

MINUTES

Metropolitan Policy Committee
Bascom-Tykeson Room—Eugene Public Library—100 West Tenth Avenue
Eugene, Oregon

January 12, 2012
11:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Hillary Wylie, Chair; Sid Leiken, Vice Chair; John Fox (City of Coburg), Kitty Piercy, Alan Zelenka (City of Eugene), Jay Bozievich (Lane County), Terry Cole for Lisa Nell (Oregon Department of Transportation), Mike Eyster, Greg Evans, (Lane Transit District), members; Gino Grimaldi (City of Springfield), Tom Schwetz for Ron Kilcoyne, (Lane Transit District), Brenda Wilson for Jon Ruiz (City of Eugene), Liane Richardson (arrived at 11:35 a.m.) (Lane County), Petra Schuetz (City of Coburg) *ex officio* members.

Byron Vanderpool, Andrea Riner, Kathi Wiederhold, Paul Thompson, Ann Mortenson, Susan Payne, George Kloepfel, (Lane Council of Governments); Rob Inerfeld, Kurt Yeiter, (City of Eugene), Tom Boyatt, David Reesor, Len Goodwin (City of Springfield), Celia Barry, (Lane County), Theresa Brand, Natalie Stiffler, (Lane Transit District), David Jacobson, Edward Winter (Metropolitan Planning Organization Citizen Advisory Committee); Satvinder Sandhu, (Federal Highway Administration); Kevin Matthews, Carleen Reilly, Shane MacRhode, Allie Camp, Alan Pittman, guests.

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Ms. Wylie welcomed everyone to the meeting. Those present introduced themselves.

Ms. Wylie stated this was her last meeting as Chair of the MPC. She was proud to be part of the group which had worked hard together to deal with difficult issues this year that resulted in good results. She cited establishing the Lane Area Commission on Transportation (LaneACT), passage of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), and addressing West Eleventh Avenue issues as examples of the challenges the MPC addressed. She expressed great hope for 2012. She thanked LCOG staff Ms. Riner, Mr. Kloepfel, and Mr. Vanderpool and City of Springfield staff Mr. Boyatt for their support.

2. CALL TO ORDER/APPROVE NOVEMBER 10 and December 8, 2011 MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Leiken, seconded by Ms. Wilson, moved to approve the November 10 and December 8, 2011 minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

3. ELECTION OF MPC OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Ms. Wylie opened the floor to election of MPC officers and committee appointments.

Mr. Bozievich, seconded by Mr. Eyster, nominated Mr. Leiken as MPC Chair. Mr. Leiken was elected unanimously as MPC Chair.

Ms. Wylie turned the Chair's gavel over to Mr. Leiken.

Mr. Leiken called for nominations for MPC Vice Chair.

Mr. Zelenka, seconded by Mr. Fox, nominated Ms. Piercy as MPC Vice Chair. Ms. Piercy was elected unanimously as MPC Vice Chair.

Ms. Leiken thanked Ms. Wylie for her service as MPC Chair in 2011.

Ms. Richardson arrived at 11:35 a.m.

Mr. Kloepfel called for MPC appointments of MPC liaisons to the Metropolitan Planning Organization Citizen Advisory Committee (MPO CAC) and the Oregon Metropolitan Planning Organization Consortium (OMPOC). Mr. Schwetz stated Mr. Kilcoyne was willing to continue as the MPC representative to the MPO CAC. Ms. Piercy expressed a willingness to continue as the MPC representative to OMPOC. Ms. Wylie expressed an interest in serving on OMPOC in the future. Ms. Riner stated Mr. Evans currently served as the MPC alternate to OMPOC.

4. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MPC MEMBERS

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

Mr. Schwetz announced that the Oregon Chapter of the American Council of Engineering Consultants awarded Parsons Brinkerhoff for the design work for the Lane Transit District (LTD) Gateway EmX project on January 11, 2012.

Mr. Leiken reported he attended the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) December 2011 meeting at which the new Chair, Pat Egan, was welcomed. The Oregon Rail Funding Task Force report which was presented would be forwarded to the 2012 Oregon Legislative Assembly. The focus on short lines in addition to passenger lines potentially offered economic development opportunities by connecting with ports.

5. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Kevin Matthews said it was exciting to see the greenhouse gas planning moving forward. Referring to the table attached to agenda Item 6.f in the agenda packet for today's meeting, he said it appeared that the Oregon Legislative Assembly was scheduled to receive the plan in 2015, which suggested implementation of planning changes may occur in 2016. He suggested the actions be completed sooner to give more time if there was controversy with the public process or technical issues. He noted climate mitigations made before 2020 would have a greater economy than if they

were made after 2020 and would save the community significant financial resources and contribute to the community's prosperity. He suggested that the table be extended through implementation.

6. METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) ISSUES

a. Report from the MPO Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC)

Edward Winter, representing the MPO CAC, joined the MPC. Mr. Winter reported on the December 15, 2011 CAC meeting. The CAC appointed a Recruitment Subcommittee to review the applications and recommend appointments to the CAC at the February 2012 meeting. Paul Thompson presented background information on the Draft MTIP and asked the CAC to recommend adoption to the MPC. The CAC moved by a vote of 10:1 to recommend approval of the draft MTIP to the MPC. Kurt Yeiter presented background information and gave an overview of the process for the South Willamette Street Transportation project. Mr. Winter circulated a brochure entitled *Bus Talk 2012* that contained articles in English and Spanish about the CAC recruitment.

b. Adopt Draft FY12-15 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP)

Mr. Thompson offered the staff report. He said staff presented the Draft FY12-15 MTIP at the November 2011 MPC meeting. The MPC held public hearings at the November and December 2011 MPC meetings. The public comment period closed on January 9, 2012. The CAC recommended adoption of the draft MTIP and the MPO's staff Transportation Planning Committee (TPC) recommended approval of the draft MTIP.

Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Eyster, moved that the MPC approve Resolution 2012-01 adopting the FY12-15 MTIP. The motion passed unanimously.

c. Adopt Draft Air Quality Conformity Determination (AQCD) for RTP and MTIP

Ms. Payne presented the staff report. Due to the status of the Eugene-Springfield areas as a USEPA designated "maintenance area" for carbon monoxide (CO), an air quality conformity determination (AQCD) was required whenever the RTP or MTIP was updated, or every four years, whichever came first. A conformity determination must be adopted by the MPC to complete the approval process for the 2035 RTP and the FY12-15 MTIP. The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) must also accept the conformity determination before the plan and program could become operative. The public comment period on the AQCD closed on January 9, 2012 and a public hearing was held on December 9, 2011. Ms. Payne reviewed comments submitted by Mark Robinowitz included as MPC 6.c—Attachment 2, which had been included in agenda packets and distributed to MPC members earlier today.

Mr. Zelenka, seconded by Mr. Fox, moved to adopt the Air Quality Conformity Determination for the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the FF2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The motion passed unanimously.

d. MTIP Annual Report

Mr. Thompson provided the staff report. Federal law required the MPO to publish for public review annual listings of the projects for which federal funds have been obligated. The report included, as an Attachment to the staff memorandum, fulfilled that requirement. In FFY11, \$45.8 million in federal funds were obligated on transportation, of which approximately \$22.9 million was for roadway preservation, safety and operations; \$20.0 million was for transit projects; \$1.4 million was for planning; \$791,838 was for bicycle, pedestrian and rail; and \$570,779 was for transportation demand management projects. No federal funding was obligated for roadway modernization projects. He noted there were scrivener's errors on page 4 of 33 and page 5 of 33, which would be corrected in the final version of the document.

e. Federal MPO Certification Review Report

Ms. Riner offered the staff report. The USDOT was required to review and evaluate the transportation planning processes of metropolitan areas with population over 200,000 persons no less than once every four years. The review was conducted by a team of representatives from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA). Upon completion of the review and evaluation, the results must support a joint certification by the FHWA and FTA that the transportation planning process substantially met Federal planning requirements. In May 2011, the Review Team provided the Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization (CLMPO) with a preliminary list of questions and documentation needs corresponding to the major topics of interest in the review. CLMPO staff provided written responses to the Review Team's questionnaire and links to the requested documents. The Review Team conducted an onsite visit with CLMPO, LTD, ODOT, elected officials and the general public June 6-8, 2011. From the Executive Summary of the Final Report: "The outcome of this review is that FHWA and FTA jointly certify that the planning process conducted by the Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization meets the requirements of 23 CFR 450, Section 334(b)(i) subject to the corrective action identified in the body of this report." A summary of the findings are provided as Commendations, Recommendations, and Correction Actions on the summary tables in Attachment 1 of the staff report.

Mr. Zelenka commended staff for the good work and especially the excellent maps the agency produces, such as those in the MTIP and the RTP.

Ms. Riner introduced Satvinder Sandhu from the Federal Highway Administration in Salem, Oregon.

