

Agenda Item Number 5.

Advisory Council Reports

Presenter: George Kloeppel

Action Recommended: None. Information Only

Background:

Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC)

October 14, 2010

The Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC) met on October 14, 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 September 9 meeting.
- Heard an announcement that LCOG's Sustainable Communities grant application, in which the Central Lane MPO was one of several partners had been approved—45 approved in the nation and LCOG's was the only one in Oregon—in the amount of \$1,450,000. It was announced that a press conference was scheduled for 1:15 on October 15 at the LCOG office.
- Heard comments from two members of the public, one raising the air quality implications of benzene and the other urging the utilization of a new and updated policy set for the development of the Regional Transportation Plan, scheduled for approval in November, 2011.
- Heard a report from Dave Jacobson, chair of the MPO Citizen Advisory Committee, regarding the CAC's September 23 meeting. Included were the I-5 Willamette River Bridge naming, consideration of Eugene's TSP Advisory Committee (recommending Gary Gillespie and Philip Farrington as representatives), the Regional Transportation Options Plan, and the timelines and status of regional and local transportation planning projects.
- Approved by motion (Eyster and Wylie) the CAC's recommendation to name Gary Gillespie and Philip Farrington to serve as representative and alternate on the City of Eugene's TSP Department Advisory Committee.

- Considered background information and heard a staff presentation by Susan Payne (LCOG) on the recommended Air Quality Conformity Determination for the FFY 2010-2013 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program. By motion (Dubick and Wylie) adopted Resolution 2010-07 approving the AQC Determination for the FFY 2001-13 MTIP.
- Heard a presentation by Merlyn Hough, Executive Director of the Lane Regional Air Protection Agency on LRAPA's emission control programs, his agency's testimony on federal fuel standards to USEPA in 2006 and the aftermath, and LRAPA's "High Priorities" (2010).
- Heard a follow-up report from Savannah Crawford (ODOT) on the State's two priority projects (in the MPO area) for the STIP: Beltline NEPA (D-STIP) and I-5/Beltline interchange improvements.
- Heard a report from Andrea Riner (LCOG) on the work of the subcommittee addressing the Regional Policy Set. She noted that the existing Goals and Objectives were arrived at in the context of the preparation/adoption of TransPlan and are intended as a starting point for the local plans and for the development of the RTP. The MPC's subcommittee, working over the summer, advised the MPC to approach the issue of the policy set in phases, beginning with the identification of emerging issues in transportation.
- Reviewed the expanded planning calendar for the MPO.
- Heard and considered a report from Savannah Crawford (ODOT) on the requirements of HB 3379 (2009) and the Department's ongoing process to address these requirements.
- Received a report from the MPC's Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Project Review Subcommittee, charged with recommending a process by which all project lists would be reviewed in a timely fashion. The report detailed current work and laid out a schedule of tasks through the January MPC meeting.
- Received a report on the single "administrative amendment" approved by the TPC during the past month—LTD passenger boarding improvements—in which the project cost remained unchanged at \$660,000.
- Suggested items for the next and upcoming MPC agendas, including a discussion of the process for identifying possible "administrative amendments;" consideration of the relationship between the MPO and the soon-to-be-chartered LACT and the identification of a representative to serve on the latter; discussion of the STIP projects; a consideration of the West Eugene EmX extension; and continued attention to the local TSP and regional RTP process interfaces.

The Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC) met on November 4, in the Eugene Public 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 October 14 meeting.
- Received updates from MPC members including:
 - A notice from Commissioner Sorenson that he would be attending a conference on methane to energy in Colorado.
 - A reminder from Commissioner Sorenson that the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) would be addressing the formation of an Area Commission on Transportation (ACT) in Lane County on November 9.
 - A reminder from Mayor Piercy of the upcoming “Let’s Talk Transit” event; the Oregon Metropolitan Planning Committee (OMPOC) meeting scheduled for November 19 in Eugene; and a brief report on her attendance at the Railvolution Conference in Portland.
 - Chair Zelenka reported on the rule-making committee he is serving on with Tom Schwetz of LTD and Andrea Riner of LCOG pursuant to SP1059 on Greenhouse Gas Reduction.
- Heard from three members of the public: one urging the MPC to give more attention to bicycle related projects; one urging the MPC to use a different calculation methodology for calculating greenhouse gas emissions; and one urging the MPC to reinstate the Eugene Historic Preservation Program and provide for better pedestrian safety around the new Matt Court stadium.
- Heard a report from Dave Jacobson, chair of the MPO Citizen Advisory Committee, regarding the CAC’s October 21 meeting.
- Unanimously approved amendments to the MPO’s Public Participation Plan, as recommended by the CAC.
- Reappointed four members of the CAC for an additional term.
- Authorized the Chair to sign letters of support for 8 project applications to ODOT’s Flexible Fund Program, including 2 from the City of Eugene, 1 from Springfield, 1 from LTD, 2 from point2point Solutions, 1 from Willamalane Park & Recreation District, and 1 from ODOT.
- Received a report from Stacy Clauson of LCOG on the MPO’s greenhouse gas inventory process.
- Paul Thompson of LCOG presented MPC with a list of transportation projects included in the current Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) preparatory to the MPC’s review of all

projects to be included in the updated RTP scheduled for adoption in November 2011.

- Received and update from Andrea Riner on the various local and regional planning process calendars.
- Heard an update from LTD on the West Eugene EmX Extension (WEEE) environmental review.

Senior Services Advisory Council

October 12, 2010

At that meeting the following occurred:

- S&DS Legislative Priorities for 2010-11 were approved.
- A special presentation on the Older Americans Act was given, highlighting its inception and development since 1965, intent of the legislation and funding, and how it is implemented in Lane County through Senior & Disabled Services.
- Standing Committee reports were shared.

Disability Services Advisory Council

November 12, 2010

At that meeting the following occurred:

- New members were welcomed and Standing Committee assignments were shared.
- Information about State budget issues and the potential for service reductions to seniors and people with disabilities were reviewed and discussed. Plans were shared regarding how to educate key legislators about the impact of these reductions.
- Standing Committee reports were shared.

Lane Economic Committee

November 15, 2010

1. New Development at Riverfront Research Park

University of Oregon Riverfront Research Park Director Diane Wiley reviewed recent economic developments. She described and showed architectural renderings of a planned facility to be mostly occupied by the Oregon Research Institute (ORI), a non-profit organization conducting scientific investigations into behavioral problems in children, chronic physical illness in adults, teen substance abuse, and adolescent depression. She said the facility was estimated to cost \$18 million and would provide needed space for the Institute which employed 300 persons. She explained that the building would also be occupied by the Educational Policy Improvement Center which conducts research studies focused on increasing the success of students underserved in public schools and had 75 employees. She said the current permitting stage of the development would likely be completed in time to allow construction to begin in January and be finished by December 2011.

2. Targeted Economic Development Strategies

The Lane Economic Committee adopted five strategies to recommend for presentation to the LCOG Board of Directors:

1. Develop one-stop consultation centers to link existing small businesses with sources of economic and work force development.
2. Provide technical assistance to small and rural communities to develop community projects and access grant funding sources.
3. Target public investment in telecommunications, transportation, water, wastewater, passenger, and freight rail and other infrastructure.
4. Support existing businesses and attract new businesses that operate in key industry clusters, including:
 - a. Forest Products
 - b. Transportation Manufacturing
 - c. Health Care
 - d. Clean Tech/Renewable Energy
 - e. Advanced Manufacturing
 - f. Software
 - g. Tourism
 - h. Higher Education
 - i. Biomedical
5. Support and increase various government loan programs.

3. Economic Development Projects in the City of Springfield

Springfield Economic Development Director John Tamulonis described current projects within the City:

- Projects related to the Peace Health Medical Center
- Various mixed use developments
- Infrastructure projects
- Gateway Hilton Gardens Hotel
- Travel Lane County Adventure Center
- Cabela's Outdoor Store
- New Gateway Restaurant
- Downtown to Peace Health through Gateway EMX Line
- Various relocations from Eugene
- Interstate 5 Bridge over Willamette River
- Downtown low income housing for homeless and chronically ill
- Gateway and Beltline intersection.
- Armed Forces Reserve Readiness Center
- New Enterprise Zone
- Urban Renewal Areas
- Re-establishment of two way traffic on main streets
- Glenwood Re-development/Refinement Plan