



February 3, 2010

To: Metropolitan Policy Committee

From: Kathi Wiederhold

Subject: Item 5.a: Report from the Citizen Advisory Committee

Action Recommended: None. Information only.

Report

The Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) held their regular meeting on January 21, with 12 voting members and the MPC liaison *pro tem* present. The main agenda items were welcoming the three newly appointed members in attendance, introducing the Lane Area Commission on Transportation, appointing members to represent the CAC on two committees, receiving a primer on Greenhouse Gas Planning, updating the status and MPC discussion of the Surface Transportation Program-Urban (STP-U) 2011-2013 Process, and reviewing the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Plan Annual Report.

Welcome to New CAC Members

The newly appointed members of the CAC were invited to an orientation session preceding the regularly scheduled CAC meeting. Paul Adkins, Phillip Carroll, and Jennifer Smith were in attendance for the first of three different orientation sessions. The members were welcomed by Rob Handy, the MPC liaison *pro tem*. The orientation focused on the history, purpose, and role of a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) in transportation planning, as well as the organizational structure of the MPO. The orientation also overviewed the relationships between the different committees serving the MPO. The members were also provided with a background of the purpose and function of the CAC. Finally, the CAC Chair provided an overview of the CAC's 12-month work plan for the MPO.

At the regularly scheduled CAC meetings, the new CAC members were welcomed and the meeting started off with an icebreaker, allowing all members the opportunity to share what inspired them to volunteer and serve on the CAC, as well as an interesting transportation-related tidbit of information about themselves. The members were able to learn quite a bit about one another's interests and shared some interesting stories about past adventures on bike, foot, bus, and by car.

Lane County Area Commission on Transportation (ACT)

The CAC was joined by Rob Zako, a transportation planning consultant hired by Lane County to assist the County in forming a charter for the new Lane County Area

Commission on Transportation (ACT). Mr. Zako provided an overview of the areas of overlap between the MPO and ACT, as well as the areas of difference. Mr. Zako overviewed some of the history and function of ACTs around the State. Mr. Zako also discussed the role of the CAC in the process underway to establish a charter for the ACT. The CAC asked a number of questions concerning the function of the CAC as part of future ACT public involvement strategies, the framework and guiding principles that will guide ACT decision-making, staffing and funding for the ACT, as well as whether the ACT will have authority over land use planning. Mr. Zako indicated that many of these issues are to be addressed through the process currently underway to establish a charter for the ACT. The CAC was invited to designate a representative to the Forum charged with providing recommendations on the charter. The CAC unanimously nominated CAC Chair Dave Jacobson and member Eleanor Mulder to serve as the CAC representative and alternate, respectively.

Springfield TSP Stakeholder Advisory Committee

David Reesor, Springfield's Senior Transportation Planner and lead for Springfield's Transportation Systems Plan update, provided background on the TSP and Stakeholder Advisory Group and requested that the CAC nominate a representative to serve on the Committee, with strong preference given to residents of Springfield. The CAC unanimously nominated CAC Chair Dave Jacobson and member Diana Alldredge to serve as the CAC representative and alternate, respectively.

Greenhouse Gas Planning

Susan Payne, Senior Transportation Planner with LCOG provided an overview of greenhouse gas planning efforts that the MPO has been undertaking, similar to the update provided at the July 9, 2009 MPC meeting.

STP-U Framework 2011-2013

Andrea Riner, Transportation Program Manager, updated the committee on the action taken by MPC at their January meeting on the STP-U framework. She indicated that the MPC had requested more information on the criteria for evaluating proposals for STP-U funding as well as measurement tools to ensure that funding has been successful in achieving desired outcomes. This information will be brought to the February MPC meeting for further discussion.

MTIP Annual Report

Stacy Clauson introduced the topic and requested feedback from the CAC on improvements that could be made to the MTIP Annual Report in providing public information on the transportation funding process. The CAC recommended changes to the graphics formats to improve readability.

Attachments

- Attachment 1: Minutes for the December 16, 2010, CAC Meeting
- Attachment 2: Invitation to Meet & Greet on February 18, 2010