April 5, 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 March 17, 2011, with 11 voting members and the MPC liaison present. The main agenda items were to appoint a subcommittee to conduct the Annual Review for the MPO Public Participation Program, review the Draft Unified Planning Work Program, and review the Draft Congestion Management Process.

Annual Review for the Public Participation Program
Kathi Wiederhold, Senior Planner, Lane Council of Governments, asked the committee to appoint a subcommittee to conduct the Annual Review of the Public Participation Program. This item was a follow-up from the March check-in on the approach and timeline for the 2011 Annual Review. The CAC appointed three members to serve on the subcommittee: Diana Alldredge, Bill Morganti, and Edward Winter, designating Edward to serve as chair. The subcommittee work will occur in late April/early May, with presentation of recommendations at the May 19 CAC meeting. The CAC anticipates taking action in May and forwarding recommendations on the annual review to the Metropolitan Policy Committee for action in June or July 2011.

Draft Unified Planning Work Program
Andrea Riner, Transportation Program Manager, Lane Council of Governments, introduced the draft. The CAC had many varied questions and comments about the document, here are some of them: "It used to be emphasized that land use and transportation planning were separate, what has changed to recognize that they are interconnected and integrated?" "Planning '20 minute neighborhoods' involves both land use and transportation." "TransPlan integrated land use and transportation; the updated Regional Transportation Plan probably will do so even more." "Please explain again the difference between the Regional Transportation Plan and the Regional Transportation System Plan." "If the State Sustainability Initiative does not get funded, will it change the timeline of the Regional Transportation Plan?" "How does the

Regional Transportation Plan timeline fit with the timelines for the Springfield and Eugene Transportation System Plans?" and "Will the input from the map on the regional website be folded into the goals and objectives in the Regional Transportation Plan?"

Draft Congestion Management Process
Paul Thompson, Senior Planner, Lane Council of Governments, explained the purpose, process, and timelines for the Draft Congestion Management Process. The questions, comments, and discussion that followed included: "Is there an already-developed program or model we can apply here instead of developing one anew?" "What happened to the sign on Delta Highway that was to go near the new bike bridge?" "How does this process interact with the Regional Transportation Plan update and Least Cost Planning?" "Congestion is not a priority but it seems to have a big effect on where we spend money." "Are there things we have to do to improve congestion?" "Do the Transportation System Plans have any requirements for congestion?" "Portland has accepted lower levels of service at peak hours." and "Congestion can cause safety and air quality problems."

Attachments
1: Minutes for the February 17, 2011, CAC Meeting

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