

# MINUTES

## Metropolitan Policy Committee Virtual Meeting via Zoom

December 7, 2023  
11:30 a.m.

**PRESENT:** Steve Moe, Chair; Sean VanGordon (City of Springfield); Randy Groves (City of Eugene); David Loveall, Vice Chair; Pat Farr (Lane County); Nancy Bell (City of Coburg); Susan Cox, Kelly Sutherland (Lane Transit District), members; Jameson Auten (Lane Transit District), *ex officio* member.

Paul Thompson, Dan Callister, Delaney Thompson, Cassidy Mills (Lane Council of Governments); Rob Inerfeld, Jenifer Willer (City of Eugene); Sandy Belson (City of Springfield); Tom Schwetz, Andrew Martin (Lane Transit District); Tim Garner (Metro TV).

### **WELCOME, CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Mr. Moe called the meeting to order and welcomed those present. A quorum was established.

### **APPROVE November 2, 2023, MPC MEETING MINUTES**

Mr. Loveall, seconded by Mr. Groves, moved to approve the October 5, 2023, meeting minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously, 9:0.

### **ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MPC MEMBERS**

There were no adjustments or announcements.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

There was no one wishing to speak.

### **METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) ISSUES**

#### **MPO Boundary Adjustment**

Mr. Thompson briefly summarized the presentation on boundary adjustment made at the November 2, 2023, MPC meeting, noting that a boundary review was required when new census data became available. Details of the proposed changes presented in November were included in the agenda materials. He said no comments were received during the public comment period and the advisory committee unanimously recommended approval of the new boundary. He stated that if the MPC approved the adjustments, the proposed new boundary would be forwarded to the Governor for final approval.

Ms. Bell, seconded by Mr. Farr, moved to approve the adjustments to the MPO boundary as presented. The motion passed unanimously, 9:0.

#### **Central Lane MPO Public Participation Plan (PPP)**

Mr. Callister said the current PPP was adopted in 2015 and was due to be updated. An online community survey had been created to help inform the update process. The survey became available on November 6 and would remain open until December 15. The survey was available in English and Spanish and it had been advertised and incentivized. To date, 136 responses had been received. He said certain demographics were collected from respondents to better understand who was responding and which populations were not

being heard from. He said responses from Springfield and from individuals age 17 and younger were low. Posters would be placed around downtown Springfield to encourage more responses and members of LCOG's Youth Council would be consulted.

Mr. Callister reviewed the survey questions that were designed to elicit information about whether a respondent had previously provided input to a public agency, issues of interest, barriers to providing input, preferred methods of providing input, social media sites used, and suggestions for creating more effective public engagement. Staff would also conduct interviews with organizations working with Title VI populations. Once all information had been collected it would inform a draft updated plan, which is currently scheduled to be issued for public review and comments from February 15-March 30, 2024. He anticipated that the updated PPP would be presented to the MPC for adoption at its April 2024 meeting.

Mr. Loveall suggested that staff explore use of public service announcements and public access media to publicize information about the PPP update and opportunities to provide input. Mr. Thompson said that LCOG's public information office would be asked to explore those options.

Regarding the low response rate from downtown Springfield, Mr. Moe asked if opportunities to participate had also been publicized in the Thurston, Marcola and Gateway areas. Mr. Callister said they had and he hoped that posters throughout the downtown Springfield area would generate more responses.

### **Annual Obligation Report**

Mr. Callister stated that the MPO was required to produce an annual report of all federal funds obligated during the previous federal fiscal year (October 1-September 30) to demonstrate to the public how funds were spent. He briefly reviewed the contents of the report, a copy of which was provided in the agenda materials. Information on obligated federal funds was presented by agency and by program.

### **Follow-up and Next Steps**

- **ODOT Update**—There was no report.
- **Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Project Changes**—There were no questions.
- **Next Meeting/Agenda Build**—December 7 - Virtual meeting, January 4 - Canceled, February 1 - Virtual meeting.

Mr. Thompson announced that the January 2024 MPC meeting was canceled. He also announced that final greenhouse gas (ghg) rules had been issued and ODOT would make a presentation on the rules, performance measures and targets at a future MPC meeting. Other potential agenda items included the next Regional Transportation Plan update.

Mr. Farr asked that a return to in-person MPC meetings in the future be considered.

Mr. Moe adjourned the meeting at 12:07 p.m.

(Recorded by Lynn Taylor)