



Agenda Item Number 8 b. Advisory Council Reports

Date: September 24, 2020

Presenter: Brenda Wilson

Action Recommended: None. Information Only

Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC)

July 9, 2020

- Received public input on greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions planning.
- Received a report on the update of the MPO's Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Plan.
- Unanimously approved a letter of support for a City of Springfield grant application for funding for Safe Routes to School (SRTS) projects.

Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC)

August 6, 2020

- Heard a staff presentation, and held a public hearing, on proposed modifications to the language governing amendments to the MPO's Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP).
- Unanimously agreed to the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) *Coordination Process with MPOs in Setting, Monitoring, and Reporting State Performance Measure Targets*.
- Heard a presentation by ODOT staff, and held a discussion, on the Oregon Transportation Commission's (OTC) FY2024-2027 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funding allocation.
- Received a presentation on the results of the MPO's Travel Barriers Survey.

Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC)

September 3, 2020

- Unanimously elected Springfield Councilor Joe Pishioneri as MPC Chair.
- Unanimously appointed Springfield Councilor Sean VanGordon and Lane Transit District (LTD) Board Member Carl Yeh as representatives to the Oregon MPO Consortium (OMPOC).
- Heard a presentation and held a discussion on the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Federal Requirements.
- Heard an update on the Regional Transportation Options Transition.
- Heard a presentation on the staff response to public comments on greenhouse gas emissions and discussed how the MPO may move forward with planning around this issue.

Lane Economic Committee (LEC)

August 10, 2020

- Eric Lind, Capital Access Team Advisor for the Lane Small Business Development Center (SBDC), provided an overview on government COVID-19 relief programs for small businesses. Questions centered around the perceived need for additional funding relief for businesses forced to close during the pandemic. Mr. Lind said that additional funding and grants were likely, but the timing was unknown.
- Lynn Meyer, Director of Lending at Community Lending Works (CLW), gave an overview on CLW's role during the pandemic. Mr. Meyer reported that CLW began helping businesses with pandemic relief early on. CLW launched an emergency loan program. They received 100 applications in the first 15 minutes providing funding to 19 businesses in Lane County for a total of \$400,000. Since then the loan program has spread throughout the state, with over 90 loans totaling \$1.3 million. Mr. Meyer said that there may be as many as 6 rounds of grants to small businesses with round 3 coming up.
- Howard Schussler, LCOG GS Director, facilitated a roundtable discussion on COVID-19 impacts. Discussion began with the state of the tourism industry and hotel occupancy which is 35% of normal. Lack of affordable housing is an issue and people may soon have a problem with making their rent payment. Ms. Fifield, City of Eugene, noted that the secondary dwelling unit discussions are still going, some required costs have been removed, and state changes have affected local laws and codes. This will all help open more secondary dwelling units which will increase availability.

Senior & Disability Service Advocacy

July 21, 2020

- Discussed that S&DS had closed all its offices in Lane County except for in Eugene and Florence. Everyone was working remotely or via the phone. Adult Protective Services (APS) was meeting people in person in emergency situations. Senior Meal Service expanded so that S&DS could provide meals for everyone on their waitlist
- Committee requested to advocate on issue of wheel chair accessibility, Durable Medical Equipment, and power wheelchair repair. Staff had reached out to Pacific Source and Trillium with questions on the repair and insurance process. They asked about the process each went through and hoped to figure out where the slowdown was happening. They had received a response from Pacific Source but were waiting for Trillium.

Disability Services Advisory Council (DSAC)

July 17, 2020

- Recapped the APS webinar that took place in June. The focus of the webinar was on scam fraud, specifically during COVID-19. S&DS had ten community members attend the webinar, which was recorded.
- Shared that the S&DS office had entered phase one of their reopening. They had a few people in the building and were open daily to the public from 10am – 12pm. APS was the only unit performing in-person contact, but that is only in emergency situations

Senior Services Advisory Council (SSAC)

July 17, 2020

- Discussed office and Senior Meals to the Cottage Grove Community Center. The building was looking to expand, so they would have enough space. S&DS would use reception hall as temporary space while the expansion was being built. The community library and senior center were also inside the same building.