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To: Citizen Advisory Committee  
From: Andrea G. Riner  
Subject: Item 5: Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

**Action Recommended:** Review and comment on the Unified Planning Work Program for 2012 and 2013.

The purpose of this agenda item is to provide Citizen Advisory Committee members with an opportunity to review and discuss components of the UPWP.

### **Background**

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is a federally required document that describes transportation planning activities that Central Lane MPO partner agencies intend to conduct over a specific time frame. The UPWP currently underway (see Attachment 1) will be written to cover two fiscal years, with work occurring from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2013 and contains the following:

- Planning tasks in seven program areas to be conducted over a one- to two-year period;
- Federally funded transportation studies as well as all relevant state and locally planning activities conducted without federal funds;
- Funding sources for each program area; and
- The agency or agencies responsible for each task or study.

Attachment 2 provides a calendar that shows an approximate estimate of key planning activities that may involve the CAC over the course of this UPWP.

### **Key Focus Areas for new UPWP**

The Citizen Advisory Committee continues to be an important and effective forum for the MPO and our regional partners to interact with and receive input from respective members of the community on issues related to transportation. The UPWP continues the MPO commitment to staff and operate the CAC. Key action items proposed that may involve the CAC over the next two years include the following:

- *Public Participation*
  - Significant public involvement and policy development relating to land use and transportation will be occurring in Eugene, Springfield, Coburg and regionally over the next few years as part of the Transportation System Plan Updates and scenario planning efforts in the region.
  - Other key action items proposed for the next two years address the following:

- Updating and maintaining the Public Participation Plan; and
- Implementing the MPO's Title VI Plan.
- In addition, the MPO will be working under the grant from the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development to improve the effectiveness of regional public outreach programs and communication protocols addressing issues of sustainability. This work will involve further integration of the broad range of existing public engagement activities, which includes the CAC work. This work may result in the development of shared trainings relating to sustainability across disciplines, identification of common goals, and discussion/clarification of competing goals or perceptions of conflicting goals. This work also includes identifying under-represented community groups and individuals and developing a specific public outreach program to include those traditionally absent from the decision-making process. This work will be incorporated into regional transportation and greenhouse gas reduction planning and public outreach efforts.
- *Regional Transportation Plan and Long Range Planning.*
  - It is anticipated that the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) update will be approved by November 2011 and, as a result, it is a key priority for the first half of FY 2012. Based upon the current work program, the 2011-2035 RTP will not present significant policy or project changes. This will allow local land use discussions to proceed as part of each agencies transportation system plan development process. The subsequent 2015-2039 RTP, which will be developed under a future UPWP, will be able to incorporate the results of these local planning processes and more effectively integrate transportation and land use decision-making.
  - It is anticipated that the Regional Transportation System Plan (RTSP) will be approved at the end of 2013 and, as a result, it is a key priority for this UPWP. This timing will allow the local transportation system plans for the MPO partner agencies to finish in order to incorporate the findings from these processes in the RTSP. A significant challenge exists with aligning this RTSP Update to coincide with the implementation of the 2010 Oregon Sustainable Transportation Initiative (Senate Bill 1059) and the region's Sustainable Communities Strategy under the grant from the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development. It is anticipated that the scenario planning work to be completed as part of the 2010 Oregon Sustainable Transportation Initiative (Senate Bill 1059) and the region's Sustainable Communities Strategy will be completed after the end of 2013.
- *Programming and Implementation.* The MPO will need to update the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program and program its discretionary Surface Transportation Program-Urban funds in the next year.
- *Transportation Options.* Work on a Regional Transportation Options Plan (RTOP) will continue in FY 2012, enabling the information from this plan to be incorporated into transportation system plan updates. The plan will replace the current chapter

on Transportation Demand Management in the Regional Transportation Plan and create a best practices document and strategic plan.

- *Special Studies.* There are several special projects scheduled to occur over the next two-years that may be of interest to the CAC and involve CAC representation on advisory committees.

**Attachments**

1. DRAFT Unified Planning Work Program FY 2012 and 2013
2. DRAFT FY 2012 and 2013 Calendar