



November 2, 2011

To: Metropolitan Policy Committee
From: Byron Vanderpool, Lane Council of Governments
Subject: Item 5.e: GHG Planning Update

Action Recommended: None. For discussion purposes only.

Issue Statement

Staff will provide the MPC with an update on regional transportation-sector greenhouse gas planning relevant to the requirements of HB 2001 and specific work activities that may be anticipated to occur within the Central Lane MPO and the MPO partner agencies.

Background

Under HB 2001, the Central Lane MPO is required to develop two or more land use and transportation scenarios that accommodate growth while achieving a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from light vehicles. The cities of Eugene, Springfield and Coburg are all within the boundaries of the Central Lane MPO. The local jurisdictions will then work to cooperatively select one of these scenarios. The jurisdictions are not required to adopt these scenarios. HB 2001 states that the Central Lane MPO is not required to conduct GHG scenario planning, or to develop the needed modeling and technical capabilities until additional funding is provided. Attachment 1 provides a general timeline for these activities as they relate to other significant regional transportation activities.

Recent Work Activities

Staff will make a presentation to the MPC regarding:

- Defining the overall project and developing cost estimates for the work required under HB 2001;
- Information provided by ODOT and DLCDC regarding their intentions to support the Central Lane scenario planning effort (See Attachment 2); and
- Related efforts included within the HUD Sustainable Communities grant.

Attachments

1. Central Lane MPO long range planning calendar
2. Letter from ODOT and DLCDC dated 10/28/2011