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To: Metropolitan Policy Committee
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Subject: MPC 6.c: Oregon Metropolitan Planning Organization Consortium (OMPOC) 2023 Legislative Priorities

Action Recommended: Information and discussion; provide direction to staff

Background

OMPOC is a forum for Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) to work together on matters of mutual interest and statewide significance including:

- The growing complexity of transportation planning in Oregon's rapidly growing metropolitan regions.
- The evolving role of the State of Oregon in making transportation investments in metropolitan areas.
- The connection between land use and transportation that drives investment in our metropolitan regions.
- Innovative approaches for meeting the increasing demands of a modern, multimodal transportation system.

Oregon currently has eight MPOs: Portland Metro, Salem-Keizer, Corvallis Area, Central Lane, Bend Area, Albany Area, Middle Rogue (Grants Pass area), and Rogue Valley (Medford area). Each MPO has two OMPOC representatives.

Discussion

OMPOC is preparing its legislative priorities for the state's 2023 legislative session. OMPOC uses its priorities to advocate for action on issues of mutual metropolitan area interest and concern. The purpose of this agenda item is to present the priorities OMPOC collectively discussed during its October 28th meeting and seek MPC direction on supporting the priorities. Since the MPC packet is distributed prior to the OMPOC October 28th meeting, staff will present OMPOC's draft priorities at the MPC meeting.

The following are attached for reference and as a resource:

- 2021 OMPOC legislative priorities
- 2023 League of Oregon Cities legislative priorities
- 2023 Association of Oregon Counties legislative priorities