

MINUTES

METROPOLITAN POLICY COMMITTEE

Thursday July 6, 2023
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

MEMBERS: Steve Moe, Chair; Mayor Sean VanGordon (City of Springfield); Mayor Lucy Vinis, Randy Groves (City of Eugene); Pat Farr, David Loveall (Lane County); Mayor Nancy Bell (City of Coburg); Kelly Sutherland, Susan Cox (Lane Transit District); Vidal Francis (Oregon Department of Transportation); MPC *Ex-officio Members*: Tom Schwetz for Jameson Auten, (Lane Transit District); Anne Heath (City of Coburg); Nancy Newton (City of Springfield); Steve Mokrohisky, (Lane County); Matt Rodrigues (City of Eugene).

STAFF: Paul Thompson, Dan Callister, Kelly Clarke, Delaney Thompson, Drew Pfefferle, Kate Wilson (Lane Council of Governments); Rob Inerfeld, Jenifer Willer (City of Eugene); Sandy Belson (City of Springfield); John Marshall (City of Coburg), Bill Johnston, Mark Barnard (Oregon Department of Transportation), Dan Hurley, Sasha Vartanian (Lane County); Andrew Martin, Jeramy Card (Lane Transit District); Neil Moyer (Metro TV), Rob Zako (Better Eugene-Springfield Transportation); Megan Winner (City of Coburg); Theresa Brand (Lane Transit District); Cassidy Mills, Catherine Rohan, and Samantha Riddenbusch.

1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Steve Moe welcomed all.

2. CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Moe called the meeting of the Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC) to order at 11:34 a.m.

A quorum was present.

3. APPROVE JUNE 1, 2023 MPC MEETING MINUTES

MOTION:

Mayor Vinis moved, seconded by Randy Groves to approve the June 1, 2023 MPC meeting minutes as presented.

The Motion passed unanimously.

4. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MPC MEMBERS

There were no adjustments made to the Agenda.

5. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There were no requests for public comment and no written statements had been received.

6. METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) ISSUES

- a. Promoting Resilient Operations (MPO) for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation (PROTECT) Grant Program Letter of Support.

Staff Contact & Presenter: Kelly Clarke, LCOG.

Action Requested: Direct staff to write a Letter of Support for MPC Chair signature.

The Committee discussed the following:

1. Ensure clear understanding that grant funds are an area-wide request.
2. Request from the Committee to view the final request letter.

MOTION:

Mayor Vinis moved, seconded by Randy Groves to approve a letter of support for the grant application, to be signed by the MPC Chair.

The motion passed unanimously.

- b. Eugene Safe and Active Streets for All (SS4A) Grant Letter of Support

Staff Contacts & Presenters: City of Eugene.

Action Requested: Approve Letter of Support.

The Committee discussed the following:

1. A budget timeline
2. Consideration of housing growth and demographic changes.
3. Safety data

MOTION:

John Loveall moved, seconded by Mayor Vinis to approve Letter of Support.

The motion passed unanimously.

c. Follow-Up and Next Steps

1.) ODOT Update

Vidal Francis reported that the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) is facing budget challenges.

- From a budget reduction standpoint they will be managing their maintenance and operations budgets and aligning their communication and efforts to clearly demonstrate the service delivery impacts that will occur. They are preparing to pursue legislative funding for 2025.

Conversations are being had to develop the 2730 STIP.

ODOT is trying to focus efforts and reprioritize funding to help reduce fatalities and injuries across all transportation modes.

2.) Next Steps/Agenda Build

There were no discussions held on this Agenda item.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Moe concluded the Metropolitan Policy Committee portion of the meeting at 12:02 p.m.

The meeting continued as the Metropolitan Cable Commission.

(Minutes recorded by Trenay Ryan (Lane Council of Governments))