



March 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 February 18, with 13 voting members and the MPC liaison *pro tem* present. The main agenda items were: an overview of LTD's budget and service design proposal; a process check-in on the annual review of the Public Participation and Title VI Plans; a brief overview of the ODOT Beltline Project in preparation for a presentation at the March CAC meeting; updating the status and results of the MPC discussion of the Surface Transportation Program-Urban (STP-U) 2011-2013 Process; and clarification of CAC committee and subcommittee appointments and process. In addition, there was a Meet and Greet before the meeting for MPC members, CAC members, and MPO partner staff to meet the new CAC members.

### **LTD Presentation**

Andy Vobora, Director of Service Planning, Accessibility, and Marketing for LTD, presented an overview on the budget and service design proposal and asked the CAC for feedback. He talked about the factors affecting the dramatic reduction in payroll tax receipts, which comprise LTD's main source of operating income. He explained the proposed service changes to reduce expenditures and highlighted the public outreach opportunities that have been scheduled. The CAC had lots of questions and comments, including: What is LTD hearing at the open houses? What is the long term effect of cutting services? In the future, when there is more money, can cut services be restored? LTD needs to cut payroll expenses to balance the budget. Will there be information at bus stops directing people where to go for bus service on another route? Has there been any progress at finding ongoing support for RideSource? In addition, there were a number of comments specific to certain proposed service changes.

### **Annual Review of Public Participation and Title VI Plans**

This item was a check-in with the committee on the process and timing for the required annual review of the two plans. The CAC appointed a subcommittee to conduct the review and return to the CAC with recommendations. The subcommittee consists of Sarah Strand, who will serve as Chair, Diana Alldredge, Bill Morganti, and Edward Winter. The subcommittee is scheduled to present their recommendations at the April

CAC meeting for discussion and at the May CAC meeting for action. MPC action is scheduled for July.

### **ODOT Beltline Project**

Sarah Strand, CAC Vice-Chair and CAC representative to the Stakeholder Advisory Committee for the ODOT Beltline Project, gave the CAC a very brief presentation that highlighted concepts under consideration and important dates in the process. The purpose of the presentation was to pique interest and serve as a heads up that the committee will receive a full presentation on this topic at the March 18, 2010, meeting.

### **STP-U Framework 2011-2013**

Andrea Riner, Transportation Program Manager, updated the committee on the action taken by MPC at their February meeting on the STP-U framework. She indicated that the MPC had approved the funding framework and agreed upon changes to the application process to include project metrics and evaluation criteria that can be used to help ensure the project achieves desired outcomes. She flagged the committee that the revised schedule for approving projects to receive STP-U funding is tight—the CAC will have only one opportunity, at the March 18, 2010, meeting, to review the project applications and make a recommendation to the MPC. To facilitate their review, the CAC received a preliminary project list at the February meeting.

### **Committee/Subcommittee Appointments and Process**

Recently the CAC has been using subcommittees and they are also being asked to appoint representatives to outside committees. This agenda item reviewed current subcommittee and committee appointments and clarified the subcommittee process. The CAC agreed on the process for appointments to non-CAC committees and discussed guidance for committee appointments. There will be a new standing item on the CAC agenda for reports from representatives to non-CAC committees, which are the ODOT Beltline Stakeholder Advisory Committee, the Forum on an Area Commission on Transportation, and the Springfield TSP Stakeholder Advisory Committee.

### **Attachments**

Attachment 1: Minutes for the January 21, 2010, CAC Meeting