



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

**Date:** January 26, 2023

**Presenter:** Brenda Wilson

**Action Recommended:** None. Information Only

**Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC)**

*October 6, 2022*

- Unanimously approved approximately \$23 million of federal MPO flexible funding for projects through FY2027.
- Heard an update on the preparation of, and provided input on, an update to the MPO's Title VI and Environmental Justice Program Plan.
- Unanimously approved \$40,000 of federal MPO flexible funding for licensing and implementation of an electronic Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) package.
- Unanimously approved the MPO's support of six state (Oregon Department of Transportation) performance measures related to pavement and bridge conditions, transportation system performance, and congestion mitigation and air quality.
- Unanimously approved a letter of support for the City of Eugene for the FY22 Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) Program Grant Application.

**Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC)**

*November 3, 2022*

- Unanimously approved the update to the MPO's Title VI and Environmental Justice Program Plan.
- Heard an update on the meeting of the Oregon MPO Consortium (OMPOC). Discussed potential legislative and other priorities for OMPOC's work in 2023.
- Discussed potential transportation-related priorities for the 2023 session of the Oregon Legislature.

- Heard an update on the work to develop a regional broadband strategy.

### **Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC)**

*December 1, 2022*

- Heard a report on the Oregon Household Activity Survey, also known as the Oregon Travel Study ([www.oregontravelstudy.com](http://www.oregontravelstudy.com)).
- Heard a report from ODOT staff on ODOT transportation performance measures.
- Unanimously approved a letter of support for the City of Eugene's applications for Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) & Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) grants from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).
- Heard a report from ODOT on the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grant program.

### **Lane Economic Committee (LEC)**

*September 12, 2022*

- No meeting held

### **Lane Economic Committee (LEC)**

*October 11, 2022*

- Presenter Micah Elconin, Director of Eugene's Table and President of Season to Taste, Inc. talked about the food and beverage sector. This organization is funded by membership and sponsorships. Working on projects with the two Universities to support the business food industry with courses catering towards startups and management training. Working on courses for professional development in the food and beverage industry. He talked about different events hosted by Eugene's Table and how these events after the pandemic are growing. Gatherings like "Unpack" events where networking and how to support the food and beverage industry workforce discussions take place.
- Discussion took place regarding potential topics for next month's speaker from Lane Community College new President, Dr. Stephanie Bulger.
  - The three directions she set up for her new position
    - Sustainability for college to be discussed
  - Discuss recent new buildings
  - Discuss how to support workforce
- Continued discussion on the Priority Area 2 (Sector Diversification Through Business Development).
  - Develop emergency recovery revolving loan funds and creative financing options before shocks so that businesses can immediately access financial

assistance post-shock

- Joint money given to Lending Community Works to assist businesses during COVID
- Federal money through PPP and EIDL grants/loans
- Oregon Business Grant program
- Ms. Easdale spoke about needing funds for business impacted by fires, such as paying for business expenses when businesses are having to evacuate and not able to be open. The State had rental assistances but was limited and related more towards COVID.

### **Lane Economic Committee (LEC)**

*November 14, 2022*

- Guess speaker Dr. Bulger, the new President of Lane Community College (LCC) was not able to attend – rescheduled for next month
- Updates given by Members, Chair and Staff
  - Cottage Grove recently received two large EDA grants.
    - \$6.5 million to rebuild Main Street – project would not start until 2024
    - \$1.25 million to develop 1.5 acres of Bohemia Park in a plaza
- Discussion regarding establishing a Nominating Committee for Chair and Vice-Chair
  - Ms. Perry, Ms. Cusimano, and Mr. Berger volunteered

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

*November 18, 2022*

- Heard report that there were 167 people on Oregon Project Independence (OPI) 60+ and 34 people on OPI Pilot. ADRC completed 897 calls in September and 531 calls in October. The Oregon Money Management program has served 148 consumers to date. Oregon Legal Services has served 293 consumers for a collective 1,460 hours fiscal year to date. The Family Caregiver Respite program has provided 2,018 traditional respite hours fiscal year to date. Fiscal year to date, the Meals on Wheels Program has served 49,718 meals and the Café 60 program has served 20,524 meals.
- Staff presentation on the \$158,000 Innovation Grant from Oregon Department of Human Services S&DS was recently awarded in partnership with HIV Alliance. This funds one ADRC Specialist for S&DS who will be housed on site at HIV Alliance and funds one HIV Alliance Peer Support Specialist. The goal of this grant to bridge the gap to S&DS services for consumers who are receiving services on site at HIV Alliance.

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

*November 18, 2022*

- Staff presentation on the S&DS Area Plan and the new Service Equity Plan. It is a requirement of ODHS that each Area Agency on Aging have these documents in place and that they are reviewed annually. The Area Plan is a four-year document that maps out the goals and vision for the agency. The Service Equity Plan is a new requirement and is in place to ensure all services provided by S&DS are accessible and inclusive to all. Included in the Service Equity Plan is the Workforce Development Plan that provides goals & action items for recruiting and retaining employee's representative of the racial demographics that S&DS serves. The Workforce Development Plan provides data on the current S&DS staff demographics compared to the consumers served by S&DS.
- Staff presentation from the S&DS Outreach and Volunteer Coordinator. This position was put in place in May and has since participated in 11 outreach events throughout the community reaching over 1,700 people. She has provided 5 presentations to community partners to talk about what S&DS is and what services we provide. Discussion regarding volunteer recruitment efforts and ideas for recruiting in rural areas.