



**Agenda Item Number
8b.
Advisory Council Reports**

Date: April 25, 2024

Presenter: Brenda Moore

Action Recommended: None. Information Only

**Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC)
February 1, 2024**

- Elected Commissioner Loveall as the 2024 MPC Chair, Mayor Vinis as the Vice Chair, and Councilor Moe as an MPC representative to the Oregon MPO Consortium (OMPOC).
- Heard an update from staff on the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) programs in the metropolitan area.
- Unanimously approved a letter of support for Lane County's 30th Avenue Active Transportation Corridor Plan RAISE grant application for construction of safety and connectivity improvements along the corridor.
- Unanimously approved a letter of support for Lane Transit District's ATTAIN grant application for a pilot project to develop and implement a user app for mobility-on-demand services available to high school students within the Bethel School District boundaries.
- Heard a staff and consultant presentation on Lane Transit District's System Review Update. The presentation highlighted that public outreach activities and data analysis to date identified the following top priorities:
 - Community - bus stop improvements, increased frequency, restoration of EmX service
 - Riders - more frequency on Saturdays, Sundays and weekdays
- Heard a staff update on the MPO's implementation of the electronic Transportation Improvement Program (eTIP).
- Heard updates from ODOT on recovery and mitigation from the recent ice storm and on the upcoming construction season.

Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC)

March 7, 2024

- Elected LTD Board member Susan Cox as the MPC's second representative to OMPOC.
- Heard a staff presentation, conducted a public hearing, and provided feedback on project proposals for federal MPO redistribution funding.
- Heard a staff report on the Climate Friendly Equitable Communities (CFEC) work to implement the existing Central Lane Scenario Plan (CLSP) developed in 2015 by the Central Lane MPO, and jointly develop regional performance measures and targets to measure and track progress towards implementation of the preferred scenario and meeting the region's Greenhouse Gas (GHG) reduction target.
- Heard a staff report on Lane County broadband planning and the development of a strategic plan.

Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC)

April 4, 2024

- Unanimously approved programming federal redistribution funding for four projects:
 - \$262,531 - 8th Ave Streetscape and Bikeway (City of Eugene)
 - \$262,531 - River Rd at Irving Rd/Hunsaker Ln Safety Improvements (City of Eugene)
 - \$300,000 - Gilham Rd: Ayers Rd to Mirror Pond Wy Sidewalk/Safety (Lane County)
 - \$224,325 - Alternative Fuel Mini Street Sweeper Purchase (City of Springfield)
- Heard a staff presentation, conducted a public hearing, and provided feedback on the MPO's draft FY25 work program.
- Heard a staff presentation, conducted a public hearing, and provided feedback on the MPO's draft of a new Public Participation Plan.
- Heard a detailed staff report regarding the ongoing work on the update of the MPO's long-range Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).
- Heard a staff report on the Climate Friendly Equitable Communities (CFEC) work.

Lane Economic Committee (LEC)

February 12, 2024

- Jacob Callister, Principal Planner of LCOG, presented an update on Lane County Regional Broadband. He talked about the Goals, Tactics to Achieve the Goals

and work being done in the region on Broadband. Also spoke about the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program.

- How the CWEDD's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) 2020-2025 identified:
 - The COVID Pandemic highlighted the need for access to high-speed internet, particularly in rural areas.
 - A lack of broadband made remote work and education difficult during the pandemic.
 - A lack of internet access contributed to increased disparities in prosperity in the Cascades West region and beyond.
 - Infrastructure Resilience was listed as a priority.
- LCOG and Broadband:
 - LCOG staffed and administered the Regional Fiber Consortium (RFC) and staffed the Public Agency Network (PAN).
 - LCOG owned and operated an interconnection facility called Park Place Interconnect. This facility consisted of 23 leasable cabinets that provided a space where internet providers, carriers, could interconnect.
 - LCOG was involved with broadband planning and mapping and provided support for state and federal programs.
- What Regional planning dollars were utilized for:
 - Phase One
 - Baseline Characterization
 - FCC Mapping (Characterize Broadband Landscapes)
 - Funding Strategy
 - Project Identification and Funding Alignment
 - Phase Two
 - Funding Response (Partner ID, App Preparation)
 - Regional Coordination
 - Asset Management, Mapping and Documentation, Dig Once
- Sandra Easdale, Loan Program Manager of LCOG, presented on Lending Programs offered to business throughout Lane County and Statewide.
 - LCOG receives funds from Economic Development Administration (EDA) and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).
 - Funds from U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)
 - She also highlighted businesses that have utilized funds and the partners LCOG works with to complete financing needs.

