

Agenda Item Number 12.

Advisory Council Reports

Presenter: George Kloeppel

Action Recommended: None. Information Only

Background:

Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC)

February 13, 2003

The Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC) met on February 13 with representation from Lane County, Springfield, Eugene, LTD, Coburg and ODOT. OTC Commissioner Randy Pape was also present and participated. The MPC:

- Received a formal expression of condolences from OTC Commissioner Pape on behalf of the Commission on the passing of Lyle Hatfield.
- Accepted the delegation of MPO responsibility from the LCOG Board (October 2002) and adopted Bylaw amendments implementing the new roles and participation. Welcomed Mayor Mike Dean to the MPC, pursuant to the revised Bylaws.
- Heard a report from Jim Whitty, ODOT, on the ongoing work of the Road User Fee Task Force (RUFTF). Directions include the replacement of the dwindling fuel tax with a “user fee” based upon mileage.
- Heard a report from Tom Schwetz, LCOG, on behalf of Commissioner Bobby Green regarding the recent meeting of representatives from Willamette Valley regions exploring transportation finance legislative options. Included in the report was a summary of the several revenue proposals currently under consideration by the legislature.

- Heard a report from Don Ehrich, ODOT, on the status of I-5 bridges, notably those crossing the Willamette and the McKenzie, and the load restrictions and detours to be imposed by early March. Concerns were expressed about the daunting costs of repair/replacement and the traffic and road damage issues associated with the detours.
- Approved the Chair's signing letters to the Congress in support of ten United Front transportation projects for which congressional earmarks are being sought this year. Included were:
 - I-5/Beltline Interchange
 - McKenzie River Multi-Use Path Design
 - BRT—Pioneer Parkway Corridor Construction
 - BRT—Coburg Road Corridor Planning
 - Beltline Road Corridor Study
 - Delta Ponds Path
 - South Bank Trail Extension
 - Courthouse District Transportation Improvements
 - I-5 Interchange at City of Coburg
 - Eugene Depot
- Heard a report from Paul Thompson, LCOG, regarding the initial work (after one meeting) of the eight-member subcommittee examining ODOT's ACT public involvement guidelines. The subcommittee is charged with developing a model for citizen involvement that would help meet ACT guidelines.
- Reviewed a calendar of upcoming meetings and MPO-related obligations including TIP amendments, adoption of the UPWP, and a federal certification review in May.
- Heard a report from Milo Mecham, LCOG, on cable television franchise issues, which have been the subject of dispute between the franchising authorities (Eugene, Springfield and Lane County) and the provider AT&T Broadband/Comcast.

Lane Economic Committee (LEC)

met February 10, 2003

- Reviewed Lead Agency assignments for Needs and Issues projects.
- Discussed economic development activity in Creswell and Cottage Grove.

- Listened to a presentation on sustainable economic development.

Senior Services Advisory Council (SSAC)

met Feb. 11, 2003

The SSAC took action on the following item:

Recommended to LCOG that it approve revisions to the Oregon Project Independence portion of the 2002-03 Area Plan on Aging and Disability Services Budget. (See Board Memo #3. B.)

This action was in response to cuts ordered by Governor Kitzhaber in December 2002.

The SSAC received information on the following:

- Notice of the Public Hearing on the 2003-04 Area Plan on Aging & Disability Services for July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2007:

February 26, 2003, from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Hilyard Community Center, 2580 Hilyard Street, Eugene.

- Draft of the 2003-04 Area Plan Budget in the amount of **\$7,441,082** and five Objectives directed at improving the lives of seniors and people with disabilities.
- Advocacy Committee Report – (1) planning of a series of Legislative Dialogues; (2) review of final revisions to the Visitability elements to be developed into a draft bill and presented to the Legislature during the 2003 session; (3) development of agenda items for the March meeting: accessibility at the new federal courthouse and the purchase of prescription drugs from Canada.
- Procurement & Monitoring Committee – (1) review of site visits to ElderHelp, Addus Tri-Agency, Veneta Outreach, and Senior Meals Central Kitchen; (2) overview of Family Support Services Program.
- Long Term Care Committee – Report on the monitoring of Adult Foster Care.

- Staff Report

Termination of services effective February 1: **General Assistance Program, Medically Needy Program, and Long Term Care Levels 15, 16, and 17.**

- LCOG Annual Report – 2002.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 11, at 1:30 p.m.

Disability Services Advisory Council (DSAC) met Feb. 14, 2003

The DSAC took action on the following items:

- Recommended to LCOG the revisions to the OPI portion of the 2002-03 Area Plan Budget as noted above.

The DSAC received information on the following:

- Announcement that the General Services Administration plans to review the accessibility issue attached to the new federal courthouse.
- Notice of the Public Hearing for the Area Plan as noted above.
- Draft of the 2003-04 Area Plan and Objectives as noted above.
- Committee reports as outlined above.
- Staff Report – (1) Termination of services to S&DS programs as noted above; (2) Announcement that the State will mail termination notices on February 19 to 550 clients in Lane County who are long-term care clients at levels 10-14 (to be effective April 1); (3) Announcement that the next State Revenue Forecast is projected to decrease by an additional \$300 million.
- Airport Security Issues pertaining to people with disabilities.

The next meeting will be held on Friday, March 14, at 1:30 p.m., with plans to invite a representative from Legal Aid Service of Lane County to discuss issues pertaining to disabilities.