



January 4, 2012

To: Metropolitan Policy Committee

From: Kathi Wiederhold

Subject: Item 6.a: Report from the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC)

**Action Recommended: None. Information only.**

The Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) held their regular meeting on December 15, 2011, with 13 voting members and the MPC liaison present. The main agenda items were an update on CAC recruitment, action on the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program, and an update on the South Willamette Street Transformation Project.

**CAC Recruitment**

Chair Edward Winter summarized Metropolitan Policy Committee discussion and action on CAC recruitment from the December 8, 2012, meeting. Byron Vanderpool talked with the committee about the selection processes for the four previous recruitments. Chair Winter appointed a Recruitment Subcommittee to review the applications and recommend appointments to the CAC at the February meeting: Diana Alldredge, Dave Jacobson, Ron Kilcoyne, Bill Morganti, and Jennifer Smith. He appointed Jennifer Smith as Subcommittee Chair.

**Draft Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP)**

Paul Thompson, Senior Planner, Lane Council of Governments, presented background information on the Draft MTIP and asked the committee to recommend adoption to the Metropolitan Policy Committee. The CAC had considerable discussion and lots of questions. Does the percentage of Lane Transit District funding increase over the previous MTIP? What is the status of federal timber funds? Has ODOT considered a double-tiered roadway for Highway 126 from Eugene to Veneta? Is a couplet being considered for this stretch of Highway 126? Are there any projects that almost made it into the MTIP, but not quite, that could queue up if additional funding became available? Where does money come from for projects in jurisdictions' Capital Improvement Programs? Would EmX funding have to go through the MTIP? Will the MTIP need to be amended if LTD receives planning and construction funding for the EmX? What is a "scoped" project? If the pedestrian component of a project is to be scoped later, might it be decided to eliminate the pedestrian component? Why leave some of the project

unbudgeted? Are all of the bike/pedestrian projects in the MTIP shown as bike and pedestrian projects, or do they not include bike/pedestrian components of other projects? How much of the funding in the MTIP is for LTD?

The CAC moved by a vote of 10:1 to recommend to MPC approval of the draft MTIP.

### **South Willamette Street Transformation Project Update**

Kurt Yeiter, Senior Transportation Planner, City of Eugene, presented background and gave an overview of the process to date and the steps yet to come for the South Willamette Street Transformation project. The CAC had asked for a presentation after visiting the project area on their field trip in August 2012. The CAC had several questions and comments. What outreach strategies are planned? There are lots of elements to this plan—can this plan use the previous driveway studies that have been done in this area? One problem is that there are no other through streets in this part of town except Amazon and that is farther away. How do you propose to move one-quarter of Eugene efficiently through this area? Where are all the cars to go if the roadway is reduced to two lanes? Are there data or previous studies that show whether adding a center turn lane would work in this area that the public could review online? The north/south traffic problem has been around for years—this plan should get folks who need a through pipeline to use a route other than Willamette. How is the road diet on Bailey Hill working?

### **Attachments**

1. Minutes for the December 15, 2011, CAC Meeting