

Agenda Item Number 5.

Advisory Council Reports

Presenter: George Kloeppel

Action Recommended: None. Information Only

Background:

Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC)

December 30, 2004

The Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC) held a special meeting on December 30 in the Springfield Library Conference Room with representation from Lane County, Springfield, Eugene, Coburg, LTD, and ODOT. The meeting was called by the vice chair, pursuant to the Bylaws, to allow the Committee to attend to an item of business for which sufficient time had not been available at the December 9 meeting. Eugene Councilor Bonny Bettman conducted the meeting. The MPC:

- Heard general comments from five members of the public, most expressing concern over the rationale for the special meeting and the participatory obligations of a transportation planning organization;
- Conducted a public hearing on the proposed FY 2005-07 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP); heard comments from twenty members of the public, some endorsing and some opposing the adoption of the MTIP;
- Passed two amendments (additions) to the MTIP draft, one at the request of the Oregon DOT restaging the \$72.5 million I-5/Beltline Highway interchange project, and the other incorporating \$5 million for the federal courthouse transportation improvements in Eugene;
- Adopted by resolution the amended FY 2005-07 MTIP; and

- Adopted by resolution the required Air Quality Conformity Determination for the adopted FY 2005-07 MTIP.

Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC)

January 13, 2005

The Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC) met on January 13 in the Springfield Library Conference Room with representation from Lane County, Springfield, Eugene, Coburg, LTD, and ODOT. Also present and participating was OTC Commissioner Randy Pape. In the absence of the 2004 Chair and Vice Chair, Springfield Councilor John Woodrow served as Chair *pro tem* to open the meeting. The MPC:

- Elected Springfield Councilor Anne Ballew its Chair for 2005 and Lane County Commissioner Bobby Green its Vice Chair. In Councilor Ballew's absence, Commissioner Green assumed the Chair's role and conducted the balance of the meeting.
- Heard comments from three members of the public, who addressed the Freight Route Designations, the Committee's procedures for the year ahead, and the need to rebuild trust between the public and the MPC.
- Discussed, but postponed until the February meeting, the State's "Freight Route Designations" and a proposed comment letter to be directed to ODOT. It was noted that the Lane County Commissioners would revisit the subject, and possibly approve comments, early in February.
- Heard an update from Bob Pirrie of ODOT and Petra Schuetz of LCOG on the upcoming I-105 preservation project. Status reports on this major project will be provided as a "standing item" on MPC agendas for the duration of the project.
- Heard a report and reviewed a summary of the area projects that are currently proposed for consideration in the State's 2006-09 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP); requested that the staff re-order the listing to make it more understandable.
- Considered a staff report and discussed the "Key Regional Activities" for the MPC in 2005.

- Heard a staff report and discussed the prospective “MPO Summit III,” planned for Salem in February; considered transportation priorities established by (Portland) Metro’s JPAC, which included a road infrastructure package, a non-road package, and an elderly/disabled, bus replacement and TDM package for State transportation funding. While no action was taken, concern was expressed over the lottery bond financing mechanism being proposed for the Governor’s “ConnectOregon” program.
- Heard a report and discussed a Notice of Intent to Appeal actions of the MPC taken December 12, and submitted to LUBA by petitioners, Friends of Eugene and Rob Handy.
- Received a draft of proposed policies that are being considered for inclusion in the next Oregon Transportation Plan (OTP); ODOT is seeking comments from the MPC and others by March 1;
- Heard a brief status report on the formation and upcoming first meeting (orientation and field tour) of the MPO Citizen Advisory Committee.

Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC)

February 10, 2005

The Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC) met on February 10 in the Springfield Library Conference Room with representation from Lane County, Springfield, Eugene, Coburg, LTD, and ODOT. Also present and participating was OTC Commissioner Randy Pape. The MPC:

- Received comments from one member of the public regarding the Freight Route Designations under consideration by the State.
- Heard an extensive description by the State of the I-5/Beltline Highway Interchange project, which is expected to go to bid in December. ODOT highlighted the \$72.5 million “phase one” portion of the project and sought comments from the MPC—particularly with regard to the now-proposed bike-pedestrian bridge over I-5 south of the interchange.
- Heard a presentation regarding, and discussed, the current work to update the Oregon Transportation Plan—and specifically, the policy framework upon which the Plan is to be based. Adoption of the Plan by the OTC is expected by summer 2006. ODOT staff outlined the elements of the Plan,

including the yet-to-be developed policies related to two Goals: Funding the System and Coordination, Communication and Cooperation. MPC members were encouraged to communicate further comments and recommendations regarding the Plan's policies to Tom Schwetz, who sits on the steering committee for the Plan's development.

