

# Agenda Item Number 12.

## Advisory Council Reports

**Presenter:** George Kloeppel

**Action Recommended:** None. Information Only

**Background:**

*Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC)*

January 9, 2003

The Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC) met on January 9 with representation from Lane County, Springfield, Eugene, LTD, Willamalane Park and Recreation District and ODOT. OTC Commissioner Randy Pape was also present and participated.

**Officers for 2003:** Lane County Commissioner Bill Dwyer was elected Chair of the MPC and Eugene City Councilor Bonny Bettman was elected Vice Chair.

**Rivers to Ridges: Regional Park and Open Space Study:** Jeff Krueger, LCOG, provided the MPC with a substantial report on the project through phases I and II. He described the planning/visioning process, the participants, and the public involvement program. Using graphics, he illustrated the conclusions reached with respect to areas that should be considered for protection. The Committee members offered comments and suggestions. ~~The next step in this process will be to take~~The MPC approved taking the Vision to the policy bodies of the four participating jurisdictions for resolutions of support.

**Cable Television Franchise:** Milo Mecham, LCOG, presented a report on the ongoing negotiations with AT&T Broadband on issues previously identified by the MPC (acting as the Metropolitan Cable Commission). Mecham described a reduction in customer complaints and modifications made by the franchise holder in its approach to customer service, dispute resolution, modem fees, leased access

and other issues. The Committee expressed dissatisfaction with the progress made. Staff was requested to develop and provide a matrix showing the current franchise requirements compared to the current (and proposed) compliance levels by AT&T.

**Draft ACT Guidelines, MPC Comment:** Tom Schwetz, LCOG, presented a draft letter to the Oregon Transportation Commission commenting on a draft State policy of Area Commissions on Transportation. It was understood that the policy bodies making up the MPO were not disposed to establish an ACT for the Lane County area. However, the proposed letter offered comments (based upon previous discussions) regarding calling for a clearer articulation of the underlying objectives that the OTC was seeking to accomplish with ACTs, the flexibility that exists in the manner by which the various areas of the state might to-address such objectives, and encouraging the necessary coordination between ACTs and MPOs, where they exist, and the State's ACT Guidelines and expectations of local government. After much discussion, the proposed letter was approved for the Chair's signature (Bettman abstaining).

**“Enhancement Program” Applications, Letter of Support:** The Committee approved a proposed letter to ODOT supporting three Enhancement Program applications from the metropolitan area.

**Calendar of MPO-Related Activities for the Committee:** Tom Schwetz outlined the anticipated activities of the MPC through the first half of 2003. He noted that the Committee would be urged to accept (or reject) the LCOG Board's delegation of MPO responsibilities at its February meeting and, at the same time, consider the recommended amendments to its Bylaws. Schwetz also said that the federal certification review, which had been anticipated in April, will be conducted in May around the May 8 MPC meeting.

*Disability Services Advisory Council (DSAC)* January 10, 2003

- The Council discussed at length changes suggested by the Oregon Housing and Community Services Department to the elements of a “visitability” bill developed by a local work group comprised of disability advocates, developers of low cost housing, and architects. Once agreements on these matters were reached, the Council instructed its delegates on the work group to strive for their inclusion in the group's final report, which will be shared with Senator Vicki Walker for possible introduction during the 2003 Legislative Session.

- Council members discussed cuts to services being implemented by the Oregon Department of Human Services and S&DS/LCOG.
- The Council received reports from its Standing Committees and S&DS staff.

*Senior Services Advisory Council (SSAC)*

January 14, 2003

- The Council received reports from its Standing Committees and S&DS staff.
- Council members discussed at length the impact of the cuts to services for seniors stemming from Oregon's continuing budget problems, with a special focus on the cuts which will be necessary if Measure 28 fails.