In response to a question from Mr. Zelenka, Ms. Riner said 90 percent of the maps were produced by the LCOG GIS work unit which was supervised by Eric Brandt.

Mr. Sandhu said that meeting the safety requirements within SAFTEA-LU was very important. It was important to establish the base line. The review identified no glaring problems that needed to be resolved. Positive issues identified included the maps and safety improvements. There were several comments on the LTD EmX, including improved public outreach from the last review four years ago.

Mr. Evans asked if there was a plan to develop goals for outreach activities as recommended under Title 6 for DBE.

Mr. Riner said the CLMPO did not have a specific outreach plan for DBE primarily because the agency did not do a lot of contracting with the private sector.

Mr. Sandhu said the DBE goals were focused on capital projects.

Mr. Kloepfel thanked Ms. Riner for her work on the MPO Federal Certification Review. He was pleased with the comments from FHWA and FTA and the cooperation of the partner agencies.

Mr. Evans expressed concern that the DBE issue was specifically called out in the report and asked for further discussion around developing goals.

Mr. Leiken asked staff to bring the issue back to the MPC for further discussion.

Mr. Vanderpool thanked MPC members for the technical assistance provided by LCOG's partner agencies in preparing the Federal Certification Review.

f. GHG Planning Update

Mr. Vanderpool reported that a GHG project scoping committee and smaller subcommittee had met several times since the December MPC meeting to develop a draft scope of work for the scenario planning project. The group hoped to bring the draft plan to the February 2012 MPC meeting for discussion. He reviewed the CLMPO Scenario Planning Timeline Per HB 2001 table included in the staff memorandum.

In response to Mr. Eyster, Mr. Vanderpool said Portland Metro was required to enact the scenario they choose. Although the CLMPO may wish to enact a scenario it was not required to do so. Mr. Vanderpool agreed with Mr. Matthews' comments that time was an issue. Staff struggled with balancing the size of the process and the amount of time provided to complete the project. He opined that scenario planning was a tool to try things out and ask questions, rather than a tool that provided answers. He hoped the process would enable MPC members to ask those questions, which would then provide a tool kit to see how changes in policies and strategies may occur.

Mr. Zelenka said he had participated on a task force with other MPOs in the State. All of the other MPOs wanted to conduct scenario planning while only the Portland Metro and CLMPO areas were required to do so. They emphasized the need for a tool kit, which ODOT, the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD), Portland Metro and others were working on. One result of the discussion was the MPOs did not want to have cookie cutter style planning that was based on what Portland Metro did. Each of the MPOs have different circumstances and issues that they were already working on. This reinforced that there were already many things going on that supported the GHG scenario planning efforts.

g. MPO Planning Calendars

Ms. Riner reviewed the planning calendars. One important question was how the GHG planning would play out through the course of the year.

Ms. Piercy said the LaneACT had reported to the OTC on ACT activities. OTC responded that the LaneACT was being inclusive and developing a positive program.

Mr. Bozievich asked if there would be something coming to the Eugene City Council and the MPC about the LTD West Eugene route.

Mr. Eyster said the environmental assessment (EA) and Small Starts program would be forwarded to the Eugene City Council and the LTD Board of Directors. The schedule was yet to be determined.

Mr. Schwetz said the EA was currently being reviewed by the FTA. He hoped it would be forwarded to the local authorities in February after which there would be a 45 day public comment period. LTD would then respond to any public comments and the FTA would then hopefully issue a finding of no significant impact which would conclude the EA process. The local process would commence following the federal process.

Mr. Kloeppe said the MPC would deal with the LTD West Eugene route after the City Council and LTD Board had taken action. At that time it would be necessary for the MPC to process an MTIP amendment.

h. Follow-up and Next Steps

- **ODOT Update**—Mr. Cole reported that the ODOT Area 5 Manager recruitment had been put on hold. It would be at least March before any action occurred. Ms. Nell would continue to serve as Interim Area 5 Manager.
- **Rail Update**—Ms. Piercy reported there had been changes in the Rail Division and some changes in staff assignments. The committee she served on consisted mostly of Oregon Legislators. She thought the committee's work would resume after the 2012 Legislative Session. A facilitator and a manager had been hired for the rail alignment process.
- **MTIP Administrative Amendment**—There were no comments on the amendment.
- **Next Steps/Agenda Build**—Mr. Kloeppe said the Title VI issue would be on a future agenda.

The next meeting was scheduled for February 9, 2012 at the Library Meeting Room, Springfield City Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:31 p.m.

(Recorded by Linda Henry)