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To: Metropolitan Policy Committee

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Subject: MPC 7.a: Climate Friendly Equitable Communities

**Action Recommended:** Information only

### **Intent**

The intent of this agenda item is to introduce the team of consultants and state representatives who are involved with ensuring the Central Lane area is successful in meeting the regional transportation scenario requirements of the Climate Friendly Equitable Communities rules.

### **Discussion**

The consultant team will present:

- A detailed schedule and work plan with a request for input on how and when MPC is engaged throughout the project
- An overview of where we are headed with the Performance Measure discussion

### Context for Performance Measures and Targets Discussion

A key element of implementing the CFEC rules is developing performance measures and targets for tracking progress toward the region's greenhouse gas reduction goal. Performance measures are required for individual jurisdictions, as well as a set of measures that will be tracked at the regional level. Jurisdictions and the region may have differing performance measures, but there is a desire for coordination to ensure consistent tracking toward desired outcomes. Additionally, there are no required performance measures that the jurisdiction or the region must adopt; instead, there is flexibility in developing measures and targets that align with the existing CLSP and its strategies.

LCOG and jurisdictional representatives are beginning the performance measure development process. Key considerations include:

- Looking to existing RTP performance measures;
- Considering the performance measures that other regions in the state (those regions without a scenario plan) must adopt per OAR 660-012-905/910;
- Developing measures that are appropriate for each jurisdiction. For example, transit-related measures and targets are likely to be different for Eugene and Coburg;

- Ensuring alignment between performance measures and outcomes desired from CLSP strategies; and
- Developing measures that use readily available data, that can be understood by all audiences, and that are not overly complicated to estimate.

Draft performance measures will be developed this spring, followed by establishing targets for each measure this summer.

### **Background**

The Oregon Land Conservation and Development Commission's Climate-Friendly and Equitable Communities (CFEC) rules require jurisdictions in the Eugene-Springfield metropolitan area 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 that is in the state's Administrative Rules. The Central Lane region's GHG emissions reduction target is a 20% reduction below 2005 emissions levels by 2035 and a 30% reduction by 2050.

LCOG facilitated and submitted on behalf of the Cities of Coburg, Eugene, and Springfield, and Lane County, a work program (Attachment 1) for implementing the preferred scenario to DLCD on June 29, 2023 as required by CFEC rulemaking. The work program included:

- This region's plan to address the required criteria of a proposed Governance Structure, Scope of Work, Community Engagement Plan, Funding Estimate, and Schedule.
- The cities of Coburg, Eugene and Springfield's proposed alternative dates for CFEC compliance. This proposal for an alternative timeline is submitted consistent with OAR 660-012-0012(3) which permits the Eugene-Springfield metropolitan area to submit a combined work program that meets the proposed alternative date requirements of both OAR 660-012-0012(3) (Transportation Planning Rule) and the work program requirements for regional scenario planning of OAR 660-044-0015. While the proposal for alternative dates is in response to all CFEC rules, the most relevant to this project was specific to the December 31, 2023 deadline to submit the Scenario Plan. The alternative date each jurisdiction proposed for submittal was December 31, 2024.
- Culmination of a final product as an Implementation Chapter that identifies regional performance measures and tracks progress towards implementation of the preferred scenario and meeting the region's GHG reduction target is added to the CLSP.

DLCD approved the work plan, including alternative dates, on August 18, 2023. This approval did not accurately represent Springfield's alternative date schedule. DLCD corrected this mistake and reissued the final work plan approval on September 22, 2023.

At its May 4, 2023 meeting, MPC unanimously approved a motion “to approve MPC as the proposed governance structure for the Scenario Planning Work Program and direct staff to include Coburg in the governance structure via amendments to the MPC bylaws.” MPC approved an amendment to its bylaws to formalize this structure at its October 5, 2023 meeting.

### **CFEC Work Program and Schedule**

In order to carry out the tasks identified in the work program and develop the CLSP Implementation Chapter, ODOT has contracted with the consultant team comprised of Parametrix and RSG, Inc. This team, along with ODOT and LCOG, are providing analytical capacity and coordinating with Coburg, Eugene, Springfield, Lane County, and LTD to identify the following:

- Preferred Scenario strategy updates and implementation actions that have occurred since the 2015 CLSP was finalized.
- Performance measures (in line with OAR 660-044-0110 (9)).
- Future-year performance targets (described in OAR 660-012-0910) to track progress towards the emissions reduction target.
- Incorporated strategy updates, measures, and targets into an added CLSP Implementation Chapter.

The schedule to adopt the CLSP Implementation Chapter by December 31, 2024 is:

Key Task	Schedule
Stakeholder jurisdiction coordination and engagement – MPC meetings and Stakeholder engagement meetings/presentations	Throughout project
Scenario Plan implementation for CFEC requirements - Strategy Updates Documentation Memo	December 2023 – March 2024
Scenario Plan implementation for CFEC requirements - Reference/Preferred Scenario Results Memo	March – June 2024
Identify and document performance measures and targets	January – September 2024
Scenario Plan Implementation Chapter – development and CFEC Compliance Memo	July – December 2024
Central Lane VisionEval model build – development and documentation	November 2023 – April 2024

### **MPC's Role as CFEC Governing Body**

MPC will weigh in at key regional decision points and make decisions by simple majority of the quorum present. Key decision points include the following items:

- Performance measures and targets
- Updated scenario planning implementation chapter/addendum
- Identify corrective actions to ensure targets are being met
- Reporting schedule

### **Requested Actions**

- Information only

### **Attachments**

- None