



February 2, 2011

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 20, 2011, with 9 voting members and the MPC liaison present. The main agenda items were presentation of the Title VI audit results, a demonstration of the updated MPO website, and an overview of regional transportation projects, including a demonstration of the new integrated website.

Title VI Audit

Stacy Clauson, Planner, Lane Council of Governments, briefed the committee about the Title VI review of the MPO conducted in July by the Oregon Department of Transportation Office of Civil Rights. She described the review process and reported the findings and recommendations. Stacy reported that the final report was very complimentary of the MPO Title VI program. The MPO earned a finding of "No Deficiency" and was found to exceed expectations in several instances. She talked about how staff is working to implement changes recommended in the report. Discussion included: asking whether the MPO already has a procedure for periodic reviews of its subrecipients (we do, but it needs some changes); noting the recommendation to continue to work with MPO committees and boards to improve community involvement in policy development (the CAC has taken a special interest in this); and reflecting that the Community Focus Group convened by the CAC contributed to the MPO meeting Title VI requirements.

MPO Website and MTIP Map

An LCOG planner and an LCOG GIS specialist, Stacy Clauson and Ellen Currier, teamed up to demonstrate the updated MPO website and Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) map now available online. They gave an overview of the MTIP, how it is integrated into the MPO website, and highlighted the changes made to the MPO website. The CAC had previously received a presentation on the development of the database and map for the MTIP in April 2010. Some of the committee members already had used the new website. As has been the case when reviewing other websites, the CAC had a good number of helpful comments and

suggestions to make website and map more user-friendly. They provide a good sounding from the perspective of community members accessing technical information online. MPO staff already has been working to make the changes suggested, as have Eugene staff with the website for the Eugene Transportation System Plan.

Regional Transportation Projects

This item provided the committee with another in a series of presentations on the coordinated regional projects. Andrea Riner, Transportation Program Manager, Lane Council of Governments, has been updating the CAC regularly to keep them in the loop and briefed on the significant coordination efforts regarding the many local and regional transportation planning projects underway. Paul Thompson, Senior Planner, Lane Council of Governments, highlighted features of the shared regional website that provides 1-stop shopping for information on any of the coordinated regional and local transportation planning projects. As with the MPO website demo, the committee was bubbling with comments and suggestions. Much of the discussion concerned the input map that allows the user to record their comments about specific locations—how to navigate around the map and record comments, the need to register in order to make comments and some of the difficulties with and deterrents to doing so, and suggestions to make the site easier for the lay user. The CAC requested that they continue to receive periodic updates on the regional projects.

Attachments

1: Minutes for the December 8, 2010, Special CAC Meeting