

# Agenda Item Number 5. Advisory Council Reports

**Presenter:** George Kloeppel

**Action Recommended:** None. Information Only

**Background:**

*Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC)*

December 14, 2006

The Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC) met on December 14 in the Springfield Library Meeting Room with representation from Lane County, Springfield, Eugene, Coburg, LTD, and ODOT. The MPC:

- Heard public comment from one person who urged the MPC to spend the money formerly allocated to the West Eugene Parkway on the Beltline/West 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue interchange, and to consider the consequences of “peak oil.”
- Received an update on the work of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC).
- Received a staff presentation from Kathi Wiederhold of LCOG on the draft Public Participation Plan (PPP.)
- Approved a motion from the floor to invite the CAC to appoint a liason to the MPC and a second motion to appoint Mayor Piercy as the MPC’s representative on the CAC.
- Received a presentation from ODOT Region 2 Manager Jane Lee on the redeployment of the West Eugene Parkway funds (approximately \$11.7M) to other projects: approximately \$3.5M will remain in Lane County and be applied to the I-5/Coburg Interchange project.

*Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC)*

January 11, 2007

The Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC) met on January 11 in the Springfield Library Meeting Room with representation from Lane County, Springfield, Eugene, Coburg, LTD, and ODOT. The MPC:

- Heard public comment from one person who spoke in favor of a letter to ODOT from the MPO in favor of ODOT’s proposed redeployment of funds from the West Eugene Parkway project.
- Elected Mayor Kitty Piercy as Chair, and Mayor Sid Leiken Vice-Chair of the MPC for 2007.

- Unanimously adopted the Public Participation Plan.
- Unanimously approved a letter to ODOT prioritizing two local transportation projects seeking Technical Enhancement grant funding.
- Unanimously approved sending a letter to ODOT from the MPO in support of ODOT's proposed redeployment of funds from the West Eugene Parkway project.
- Received a presentation from Ray Mabey, Technical Center Manager, ODOT Bridge Delivery Unit on the Willamette River Bridge (replacement) Project and the OTIA Program.
- Received an update on the e-MPO (MPO website) project.

**Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC)**

February 8, 2007

The Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC) met on February 8 in the Bascom-Tykeson Room of the Eugene Public Library with representation from Lane County, Springfield, Eugene, Coburg, LTD, and ODOT. The MPC:

- Heard public comment from one person who spoke about the increasing cost of housing in the Eugene/Springfield area and the desirability for the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) to cover a broader area than the MPO boundary.
- Lane County Commissioner Peter Sorenson (new MPC member) shared with the MPC that the loss of the Secure Rural Schools Act monies would mean a 26.7% reduction to the general fund and an approximately 25% reduction to the road fund.
- Held a public hearing and received one comment in support of the staff proposal on the programming of the Surface Transportation Program – Urban (STP-U) funds for FY07-09.
- Received a presentation from Jane Lee of ODOT on upcoming ODOT projects in Lane County.
- Heard an overview of the Oregon MPO Consortium (OMPOC) meeting held in Eugene on January 26, from Springfield Counselor Anne Ballew.
- Received an air quality report from Susan Payne of LCOG indicating a continuing decrease in measured Carbon Monoxide (CO) levels in the Eugene/Springfield area.

**Disability Services Advisory Council**

January 12, 2007

Input from Council members was requested about how the Oregon Association of Area Agencies on Aging and Disabilities (O4AD) could represent the needs of people with disabilities most effectively. Council members offered the following comments:

- As a rule, Council members did not like the term “Long Term Care”. Members did not like the word “care”, as they would prefer to promote the concept of partnership and consumer direction.
- Phrases such as Long Term Support, Independent Living Support, Extended Care, or Life Span Quality were recommended.
- The Council felt that Long Term Living was more reflective of the aging population.

Additionally, in preparation for new Administrative Rules that allow people with disabilities between the ages of 18 and 60 to receive services through the Oregon Project Independence Program, the Council offered input on which services were of highest priority. Council members gave the following suggestions:

- Help with personal care and housekeeping is critical. Annual deep cleaning, heavier type of housework and shopping assistance would also be helpful.
- Case Management, care co-ordination, and assistance with problem solving basic issues (such as bill paying) are needed and are not readily available to people with disabilities.
- Other gaps in services include physical therapy-type services such as range of motion and speech therapy.
- Yard care, minor home improvements, wheelchair repairs and transportation are also important to maintaining independence.

Lastly, S&DS staff informed the Council of work in the area of emergency preparedness. Council members offered input regarding emergency exit procedures for people using mobility devices.

### **Senior Services Advisory Council**

February 13, 2007

At this meeting, the Council reviewed the “2006 Needs Assessment of Seniors and People with Disabilities residing in Lane County”. The Needs Assessment included information from census data, recent publications on the needs of seniors and people with disabilities, and seven focus groups held throughout Lane County. Decisions regarding services delivered through Older Americans Act funding are made based on this information.

Council members also heard a report on a concept for reshaping the role and responsibility of S&DS related to the delivery of Medicaid services. Council members offered feedback on the concept and passed a motion in support of further work towards the development of a pilot project.

S&DS staff shared information with the Council on a potential reduction in funding through Lane County. Currently the County contributes approximately \$75,000 in support of S&DS’ programs, specifically for the Senior Meals and Senior Connections programs. Given the County’s budget difficulties, reductions are being considered toward many human service programs. Several Council members volunteered to communicate with a County Commissioner on this issue.

### **Lane Economic Committee**

January 22, 2007

Discussed and approved 2007 workplan including actions to deal with recommendations of LCOG Board subcommittee.