

Agenda Item Number 5. Advisory Council Reports

Presenter: George Kloeppel

Action Recommended: None. Information Only

Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC)

July 14, 2011

The Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC) met on July 14 in the Coburg Fire Station Training Room with representation from Lane County, Springfield, Eugene, Coburg, LTD, and ODOT. This meeting was called to order at 11:40 a.m. by Lane County Commissioner Sid Leiken, Vice-Chair. The MPC:

- Was welcomed to Coburg by Coburg Mayor Judy Volta.
- Approved the minutes of its June 9 meeting.
- Heard comments from one member of the public, who expressed appreciation to the City of Eugene for working with the members of the Whilamut Natural Area Citizen Advisory Committee on the design of the North Bank bike/ped path lighting and reconstruction project.
- Heard a report from Edward Winter, Co-Chair of the CAC. Reporting on the CAC's June 16 meeting, Winter, joined by Co-Chair Sarah Strand, noted that the committee discussed the annual review of the MPO's Title VI plan, reviewed and commented on recommendations programming FY 2011 STP-U projects, and continued discussions on outreach for the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) update.
- Unanimously approved Resolution 2011-06 amending the FY10-13 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Plan (MTIP) to program additional Surface Transportation Program – Urban (STP-U) funds, adding 5 programs to the MTIP.
- Held a public hearing, during which one member of the public testified in favor of the Willamalane Middle Fork Willamette River path project; and unanimously approved Resolution 2011-07, amending the FY10-13 MTIP.
- Held a public hearing on the Draft FY12-15 STIP during which one member of the public testified in favor of safety improvements to Beltline Highway. The MPC discussed items

in the draft STIP and provided comments and feedback to ODOT Area Planner Savannah Crawford.

- Received a status report from LCOG Transportation Program Manager Andrea Riner and Senior Planner Paul Thompson on progress toward the quadrennial update of the RTP. The MPC discussed proposed Goals and Objectives language at some length and directed staff to bring back revised language at its next meeting.
- Received an update on discussions concerning the interaction of the Central Lane MPO and the LaneACT from Ms. Riner. Riner stated a subcommittee of both groups made up of ACT Chair Bob Hooker, Mayor Piercy, Councilor Wylie, Commissioner Bozievich, CAC member Dave Jacobson, and Ms. Riner was meeting to develop a proposal slated to come back to both bodies for consideration in the Fall.
- Received a presentation by LTD point2point Solutions Manager Theresa Brand on the 2010 point2point Solutions Annual Report.
- Received a report from Ms. Brand and LTD's Lisa Van Winkle on changes to the Business Energy Tax Credit program by the 2011 Oregon Legislature which have resulted in termination of LTD's free student bus pass program in the Eugene/Springfield area. This results in a net loss of revenue to LTD of approximately \$1 million. Van Winkle stated the program had provided 24,000 passes to local students, resulting in 1.8 million boardings per year. LTD will provide free bus service to Eugene/Springfield students in the month of September, after which students will no longer be provided free service. The MPC discussed the issue at some length.
- Acting as the Metropolitan Cable Television Commission, the MPC approved three applications for funding of Public, Education and Government (PEG) projects totaling \$66,431.

Commissioner Leiken closed the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC)

August 11, 2011

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

- Was welcomed to the Springfield Justice Center by Chair Wylie.
- Approved the minutes from its July 14 meeting.
- LTD Board Chair Mike Eyster clarified an inaccuracy in a Register Guard article by pointing out LTD had hired an engineer to study traffic flows on 6th and 7th Avenues some months ago. Eyster said this was an expected part of the environmental work being

conducted for the proposed West Eugene EmX extension.

- Received a report on the activities of the MPO-CAC from Co-Chair Edward Winter.
- Reviewed the draft Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), introduced by Paul Thompson of LCOG. The MPC had a lengthy discussion about EmX, freight and rail. The draft RTP will be the subject of a public hearing at the MPC's September meeting, and a public comment period beginning September 2 and continuing until November 7. The MPC anticipates adoption of an updated RTP at its November meeting.
- The MPC discussed a draft set of goals and objectives for inclusion in the RTP.
- Theresa Brand of point2point solutions provided follow-up information to questions raised by MPC at its July meeting.
- Sonny Chickering, ODOT Area 5 Manager, provided an update on the closure of I-105 over I-5 from August 12 through 15, and the ribbon cutting ceremony on the Southbound I-5 bridge over the Willamette on August 18.

Chair Wylie adjourned the meeting at 1:05 p.m.

Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC)

September 8, 2011

The Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC) met on September 8 in the Eugene Library with representation from Lane County, Springfield, Eugene, Coburg, LTD, and ODOT. This meeting was called to order at 11:40 a.m. by Lane County Commissioner Sid Leiken, Vice-Chair. The MPC:

- Heard comment from one member of the public seeking transit system and inter-city bus improvements.
- Heard a report from its Citizens Advisory Committee describing its August Field Tour and its presence at the Eugene Celebration.
- Conducted a public hearing on the draft Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and briefly discussed the draft.
- Heard a report from Ann Beckland of Portland's TriMet on her agency's Business Assistance Program related to Max light rail extensions.
- Heard a presentation by Andrea Riner, LCOG, and Amanda Pietz, ODOT, on the statewide greenhouse gas reduction planning efforts as required by HB 2001 and HB 1059.
- Reviewed the schedule for the future actions of the MPC.

- Received a report of three administrative amendments to the FY 2010-13 MTIP.
- Heard a rail update from Mayor Piercy that the State had empanelled the Rail Alignment Committee.