Lane Economic Committee (LEC)

March 10, 2024 – No Meeting

Lane Economic Committee (LEC)

April 10, 2024

- Cindy Perry, Director for Lane Workforce Partnership talked about the Local Workforce Development Board Local Plan:
 - The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) requires each local Workforce Development Board to complete a Local Plan every four years.
 - Local Plans should align with the vision, mission, and imperatives of the Oregon Workforce and Talent Development Board (WTDB) which are:
 - Vision:
 - Equitable Prosperity for All Oregonians
 - Mission:
 - Advance Oregon through education, training, jobs and careers by empowering people and employers.
 - Imperatives:
 - An inclusive workforce system that advances equitable prosperity.
 - Clear understanding of and improved use and impact of the workforce system.
 - The WTDB is embraced by the Governor as an accountable convener, empowered facilitator, and informed advisor.
 - Strategic and close alignment between education, economic development, and workforce development, including public and private partners.
- Justin Peterson, CED Planner for OCWCOG, gave an update on the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS):
 - Talked about the upcoming CWEDD meeting on May 9th.
 - Review scope of work for CEDS
 - Collecting Data.
 - Spot Analysis
 - Surveys
 - Best practice of implementing CEDS document
 - Possible matrix tracking efforts.
 - Regional meeting in the fall

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

March 15, 2024

- Heard report on the upcoming 2025-2029 Area Plan Development process. The first step is seeking community input on the Community Needs Assessment that will be released on March 18th. Focus Groups will take place throughout the months of May and June through Lane County to gather additional information from the community. The final 2025-2029 Area Plan is due to the State on March 14, 2024.
- Heard Report that the ADRC received 1,008 calls in January and 1,186 calls in February. The Oregon Money Management program has served 139 consumers to date. Oregon Law Center has served 403 consumers for a collective 2,197 hours fiscal year to date. The Family Caregiver Respite program has provided 1,317 traditional respite hours fiscal year to date.

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

March 15, 2024

- Heard report on the ADRC Secret Shopper Results. Advisory Council volunteers participated in monitoring our ADRC process consumers experience whenever they call the ADRC. Results are shown in the attached document on the greeting, call experience, appropriateness of referral, required questions asked by the ADRC Specialist, etc. The report also shows the recommendations and action steps for the ADRC Unit and for this ADRC Secret Shopper process the next time it occurs.
- Senior Meals - MOW/Café 60. 29,028 meals have been served at Café 60 locations and Meals on Wheels has served 71,198 meals this fiscal year.
- Heard Report on the Older Adult Legal Services RFP process that was released in January. Oregon Law Center was the proposal received for this service. Both Advisory Councils recommended accepting their proposal and entering into a contract for FY25. S&DS Division Director & LCOG Executive Director agreed on this recommendation and an award letter was provided to Oregon Law Center.

Senior & Disability Services – DSAC & SSAC Joint Advisory Council Meeting

March 15, 2024

- Staff presentation on the entire S&DS FY23 Annual Report. To highlight: 263 volunteers provided 22,980 service hours, ADRC completed 7,470 calls, Senior Connections processed 669 Energy Assistance Applications, Senior Meals Program raised \$363,169 dollars through fundraising efforts, 1,896 people

received Meals on Wheels, 230,069 MOW delivered, 59,155 Café 60 meals provided, OPI 60+ served 287 people, 4 Health Promotion sessions were provided, OPI Pilot served 45 people, Eligibility processed 192,283 SNAP & Medical applications, 4,391 were Medicaid case managed, and APS investigated 3,063 cases.