



May 4, 2011

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

Action Recommended: Review and provide feedback to staff.

Issue Statement

In May 2010, in anticipation of the development of the 2011-2035 RTP, the MPC discussed their interest in updating the language in the current RTP goals and objectives. This agenda item is to present preliminary recommendations and to provide the MPC with an opportunity to discuss and provide feedback to staff. The MPC is also asked to provide guidance to the MPO CAC in their review of the goals and objectives scheduled for their May 19 meeting.

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 Options Plan (RTOP);
- Long Range Transit Plan;
- Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

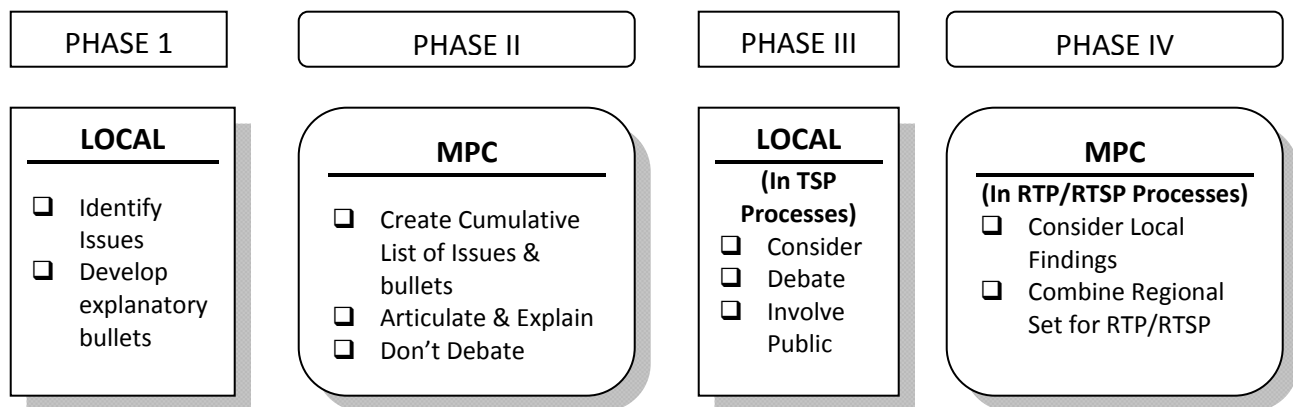
The existing set of Goals and Objectives is provided as Attachment 1.

Updating the Goals and Objectives

The MPC engaged in a discussion about the existing RTP goals and objectives at their May 2010 meeting. Committee members discussed some potential weaknesses in the current policy set, the relationship of local and regional plans, and the role of public involvement. The MPC decided to convene a subcommittee to start the discussion about modernizing 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 that included four phases:

- Phase I Local jurisdictions to identify and describe emerging issues in transportation for discussion by the MPC.
- Phase II MPC to develop a cumulative list of issues based on the input from local jurisdictions. MPC discussion to further articulate issues, but not to debate values.
- Phase III Local jurisdictions, including staff, stakeholders, and elected officials to consider and debate the list of issues within their respective planning projects to identify local values, concerns, benefits, priorities and actions relating to each issue.
- Phase IV MPC to review the local findings and develop a composite list of mutually agreed upon regional goals and objectives for inclusion in the 2011 RTP.



Phase I: Identification of Emerging Issues

In this phase the Subcommittee reviewed a preliminary set of issues and/or topics that may be *under-* or *un-*represented within the current language and that they wished to be considered in the update process,. Attachment 2 lists these topic areas. These emerging issues helped to frame the process to modernize some RTP language, along with the current ongoing goals and objectives of the regional transportation system, which include: Accessibility and Mobility; Safety; Environment; Economic Vitality; Public Involvement; and Policy Implementation.

Phase II: MPC Confirmation of Emerging Issues

In October 2010, the MPC discussed and confirmed the list of emerging issues to be considered through regional and local public involvement processes leading up to the development of the draft 2011-2035 RTP.

Phase III: Public Input

Since October 2010, projects at both the regional and local level have provided a range of opportunities for the public to comment on the emerging issues and the existing goals and objectives, including the following:

- Web surveys for the Eugene, Springfield, and Coburg TSPs, the Regional Transportation Options Plan, and the Regional Transportation System Plan.
- Springfield TSP Stakeholder Advisory Committee meetings;

- Eugene TSP stakeholder committee meetings and web survey; and
- MPO CAC meetings.

Generalized findings from these various public involvement activities were used to develop the recommended new language presented in Attachment 3. The Transportation Planning Committee has had an opportunity to discuss the proposed language changes, but has not taken any official action. As stated earlier, the proposed new language will be discussed with the MPO CAC at their May 19 meeting, along with any discussion points and guidance provided by the MPC.

Phase IV

During this phase the MPC and the MPO CAC will review and discuss the recommended new language in preparation for the development of the Draft RTP expected to be completed in July 2011. The goals and objectives will be finalized upon the adoption of the 2011-2035 RTP anticipated this November.

Recommendation

Review and provide feedback to staff regarding updated language for the 2011-2035 RTP Goals and Objectives.

Attachments

1. Existing Goals and Objectives
2. Emerging Issues
3. Preliminary Recommendations for Updating the RTP Goals and Objectives