

Agenda Item Number

12.

Advisory Council Reports

Presenter: George Kloeppe

Action Recommended: None. Information Only

Background:

Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC)

February 12, 2004

The Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC) met on February 12 with representation from Lane County, Springfield, Eugene, Coburg, LTD, and ODOT. The MPC:

- Heard public comment from three citizens who spoke about the issue of an integrated transportation & land use plan and the MPC efforts to refine the citizen involvement program.
- Heard a report from staff regarding the U.S. DOT's conclusion that the Central Lane MPO's Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) could not be approved because, in that agency's judgment, the regional air quality analysis was incomplete. The issue was discussed and staff explained that the determination would only temporarily affect projects in the downtown Eugene area. Further, it was noted that staff members were working with U.S. DOT and with the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to clarify and resolve the issue.
- Opened the comment period on the proposed FY 2005 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).
- Opened the comment period on the Draft 2006-09 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) project priorities.

- Approved the signature by the Chair of individual letters of support for the area's "United Front" priorities for transportation earmarks by the Congress.
- Heard a report from the legal counsels of Springfield, Lane County and Eugene (presented by Emily Jerome of the Eugene City Attorney's office) regarding the area's obligation to prepare an "integrated land use and transportation plan" pursuant to the State's Transportation Planning Rule (TPR). The attorneys concluded that the administrative rules do not require such a plan; although Ms. Jerome emphasized that such lack of requirement does not preclude nor prohibit the voluntary development/adoption of an integrated land use and transportation plan. No action was required nor taken on this issue.

Senior Services Advisory Council (SSAC)

February 10, 2004

- The Council considered recommendations from its Planning and Budget Committee for modifications to two components of LCOG's current year Area Plan on Aging and Disability Services, specifically, the plans and budgets for the Older Americans Act Title III-E (Family Caregiver Support) funds and for Oregon Project Independence (OPI). Both sets of recommendations were accepted by the Council. See Board Memos #3.B and #3.C for details.
- The Council considered a recommendation from its Procurement and Monitoring Committee for a one-year extension of the contract for the provision of in-home services to seniors and people with disabilities. It accepted this recommendation and forwarded it to the LCOG Executive Director for concurrence. See Board Memo #14.B for additional information.
- The date, time and location of the public hearing on the draft 2004-05 Area Plan on Aging and Disability Services for Lane County was announced, and copies of a summary of the draft plan were distributed to members. See Board Memo #14.C for information on the public hearing.

- The Council discussed the defeat of Ballot Measure 30. Members speculated on the reasons for its rejection by voters and discussed how the loss of revenues will impact services for seniors and people with disabilities.
- A City of Eugene accessible pedestrian signal survey was distributed and discussed. Members with an interest in the topic were encouraged to complete and return the survey to the City.
- The Council received reports for its Standing Committees and S&DS staff.

The Lane Economic Committee (LEC)

January 26, 2004

The LEC discussed:

- The 2004 Needs & Issues ranking process
- The University of Oregon business incubator project