

MINUTES

Citizen Advisory Committee
of the
Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization
Eugene Public Library—Singer Room
100 West 10th Avenue, Eugene, Oregon

July 21, 2011
5:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Sarah Strand, Edward Winter, Co-Chairs; Wendy Butler-Boyesen, Bill Morganti, Eleanor Mulder, Diana Alldredge, Philip Farrington, Paul Adkins, Rosalia Marquez, Jennifer Smith, members; Sonny Chickering, liaison from the Metropolitan Policy Committee; Savannah Crawford, Oregon Department of Transportation staff; Paul Thompson, Kathi Widerhold, Lane Council of Governments staff; Kurt Yeiter, City of Eugene staff; Janet Calvert, visitor.

ABSENT: Richard Beers, Gary Gillespie, Alexandre Lockfeld, Dave Jacobson, members.

1. Welcome, Introductions, and Agenda Review

Ms. Strand called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Those present introduced themselves.

2. Comments from the Audience

There was no one who wished to offer public comment.

3. Approve June 16, 2011 Minutes

Ms. Strand offered the following correction:

Page 3, paragraph 3, should read: Ms. Strand suggested the Prof. Sandoval come before the MPO CAC to show how he ~~was presenting~~ **would conduct** his research, once it was completed.

Ms. Strand acknowledged an error:

Page 4, paragraph 7 which read: In response to a question from Mr. Farrington, Mr. Inerfeld affirmed that the Hilyard Street project was in the queue.

Following a brief discussion, Mr. Farrington agreed to email corrective language to Ms. Wiederhold for inclusion in the final minutes.

Page 7, paragraph 4, sentence 1 should read:

Ms. Strand related that the MPC had been asked to do a ~~better~~ **letter of recommendation** for a grant proposal for a Blair Boulevard bicycle project.

Mr. Morganti, seconded by Ms. Mulder, moved to approve the minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously, 10:0,

4. RTP Status Update

Mr. Thompson reported Andrea Riner had provided another draft of the Goals and Objectives language reviewed by the MPC in July. MPC would look at the draft language again in August 2011, after which time, the draft language would be brought to the MPO CAC. Mr. Thompson had reported to the MPC there was good or neutral news on the financial constraint element of the RTP, and it would not be necessary to juggle the mix of projects between the constrained and illustrative list. Through its 24 year horizon, the RTP was required to identify everything that might be needed for the transportation network. While not the priority list, the constrained list included those projects for which funding was anticipated. The projects would not have to be juggled because while future funding may be declining, that was not certain. The statewide revenue forecasts were still projecting continuation of existing funding streams, putting MPC in a holding pattern. He added while the costs on a number of the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) did go up on the constrained list, there were also projects that were completed and would be removed from the list. The net result was a change of approximately \$10 million and that still fell within the financial constraint revenue bands. The MPC had also reviewed the schedule. The draft RTP would be released in September.

In response to a question from Mr. Farrington, Mr. Thompson noted the MPO CAC had provided input on the existing project list and proposed changes, on the proposed new projects, and on the Goals and Objectives, all beginning in October 2010, and on the public involvement program during the past several months. The draft will be released on September 2, 2011, followed with two open houses in October. The MPO CAC would review and comment on the document at the September and October 2011 meetings. The comments would be included in the staff report for the adoption process.

Responding to Mr. Morganti, Ms. Wiederhold said an MPO CAC field trip had been scheduled. She reviewed the CAC's upcoming schedule and proposed changing the September 15 meeting to September 22. She noted consensus to support the change. The September and October schedule and tentative agenda:

- August 18—field trip.
- September 22—CAC Meeting to discuss the draft RTP and MTIP.
- October 6—open house at the Springfield City Hall, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- October 13—open house at Eugene Public Library, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

In response to a question from Ms. Marquez, Ms. Wiederhold reviewed the public notice process for the open houses. She noted flyers would be printed in Spanish, ads would be taken out in Adelante Latino, and information would be distributed via an email network, in addition to the standard notifications.

Ms. Marquez agreed to take flyers to the Springfield School District in September and asked that the Eugene School District be provided flyers also.

Mr. Chickering said some of the MPC members were concerned that not all of their suggested changes to the RTP Goals & Objectives had been included in the most recent draft and some felt ignored. He said MPC had suggested language that encouraged the use of all modes of transportation, rather than negatively identifying reduced automobile use.

Mr. Thompson reminded the CAC that the Goals & Objectives did not stand alone, but were attached to policies which were the expansion of the goals and objectives, each of which contained language that describes the intent of the policies and what they addressed.

5. Training Session for RTP Update Speakers Bureau

Ms. Wiederhold directed MPO CAC members to the following documents distributed at today's meeting, entitled: *Regional Transportation Plan Update—Speaking Points—Draft July 21, 2011*; *Regional Transportation Plan Update—Speakers Bureau Details—Draft July 21, 2011*; and a postcard entitled *Opportunities to Comment*.