- Considered and adopted a resolution, which (along with similar policy statements by the other five metropolitan planning organizations in the state) will be communicated to the Legislature, endorsing a “multimodal state transportation funding package.” The focus of the advocacy was (the three-legged stool) (1) road operation, maintenance and modernization; (2) transit, freight and passenger rail, marine and aviation; and (3) elderly and disabled transit service, bus replacement and TDM. Consideration was given to expressing non-support for the use of Lottery Funds for the transportation funding package; but it was decided to omit that position. Representatives of the state's six MPO's will meet for their third “MPO Summit” in Salem in early March. At that time, a united position regarding transportation funding is expected to be communicated to the members of the Legislature.
- Heard a report on the State's I-105 preservation project, with emphasis on the timing of the work, traffic closures, and community information mechanisms.
- Heard brief information reports on topics for which additional information had been requested:
 - The formation and initial orientation of the Citizen Advisory Committee
 - The matrix of efforts to coordinate immediately scheduled projects in the area
 - The reformatted project list for the 2006-09 STIP
 - Oregon's proposed Freight Route Designation—Junction City position
 - Update on the State Road User Fee Task Force pilot project in Eugene

Bullets for Advisory Councils' Reports to the LCOG Board

Senior Services Advisory Council (SSAC)

December 14, 2004

Meeting highlights:

- The Council considered and approved amendments to the current year Area Plan Budget developed by the Planning and Budget Committee. These amendments were recommended to the LCOG Executive Committee for consideration at its February 17, 2005 meeting.
- The Council received information on Senior & Disabled Services' reception for state legislators which was held on December 10, 2004. It learned that the turnout by legislators was disappointing, but that the discussion with those who attended was full and productive.
- The Council received additional information on the new prescription drug program for seniors under Medicare (Part D).
- The Council received reports from its Standing Committees and staff.

Senior Services Advisory Council (SSAC)

February 8, 2005

Meeting highlights:

- Upon the recommendation of the Council's Procurement and Monitoring Committee, the Council voted to recommend to LCOG that the agency extend by one year the In-Home Services contract for the provisions of these services to OPI-eligible clients in Lane County. (Addus HealthCare is the provider and works under contract to the In-Home Services Procurement Consortium, of which LCOG is a member.)
- The Council voted to approve and recommend to LCOG an advocacy position statement calling for the repeal of Medicare's three-day prior hospital stay rule (which serves as a trigger for Medicare payment of skilled nursing home care) and, in its place, the creation of a new, less restrictive method for determining Medicare's responsibility for paying of skill nursing home care. (This statement will be presented to the Board for consideration at its April meeting, following DSAC consideration of it in March.)
- The Council agreed to hold a special meeting on Tuesday, May 10, 2005, to address contractor selection recommendations for program year 2005-06.

- The Council received reports from its Standing Committees and staff. During this part of the meeting, the Council received notice of the Feb. 23, 2005 public hearing on the proposed Area Plan on Aging and Disability Services for 2005-06, which will convene at 1:00 PM at Willamalane Adult Activity Center, Springfield. It also received notice of the first S&DS Legislative Dialog being held during the 2005 Session of the Legislature. This event will be held on Saturday, March 12th, 9:00-11:00 AM, at the Cascade Health Solutions' Adult Day Health Center, 1621 Centennial Blvd., Springfield.

Disability Services Advisory Council (DSAC)

January 14, 2005

Meeting highlights:

- The Council considered and approved amendments to the current year Area Plan Budget developed by the Planning and Budget Committee. These amendments were recommended to the LCOG Executive Committee for consideration at its February 17, 2005 meeting.
- The Council received a report on the provisions of the Governor's Recommended Budget for 2005-07. Staff also presented an analysis of how LCOG's legislative priorities for seniors and people with disabilities fared in the Governor's Budget. (Not well.)
- The Council received a report on the agreement negotiated by DHS and LIPA to settle the investigation launched by DHS in response to complaints filed by and on behalf of Lane County LIPA recipients and medical care providers.
- It also received reports from its Standing Committees and staff, including the notices of the Feb. 23rd public hearing on the proposed Area Plan on Aging and Disability Services for 2005-06 and the March 12th S&DS Legislative Dialog (for details, see above).

Lane Economic Committee (LEC)

January 10, 2005

- Heard local economic development presentations from Cottage Grove, Creswell and Lowell.
- Received update on 2050 project.

February 14, 2005

- Reviewed Lane County video lottery economic development projects.
- Discussed Lane County tourism task force report.
- Analyzed University of Oregon index of economic indicators.