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To: Citizen Advisory Committee

From: Andrea Riner

Subject: Item 6: Citizen Advisory Committee Work Program and MPO Planning Calendar

Action Recommended: Discuss and provide feedback to staff for Calendar additions and revisions.

The purpose of this agenda item is to provide the CAC with an opportunity to review and comment on staff work to-date on a long-range planning calendar. The planning calendar was requested both by the CAC and by the Metropolitan Policy Committee as a public information tool and to assist with the development of an overall work program. The intent of the planning calendar is to show the key products and programs of the MPO in order to inform public participation and decision-making.

Regional Transportation Work Plan

Attachment A shows the major elements involved in the development of the Regional Transportation Work Plan. It is important to note that much of this work is to be conducted by local land use and transportation planning agencies, and not the MPO. However, there is significant overlap and integration of many of the work plan components with key MPO activities. The work plan describes significant transportation planning activities to be carried out over the next 4-5 years. The timeline is based on the best information available today. Transportation planning must be integrated with land use planning work program schedules.

The Regional Transportation Work Plan was approved by the Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) in October 2008. The work plan was required by state land use law under the Transportation Planning Rule (TPR) to show that the local agencies were committed to working together to develop plans that are consistent with the federally required Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), a key MPO product. The timeline identifies the major tasks that the various local agencies have committed to in order to comply with the law.

Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Completion

Attachment B shows the major elements required as part of the RTP Update process. The current 2007-2031 RTP was adopted by the MPC in November 2007. The 2011-2035 RTP must be adopted by November 2011. The RTP is required by the federal government for all metropolitan areas with populations over 50,000. It is a 20-year planning document identifying both long- and short-range policies, strategies, and

actions that will inform federal requests for funding. It includes a list of all regionally significant projects and is updated at least every four years.

12 Month Planning Calendar

Attachment C provides more detail about key MPO planning activities over the next 12 months within three broad areas, including Transportation Improvement Programming, Regional Transportation Planning, and other MPO Programs such as the Unified Planning Work Program and the Public Participation Plan. The *Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP)* includes our participation in the development of the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The process for allocating the MPO's discretionary federal Surface Transportation Planning-Urban (STP-U) funds for planning, transportation options programs, and projects is also outlined. The expenditure of these funds must be documented in the *MTIP* and the *STIP* before they can be accessed by the project managers.

The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) update process will begin within the 12-month time frame, focusing on three tasks: the federally required Congestion Management Process, review of regional transportation policies, and development of the safety and security element of the RTP.

Recommendations

In preparation for the June MPC meeting CAC is requested to review the content and the format of these planning tools, and answer the following questions:

1. Is the right information provided?
2. Is the level of detail appropriate for the CAC? For the general public?
3. What additional information would be most useful? Is some of the information unnecessary?
4. How does the CAC want to use the calendar?

Attachments

- A. Regional Transportation Work Plan Timeline
- B. Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Completion Timeline
- C. 12 Month Planning Calendar