committee in August: Eugene West Bank Bike Path Extension and Eugene Franklin Boulevard Traffic Controller Upgrades.

**Senior Services Advisory Council**

August 10, 2010

At the meeting the following occurred:

- Council member assignments to Standing Committees were distributed and reviewed. Recommendations were accepted.
- Council members heard a special presentation by Dan Quale, Council member representative on the State-level committee for planning towards state-wide implementation of Aging and Disability Resource Centers. Senior & Disabled Services in Lane County is the site of the initial pilot program. The State of Oregon is in the process of creating a plan to expand the services state-wide. David presented the work accomplished by the committee so far, and asked for input on important characteristics and services. Council members engaged in a robust discussion and offered much input for David to bring to the state-wide committee.
- Standing Committee reports were shared.

**Disability Services Advisory Council**

July 23, 2010

At the meeting the following occurred:

- A status report was given on State funding for services provided by S&DS.
- Council members heard a special presentation by Dan Quale, Senior Services Advisory Council member representative on the State-level committee for planning towards state-wide implementation of Aging and Disability Resource Centers. Advisory Council members offered input regarding desired characteristics of an Aging and Disability Resource Center for David to present to the state-wide committee.
- Standing Committee reports were shared.

Disability Services Advisory Council

September 10, 2010

At the meeting the following occurred:

- Recommendations for new members to the DSAC were approved. These recommendations will be taken to the LCOG Exec Committee in October.
- The Council membership elected the Chair and Vice-Chair positions for 2010-11. L.M. Reese will be Chair and Tim Baxter will be Vice-Chair.
- Council members reviewed and approved the 2010-11 Legislative Priorities for S&DS.
- An update on state funding and services was provided.
- Standing Committee reports were received.

Lane Economic Committee

June 21, 2010

Discussed regional water supply issues, specifically as related to the proposed EWEB contract with the City of Veneta.

- Listened to a presentation from Brad Taylor, EWEB and Ric Ingham, City of Veneta
- LEC unanimously passed the following motion:  
*Given that water availability is critical to economic development,  
Given that EWEB has an established history of selling water under contract to other districts,  
Given that EWEB needs to take action to further secure its water rights, and  
Given that the total amount of water proposed under the contract with the City of Veneta makes up less than 1% of EWEB's total water rights,  
Therefore, the LEC hereby endorses the proposed sale of water from EWEB to the City of Veneta.*

Discussed LCOG's Climate of Prosperity task force

- LEC unanimously passed a motion to amend LEC Bylaws regarding membership:  
*Members representing government shall include the following: a) Lane County Commissioner, b) City of Eugene Councilor, c) City of Springfield Councilor and d) City Councilor from another incorporated city within Lane County. Members representing government can be nominated by their respective jurisdictions, except that the unspecified member will be selected by the LCOG Board.*

Discussed results of the June 2, 2010 regional meeting on a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS).

- The June 2, 2010 meeting included 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.
- The CEDS includes a significant amount of detailed action steps which were taken from the Lane County Prosperity Summit and JEO Task Force. This was felt to be an efficient way to utilize this existing plan. The CEDS also focuses on five specific Lane County economic development projects including:
  1. Assistance to Rural Communities
  2. Lane County Energy Development
  3. Lane One-Stop Business Assistance Center
  4. University of Oregon Riverfront Research Park Expansion
  5. Workforce Career Readiness Credential
- The CEDS will include the LEC workplan for 2010/2011 which includes the following activities:
  1. Improve and increase communication with the LCOG Board.
  2. Coordinate efforts with other local, regional, state and federal economic development organizations in order to maximize efficient delivery of service.
  3. Promote and help implement economic development strategies identified in the 2009/10 Eugene Prosperity Summit.
  4. Work with rural communities to build fiber communication links.
  5. Support and increase various government loan programs for small businesses including the US Small Business Administration.
  6. Provide local input into the regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) process.
  7. Provide a forum for exchange of information regarding economic development opportunities and programs.
  8. Assist local communities and particularly rural communities to define and coordinate their economic development strategies.
- The LEC voted to recommend that the Cascades West Economic Development District adopt the CEDS.

