



November 12, 2009

To: Citizens Advisory Committee
From: Andrea Riner
Subject: Item 6: MPO Greenhouse Gas Emissions Task Force (HB 2186)

Action Recommended: None. Information only.

Purpose

Early this year, the Oregon Legislature passed House Bill 2186 which established a 16-person statewide MPO Greenhouse Gas Emissions Task Force. The Task Force has met three times since October, and is expected to recommend additional greenhouse gas related legislation at their December 4th meeting. This agenda item is to provide the CAC with an overview of Task Force efforts in preparation for future discussions about the implications for the Central Lane MPO and partner jurisdictions.

Background

Oregon House Bill 2186 established a 16-person statewide MPO Greenhouse Gas Emissions Task Force to:

- Study and evaluate the development of ***alternative land use and transportation scenarios*** that accommodate population and employment growth while reducing greenhouse gas emissions from motor vehicles;
- Evaluate ***fiscal and other resource needs*** to implement these scenarios, including staffing and resources needed by state agencies, local governments and each MPO;
- Evaluate ***impediments*** to implementing land use and transportation scenarios that reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and
- Recommend ***legislation*** related to transportation and to the environment establishing a process for adoption and implementation of plans for reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

As recommended by the MPC, Governor Kulongoski appointed Eugene City Councilor Alan Zelenka to serve as the Central Lane MPO's representative on the Task Force.

MPO GHG Task Force Meetings

To date the Task Force has met three times, October 15th, October 29th, and November 12th. Items discussed at these four-hour meetings include:

- State-of-the-Practice Land Use/Transportation Scenario Development;
- Land Use/Transportation Scenario Planning Case Studies in Oregon;
- Status of Oregon Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Analysis;

- Metropolitan Planning Organizations in Oregon;
- Portland Metro’s Scenario Planning Related to HB 2001;
- Transportation Sector GHG emissions in Oregon;
- Potential Attributes of MPO Scenario Planning Processes; and
- Impediments to Implementing Land Use and Transportation Scenarios.

Brief summaries of the first two Task Force meetings are provided as Attachments 1 and 2. Attachment 3 is the Oregon MPO Comparison table, which provides general data, funding/staffing, and planning-related data for each of Oregon’s six MPO’s.

MPO GHG Task Force Subcommittee

A subcommittee of local agency representatives was established by the MPC to support Councilor Zelenka in the Task Force process. The Subcommittee is charged with helping to communicate the range of regional ideas, issues, and concerns relating to future land use and transportation requirements. Subcommittee meetings provide an opportunity for staff and/or elected officials from MPO partner agencies to keep apprised of the MPO GHG Task Force process, discuss relevant topics, and ensure information is shared within their respective agencies. This will be helpful in providing a coordinated response from the Central Lane MPO to any recommendations or actions that may come out of the Task Force work at their December meeting. The Subcommittee is comprised of the following members:

Alan Zelenka, City Councilor	City of Eugene
Hillary Wylie, City Councilor	City of Springfield
Andrea Riner	Central Lane MPO
Susan Payne	Central Lane MPO
Tom Boyatt	City of Springfield
Ron Bittler	City of Springfield
Kurt Yeiter	City of Eugene
Celia Barry	Lane County
Daniel Hurley	Lane County
Tom Schwetz	Lane Transit District

Additional Information

Brief meeting reports, along with additional information, can be found at the Central Lane MPO’s website at http://www.thempo.org/committees/ghg_task_force.cfm. Official meeting minutes will be provided by ODOT as they become available, and can be found at their website at <http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/TD/TP/HB2186.shtml>.

Recommended Action

No action recommended. Information only.

Attachments

1. Summary of MPO GHG Task Force Meeting #1
2. Summary of MPO GHG Task Force Meeting #2
3. Oregon MPO Comparison Table