



**Agenda Item Number
10. b.
Advisory Council Reports**

Date: January 27, 2022

Presenter: Brenda Wilson

Action Recommended: None. Information Only

Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC)

October 7, 2021

- Unanimously approved amendments to the MPC Bylaws allowing the City of Coburg to appoint an elected or appointed official to serve on MPC.
- Unanimously approved a letter of support for a City of Eugene Airport application to the Connect Oregon grant program.
- Heard a staff presentation, held a public hearing, and discussed proposed amendments to the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) Amendment Matrix that would allow streamlined handling of certain amendments to the MTIP.
- Heard an ODOT staff presentation and discussed proposals for increased engagement in the MPO process by the ODOT Public Transportation Division (PTD). MPC supported involvement of PTD staff in MPC's staff advisory committee.

Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC)

November 4, 2021

- Heard public comment on the closing of the Center for Appropriate Transport (CAT) and the transition of the CAT space and assets to Better Eugene-Springfield Transportation (BEST).

- Heard a staff presentation, held a public hearing, and discussed the MPO's draft 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Congestion Management Process (CMP).
- Heard a staff presentation, held a public hearing, and discussed the MPO's draft Air Quality Conformity Determination (AQCD) for the 2045 RTP.

Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC)

December 2, 2021

- Heard an ODOT staff presentation, discussed, and provided comments to ODOT on priorities for the use of Oregon's transportation funding from the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA).

Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC)

January 6, 2022

- Unanimously approved Resolution 2022-01 adopting the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan and Congestion Management Process.
- Unanimously approved Resolution 2022-02 adopting the Air Quality Conformity Determination for the 2045 RTP.
- Approved formal testimony to the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) on priorities for the use of Oregon's transportation funding from the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.
- Approved priorities for seven pending ODOT projects within the MPO area.
- Heard a staff presentation on the federally-required *FFY 2021 Annual Listing of Federal Obligations* describing the use of federal transportation funding in the MPO during the previous federal fiscal year.

Lane Economic Committee (LEC)

October 11, 2021

- Brenda Wilson, Executive Director of LCOG, reviewed LEC and its goals. Ms. Wilson explained the LEC needed to look at ways to implement the CEDS to work with the 4-county economic development district to work towards shared goals and solutions to problems.
- Heard a presentation on Economic Development Administration grant opportunities. There are more funds than usual in the grant as a result of the ARPA funding, including funds for a jobs component to help workers enter quality jobs and advance in their careers.
- Heard a Homelessness Report from Brittany Quick-Warner, Eugene Chamber of

Commerce, who shared the Chamber's vision for the community: To have a thriving local community where businesses could succeed, and individuals could live happy healthy lives. Ms. Quick-Warner provided data on the number of homeless which is far greater than the available shelter inventory. She explained the Chamber's recommendations are to strive for quality data, convene leaders, and create shared goals with a collective impact, expand service provider capacity, create more emergency shelter and permanent housing programs, do more outreach and case management, provide wrap-around services, enforce and hold those accountable who break the law, and rebuild community trust.

Lane Economic Committee (LEC)

November 8, 2021

- Heard CEDS Stakeholder Group Update from Matt Michel, City Manager of Veneta, who reviewed the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). He presented results from a Regional Priority survey. The LEC would need to discuss implemented of the three biggest priorities identified: economic resilience, regional collaborations and partnerships, and business retention and expansion. Mr. Michel shared that in the resilience matrix that no single industry should account for more than 20 percent of county employment. Most categories in Lane were under 20 percent, but in most Lane County cities, education was the highest employment industry (30%).
- Business Oregon Infrastructure and Entrepreneurship Mark Brady, an Innovation Strategist at Oregon Business Development Department, spoke about the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program as well as a few other grant opportunities. Mr. Brady explained the SBIR is essentially a small business set-aside program that supports early-stage business R&D/product development. The support grants are up to \$5,000. Business Oregon also has a grant program to assist with match required for SBIR funding.