- Based on recommendation from the Supervisory Authority Team and PSCC Adult Community Safety Committee voted to recommend adoption by the Board of Commissioners of a revised Community Corrections Plan to reflect a reduction in state Community Corrections funds of \$625,652 for 2010-11. Programs received an across the board 3.054% reduction of their biennial allocation, resulting in a 6.09% reduction for the current fiscal year because this is the last year of the biennium. Lane County Adult Corrections Community Service Program and Willamette Family Buckley House Detox Beds were the only programs held harmless because the SAT determined the reduction would disproportionately impact those programs' ability to function. The Jail absorbed that portion of the reduction.
- Based on recommendation from the PSCC Juvenile Committee to recommend the Board of County Commissioners appoint six new members to the Committee to fill vacancies.
- Received and adopted a report from LCOG and Oregon Social Learning Center staff regarding a recently completed study commissioned by the PSCC: "Three Year Follow Up Study of All Men and Women Released from State Prison to Lane County June 12,2006 to February 26, 2007". The study examined the relations between services received by men and women following release from prison, outcomes due to those services, criminal justice outcomes, and what combination of services leads to the best outcomes during the reentry period. Among other findings were that men and women who went to sponsors were more likely to be employed full time at the end of the three year follow up period. Men and women who were employed full time at the end of the follow up period were more likely to have no criminal record during that time period.
- The Sustainable Future Workgroup presented a draft statement based on the work of the Workgroup. The purpose of the Workgroup is to help the PSCC articulate to the community not just the lack of services or the inability to provide the services, but also what services would look like if reduced and sustained at a fundamental level. The PSCC Sustainable Future Workgroup is developing a vision of where we want to be in the future, designing a journeyman community safety system where public safety, public health, and mental health work together for long term change.

- Received a presentation on proposed administrative rules for the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) to implement SB 77 which outlines the process and procedures CJC must employ if the governing body of any county or the Governor seeks a declaration of a Public Safety Services Emergency by requesting that the Commission review and analyze public safety services provided by that county. The bill targets counties which are believed to be in a state of fiscal distress that compromises the counties' ability to provide a minimally adequate level of public safety services. The end result is intended to be a Recovery Plan recommended to the governing board of the County.
- Received a report on the CJC Local Public Safety Coordinating Council Statewide Conference which took place in Newport September 10.
- Received an update of Sponsors, Inc.'s move to their new housing facility on Highway 99 and the opening of their Reentry Service Center at the facility, funded by a grant from CJC. Sponsors provides housing, reentry services, case management, and support to 35% of state offenders returning to Lane County from state corrections facilities to assist them with successful reentry into the community. The Reentry Service Center will also serve returning federal offenders. Related new grants awarded in the three days prior to the PSCC also were reported. The Oregon Department of Corrections (DOC), in partnership with the Governor's Reentry Council and Multnomah, Lane, Washington, and Clackamas Counties, was awarded a \$747,541 US Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Second Chance Act Grant which provide additional beds and services at Sponsors for ex-offenders. The grant plus match will serve an additional 20 offenders per year in Lane County and is renewable for two additional years. Sponsors, Inc. was awarded a BJA Second Chance Act Mentoring Grant for \$299,672 over two years to serve 100 ex-offenders per year, 200 total. It will provide mentoring to ex-offenders through Home for Good in Oregon and Sponsors Alumni Mentoring Program. The target population is individuals: convicted as an adult; imprisoned in a state, local, or tribal prison or jail; returning to Lane County; ordered to P&P supervision; male or female over age 18; and assessed as high/medium risk and/or incarcerated for five or more consecutive years. LCOG Resource Development staff helped develop the DOC and Sponsors grants and wrote the Sponsors grant.