



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

**Date: September 28, 2023**

**Presenter: Brenda Wilson**

**Action Recommended: None. Information Only**

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

***July 6, 2023***

- Unanimously approved a letter of support for the MPO's Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation (PROTECT) federal grant application.
- Unanimously approved a letter of support for the City of Eugene's Safe and Active Streets for All (SS4A) federal grant application.
- Heard an update on ODOT's budget challenges.

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

***May 8, 2023***

- Heard from Dr. Anshuman "AR" Razdan, VP for Research and Innovation for the University of Oregon regarding Launch Oregon. Dr. Anshuman "AR" Razdan oversees the support for research centers and core facilities, while providing strategic investment, leadership, and vision for the university's entire research enterprise.
- AR spoke about Launch Oregon that will create the opportunity to work with UO innovators in various programs and colleges at the university, receive guidance from the Industry, Innovation, and Translation (IIT) unit on best practices, and receive mentorship from industry experts through IIT's Translational Opportunity Program (TOP). While assisting UO startups with establishing a board of directors and hiring executive leadership, Launch Oregon will also provide initial research infrastructure and seed funding.

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

***July 10, 2023***

- Heard Legislative Session Update - LEC members shared information about bills they were tracking, bills they see as impacting the region, and/or opportunities and challenges resulting from legislation.
- Heard from Shareen Vogel – Regional CTE Program Coordinator for Lane Education Service District who spoke about Lane Region Career Technical Education (CTE) Programs. The CTE team at Lane ESD is central to supporting all CTE Programs in Lane County. These 16 school districts (of which 13 are in rural Lane County) have 117 CTE Programs of Study. These CTE pathways include Early Childhood Education, Culinary & Hospitality, Business Management, Agriculture/Natural Resource Systems, Arts & Information, Health Sciences, Industrial & Engineering Systems, and Computer Science. Last year, CTE Programs served 37,438 students across Lane County. There is ample data to show that these Programs have proven student success; both for students while in school (whether staying on track and showing up) and walking across the graduation line, but also to help advance student planning and preparation for college and career readiness. CTE Programs empower, prepare and engage students and connect them to their local communities and future possibilities.

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

***August 14, 2023***

- Discussion regarding a letter of support request for a Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation (PROTECT) Grant application. This grant was created by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). It was established to provide funding for resilience planning and construction projects. While the proposal is still being crafted, the application is anticipated to request approximately \$5 million of funding.

Lane County and the Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization (CLMPO) are planning for transportation system resilience and the CLMPO is requesting the LEC recommend the Lane Council of Governments Board provide a letter of support for the PROTECT grant application. Following recommendations from Lane County's Climate Action Plan and CLMPO's 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), Lane County and CLMPO intend to work with our regional partners to improve the region's capacity to respond to and recover from hazards such as a Cascadia Subduction Zone seismic event and climate change. Planned project work includes conducting a vulnerability assessment of the transportation

system, establishing a regional network of Emergency Transportation Routes, and developing a nature based solutions strategy.

- Heard from Grant Matthews, Associate Vice President of Career Technical Education and Workforce Development. Mr. Matthews said all education was workforce education. The total impact of LCC, through wage and opportunity gains, was upwards of 700 million dollars and a large number of jobs were supported through that. 95 percent of family-wage jobs required some college. "Some college" was defined as certificates and degrees that were in the career technical areas and other college-level degrees. Mr. Matthews gave an overview of the career technical programs at LCC, which include:
  - Trades and Tech – Fabrication, Welding, Diesel and Automotive, Machinery and Manufacturing
  - Apprenticeship – Electrical, HVAC, Construction, Sheet Metal
  - Business and Computer – Business Management, Business Assisting, Cybersecurity and Network Operations
  - Aviation – Mechanics, Pilot and Flight Technology, and Unmanned Ariel Systems
  - Health – Medical Assisting, Dental Assisting and Hygiene, Nursing, Paramedicine EMT, Physical Therapist Assistant, Health Information Management, Certified Nurse Assistant, Massage Therapist, and Fitness and Lifetime Specialist
  - Arts – Graphic Design, Multi-media Design, Animation, and Music Technology

LCC will also be expanding their nursing program and adding a respiratory therapy program in the near future. In April of 2023, LCC was also approved to offer a Bachelor of Applied Science Degree in Business Management. Students would be able to start that program in the fall of 2024. A new health science building and an industry and trades education center were under construction at the time of this meeting.

**Senior & Disability Services – Disability Services Advisory Council (DSAC)**  
**No meetings**

**Senior & Disability Services – Senior Services Advisory Council (SSAC)**  
**No meetings**

**Senior & Disability Services – Procurement and Monitoring Committee**  
**No meetings**