Ms. Wiederhold said the Speakers Bureau was shaping up for August and September. The participants would attend meetings of various community organizations to provide information on the RTP Update. She reviewed the *Speaking Points* and *Speakers Bureau Details* documents. She asked MPO CAC members to a poster on the wall entitled *Regional Transportation Plan Update—Speakers Bureau Revised Draft July 21, 2011* and invited CAC members to indicate their availability to attend meetings of the community organizations and note which meetings were a priority, as the list was too long for presentations to be made to all. She also asked CAC members to note meetings on the calendars posted on the wall, indicating time and whether staff was needed to attend. She said CAC members had been invited to staff a display at the Eugene Celebration on August 27 and 28th and circulated a sign-up sheet.

The MPO CAC took a break from 6:23 p.m. to 6:35 p.m.

6. Draft 2012-2015 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

Ms. Crawford stated the Draft 2012-2015 STIP was currently available for public review and comment. She was here to solicit the MPO CAC's feedback. She directed members to maps included in the agenda packet for tonight's meeting. She explained the STIP was ODOT's four year funding document which included all projects which had state and federal funding. The STIP contained four major funding programs: pavement preservation, bridges, safety and operations, and modernization. She reviewed the local projects included in the STIP and the process by which projects were selected for funding. Existing priorities included the River Road to Coburg Road development project for Beltline Highway and the I-5/Beltline interchange. She called for comments and questions from MPO CAC members. If additional modernization funds became available, these projects would be considered. The priorities would be revisited for the next STIP cycle.

In response to a question from Mr. Farrington, Ms. Crawford said the Heceta Head Lighthouse project was part of a transportation enhancement grant.

Mr. Chickering said Mr. Farrington had inquired about what projects were close to the top of the list but not funded.

Ms. Crawford would follow up on what projects were in the queue for future funding. She added the maps in the agenda packet would be updated because the LaneACT observed some of them were incomplete. Updated maps would be provided to MPO CAC members.

Ms. Mulder inquired about the status of the Salt Creek tunnel on Highway 58 and noted that the tunnel was featured in a recent article in the Register Guard. She also noted that there had been two other recent articles in the Register Guard that featured transportation projects

Mr. Chickering said the area above the tunnel was in worse condition than the area below the tunnel where work was currently underway. Rapid deterioration had been caused due to winter weather. ODOT staff had toured the area with Federal Highway Administration (FHA) staff and was able to identify funds to move that work forward. An emergency contract was currently out for bid and paving would be done this summer.

7. MPO Coordination with Lane Area Commission on Transportation (Lane ACT)

Mr. Chickering reported that the July 13, 2011 open house had been well attended by Lane ACT members who provided good feedback and asked many questions. The public also provided feedback on the public participation plan which was modeled after the MPO CAC plan.

Mr. Chickering reported on the July 13, 2011 Lane ACT meeting. He said the ACT had provided feedback on interaction between the ACT and the MPC, particularly related to what would happen when the two bodies did not agree on choices and prioritizations. He believed there was agreement that each body would prioritize things independently. If the recommendations differed, the ACT steering committee could be used as an arbiter. Several members of MPO also are members of the ACT steering committee. He added at today's steering committee meeting, the committee had discussed the ACT's first public hearing associated with the STIP and whether or how members should respond to public comment and public hearing testimony. The group was developing a process for how to respond to public comments.

8. Updates

Ms. Wiederhold reiterated the field trip was scheduled for August 19, 2011 and reviewed thruette planned stops. She said Ms. Riner had given permission to sponsor MPO CAC members to attend the Oregon Planning Institute conference September 14-16, 2011. She would email information about the conference to members.

9. Reports from CAC Representatives on Outside Committees

Ms. Smith offered a report on the pedestrian summit held recently at the Eugene Public Library. The featured speaker was Ray Thomas, a bicycle/pedestrian lawyer in Portland who had developed resources for bicyclists, pedestrians, and drivers to inform them of their rights and responsibilities. Ms. Strand distributed cards entitled *Pedestrians Know Your Legal Rights!* There was a good representation from the Eugene Police Department (EPD). EPD Sgt. Darryl Schultz spoke about efforts EPD was undertaking to reduce conflict between modes.

Mr. Winter reported there was no funding for the very successful Lane Transit District (LTD) Student Transit Pass Program.

Ms. Strand suggested people should contact their representatives in the State Legislature. Information on how to contact representatives was available at the League of Women Voters at www.LWLVLC.org.

Ms. Mulder hoped there would be a way to fund the Student Transit Pass Program for the Eugene, Springfield and Bethel school district.

Ms. Wiederhold agreed to invite someone from LTD to a future meeting to inform the CAC about the

Student Transit Pass Program.

Mr. Winter said the MPC had unanimously passed a motion approving amendments to the FY10-13 MTIP to program STP-U funds. He was impressed that the City of Eugene staff worked with the Citizen Planning Committee (CPC) for the Whilamut Natural Area of Alton Baker Park to forge a compromise on the North Bank trail.

Ms. Strand announced Phillip Carroll had recently resigned from the MPO CAC.

Committee members discussed replacing Mr. Carroll and the recruitment process.

10. Wrap-Up

Mr. Morganti reported the LTD Alternative Transportation Committee was on recess for the summer.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

(Recorded by Linda Henry)