Lane Area Commission on Transportation (LaneACT)

July 13, 2011

The Lane Area Commission on Transportation (LaneACT) met on July 13th, in the ODOT Area 5 Offices in Springfield, with representation from Lane County, the Cities of Coburg, Creswell, Dunes City, Eugene, Florence, Lowell, Oakridge, Veneta; Westfir; Port of Siuslaw; Lane Transit District; ODOT; Central Lane MPO; Lane County Roads Advisory Committee; MPO Citizen Advisory Committee; a representative of Highway 126 East, four Designated Stakeholders, and three of the four Other Stakeholders—a total of 24 of the 29 active members. The LaneACT was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chair Bob Hooker, Mayor of the City of Creswell. The Lane ACT:

- Approved the minutes for the June 8th meeting.
- Held a public hearing on the 2012-2015 Draft Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Public comment was provided raising concerns on three projects in the draft STIP—the Newberg Dundee bypass, the I-5/Coburg interchange, and the River Road project. After the close of the public hearing, ODOT staff responded to questions from the members. The draft STIP included projects carried forward from the previous STIP.
- Received a presentation on Flexible Funds was provided by ODOT staff, Savannah Crawford. Applications for these funds might be available in the fall of 2011.
- Reviewed the draft Public Participation Plan (PPP). Four LaneACT members were appointed to serve on a subcommittee to work with staff on the PPP. Adoption of the PPP was planned for the ACT’s September meeting.
- Conducted a brief round-table for announcements and info sharing from members.
- The next ACT meeting is August 10, 2011.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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total of 27 of the 29 active members. The LaneACT was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chair Bob Hooker, Mayor of the City of Creswell. The Lane ACT:

- Approved the minutes for the July 13th meeting.
- Held a public hearing on a Public Participation Plan (PPP) for the LaneACT. No public comment was presented and the ACT adopted the PPP as submitted.
- Reviewed public hearing and public comment protocols and provided feedback to staff. There were no objections to the protocols presented.
- ODOT staff, Michael Buffalino, provided a presentation on the recently adopted Oregon Freight Plan. ACT member Martin Callery also provided a brief update on the Coos Bay rail project.
- The ACT received information and held a discussion on the coordination that will occur between the ACT and the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). Savannah Crawford, ODOT staff, provided information from other ACTs that were located in areas of other MPOs.
- Public outreach continued to be a discussion item for the LaneACT. Several samples of existing materials were reviewed and discussed. Given the limited resources available to the ACT, staff would a flyer for review and would check into providing links on the ODOT LaneACT website to websites, such as the Central Lane MPO which has existing public information materials available.
- Savannah Crawford, ODOT staff, provided an update on the closure of I-105 over I-5 from August 12 through 15 and the Highway 126W Corridor project, and Sonny Chickering, ODOT staff, mentioned the ribbon cutting ceremony on the Southbound I-5 bridge over the Willamette on August 18.
- The next ACT meeting is September 14, 2011.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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- Approved the minutes for the August 10th meeting.
- Heard a presentation from City of Springfield Public Works staff on questions raised at previous ACT meetings regarding safety issues on 42nd Street in north Springfield. Representatives from International Paper (IP) joined the Springfield staff to respond to safety issues raised related to railroad track blockages that occur at the IP plant.
- Heard a presentation regarding the update of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) that is now underway. Dave Jacobson and Eleanor Mulder, members of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) provided information to the ACT members on the process and upcoming opportunities for public comment. Communities outside of the MPO boundaries were encouraged to participate as many of their residents travel to and from the metropolitan area.
- Received information on the Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) eligibility criteria and prioritization factors from ODOT staff, Savannah Crawford. ACT members took several minutes to brainstorm projects and were encouraged to forward other project ideas to Ms. Crawford prior to the October meeting. At the October meeting, there will be an opportunity to review and prioritize the projects, in order to be prepared when there were funds available.
- Provided announcements and community information related to things happening in their communities. Heard that ODOT Area Manager, Sonny Chickering, was appointed to the Region Manager position. ACT members congratulated Mr. Chickering and wished him well in his new position. ODOT Senior Planner, Savannah Crawford, will be taking Mr. Chickering's place on the Governor's Regional Solutions Team, in addition to her regular job responsibilities. Lisa Nell will be the Interim Area Manager until a permanent Manager is appointed.
- The next ACT meeting is October 12, 2011.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Senior Services Advisory Council

August 9, 2011

At that meeting the following occurred:

- Council member assignments to Standing Committees were distributed and reviewed. Recommendations were accepted.
- Council members heard a special presentation on the decisions of the 2011 Legislature and the status of funding for S&DS services and staff
- Standing Committee reports were shared.

Disability Services Advisory Council

July 29, 2011

At that July 29th meeting the following occurred:

- A status report was given on State funding for services provided by S&DS.
- Nominating Committee members were confirmed. Recruitment for DSAC new members was announced.
- Standing Committee reports were shared.

Disability Services Advisory Council

September 9, 2011

At the September 9th 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 2011-12. L.M. Reese will be Chair and Robert Fritson will be Vice-Chair.
- Council members heard a special presentation by Brian Nieubuert of the Oregon Health Authority, regarding Health System Transformation in Oregon.
- Bruce Abel, Manager of LaneCare, and Kay Metzger spoke of their involvement in the Health System Transformation efforts, both at the state level and locally.
- Bruce Abel invited members to join the Consumer Advisory Council for Lane County's Coordinated Care Organization.
- An update on state funding and services was provided.
- Standing Committee reports were received.