



August 3, 2011

To: Metropolitan Policy Committee
From: Andrea Riner
Subject: Item 5.c: Updating the RTP Goals and Objectives

Action Recommended: Approve for inclusion in Draft RTP, scheduled for public release September 2, 2011.

Issue Statement

This agenda item is to present draft language for the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Goals and Objectives as discussed at the May and July 2011 MPC meetings. Approved language and revisions supported by the MPC will be included in the 2011-2035 Draft RTP scheduled for release for public review and comment on September 2, 2011.

Background

The existing set of Goals and Objectives were established through the development and adoption of TransPlan. This policy set was developed for both regional and local transportation planning through extensive public engagement. These are adopted regional and local goals, and are intended as a starting point for the following current transportation planning projects:

- Coburg Transportation System Plan (TSP);
- Eugene Transportation System Plan;
- Springfield Transportation System Plan;
- Regional Transportation System Plan (RTSP);
- Regional Transportation Options Plan (RTOP);
- Long Range Transit Plan;
- Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

Updating the Goals and Objectives

In 2010, the MPC convened a subcommittee to modernize the current set of RTP Goals and Objectives. The Regional Policy Subcommittee met on June 11, 2010 to develop a recommended approach to this discussion. The MPC has subsequently discussed draft language revisions at their May and July 2011 meetings.

Recommended Revised RTP Goals and Objectives

Attachment 1 provides the recommended language for RTP Goals and Objectives in a format consistent with the final RTP document. An overview of previous MPC discussions around the goals and objectives follows:

Transportation and Land Use Integration (Goal #1)

The language has been revised to eliminate a specific reference to the automobile, and to more broadly discuss reducing our reliance on any single mode:

Integrate transportation and land use to support transportation choices, **promote all modes of transportation**~~reduce our reliance on the automobile any single mode of travel~~, and enhance community livability.

Equity (Objective #6)

This language has been revised to be clearer about the meaning of the term “social equity”:

Conduct planning, analysis, and public involvement to ~~assess and ensure the social equity of regional transportation services.~~ **that the benefits and impacts of transportation decisions are distributed fairly to all people.**

Public Health (Objective #7)

This is a new objective. It was added in response to MPC input to reflect the interrelationship between transportation and important public health issues.

Expand transportation decision-making to meet related public health objectives, including reduced crashes, cleaner air, and increased physical activity.

Rapid Passenger Rail (Objective #10)

This is a new objective. It was added to elevate the significance of our region's participation in an effort to significantly advance passenger rail.

Promote Oregon's development of reliable and efficient rapid passenger rail as part of the Cascadia rail corridor from Eugene to Vancouver, BC.

Recommendation

Approve revised language for inclusion in Chapter 2 of the Draft RTP, scheduled for public release September 2, 2011.

Attachments

1. Recommended Goals and Objectives for inclusion in Draft RTP