Lane Economic Committee (LEC)

December 13, 2021

- Early Learning and Economic Development Bess Jayme, Director of Education at United Way, shared that United Way was the backbone for the regional state funded Early Learning Hub. She mentioned that there was a childcare shortage nationally and said that there were four main issues: supply, affordability, access, and the work force. Sarah Moehrke, City of Florence, stated that the second biggest concern in economic development, behind housing, was childcare. Ms. Moehrke was working on putting together a group of Lane County stakeholders who would spearhead the work.

Senior & Disability Services – Disability Services Advisory Council (DSAC)

September 17, 2021

- Presentation on Elder Abuse Awareness Month by S&DS Unit Manager Nicole Newall. APS Unit provided a virtual Elder Abuse training series titled “Let’s Talk About Abuse”. Four trainings were provided, and the topics ranged from what is APS, Self-Neglect 101, and how agencies work together to investigate reports of abuse.
- Heard report that there were 152 people on Oregon Project Independence (OPI) 60+ and 56 people on OPI Pilot. ADRC received 1,366 calls in August. The Oregon Money Management program has served 153 consumers to date. Oregon Legal Services has served 161 consumers for a collective 663 hours to date.
- Senior Meals - MOW/Café. 6,733 meals have been served at Café 60 locations and Meals on Wheels has served 28,956 meals this fiscal year.

November 19, 2021

- Staff report that a DSAC Community Forum was held on November 8th, 2021 to recruit more members to the DSAC. One application was received and will be interviewed by the new Nominating Committee members on December 13.
- Heard report that there were 147 people on Oregon Project Independence (OPI) 60+ and 54 people on OPI Pilot. ADRC received 1,700 calls in August. The Oregon Money Management program has served 156 consumers to date. Oregon Legal Services has served 297 consumers for a collective 1,622 hours to date. The Family Caregiver Respite program has provided 1,273 respite hours fiscal year to date
- Senior Meals - MOW/Cafe 60:14,678 meals have been served at Café 60 locations and Meals on Wheels has served 49,187 meals this fiscal year.

Senior & Disability Services – Senior Services Advisory Council (SSAC)

September 17, 2021

- Staff reported that the Senior Companion program has been reaching out via phone during the COVID-19 pandemic instead of meeting in person. The Elder Help Program has not been active since the start of COVID-19 pandemic.

November 19, 2021

- Presentation by Micah Goodman, Program Manager at S&DS, on how S&DS Case Managers have been navigating Case Management services during the COVID-19 pandemic, specifically not being able to meet consumers in their homes. He shared during this pandemic staff were only allowed to visit

consumers if they were experiencing a safety emergency. Mr. Goodman shared S&DS staff would start slowly returning to the field in December 2021, continuing to follow all safety precautions.

- Council voted unanimously to appoint Judy Dashney as SSAC Chair & Barbara Susman as SSAC Vice-Chair

Senior & Disability Services – Advocacy Subcommittee

September 21, 2021

- Regular 2021 Legislative Session ended on June 30, 2021. Special session held September 17, 2021 regarding redistricting. The 2022 Legislative Session will only meet for 35 days between February 1, 2022, and March 7, 2022.

October 19, 2021

- At subcommittee request, staff shared that there is a “How to Avoid Scams” virtual training series scheduled for December 6, 2021, Tuesday December 7, 2021, and Thursday December 9, 2021. This training is open to the public and is free to attend.

November 16, 2021

- Committee members discussed the legislative action items that have been shared by USAging (formerly National Association of Area Agencies on Aging – n4a). Members discussed the Build Back Better Act which would add \$2 billion to the Older Americans Act (OAA) and ways to reach out to their Congress members to advocate for OAA funding in the bill.
- Committee members discussed the current OPI 1115 Demonstration Waiver and ways to advocate during the federal comment period.

December 21, 2021

- Report on Scam Trainings that were held on December 6th, 7th & 9th. S&DS Staff hosted the trainings in partnership with S&DS APS, the Oregon Department of Justice and AARP.