

## Agenda Item Number

### 5.

## Advisory Council Reports

**Presenter:** George Kloeppel

**Action Recommended:** None. Information Only

**Background:**

*Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC)*

April 8, 2004

The Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC) met on April 8 with representation from Lane County, Springfield, Eugene, Coburg, LTD, and ODOT. The MPC:

Heard comments from five citizens, primarily speaking to the proposed inclusion of the West Eugene Parkway on the area's priority list for the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP);

Approved the metropolitan area priorities for the 2006-09 STIP and the OTEA III program;

Formally opened the comment period for a proposed amendment of the Regional Transportation Plan (*TransPlan*) to accommodate the "Courthouse District" improvements in Eugene;

Heard staff reports and analysis on public involvement requirements for the transportation planning process, an overview of the MPO's required Public Involvement Plan, and an exposition of options for increased citizen participation/representation;

Selected a recommended option for citizen representation involving the formation of a standing Citizen Advisory committee that would include participation from a

number of designated “stakeholders” such as freight movers, bicycle users, bus riders, etc.;

Deferred until the May meeting a discussion of the “Walkable Communities Workshops,” scheduled for Springfield and Eugene May 10-12;

Deferred until a later meeting a consideration of a draft scope of work for MetroPlan text amendments related to urban services delivery—with the understanding that the proposal, developed by LCOG and the three jurisdictions’ planning directors, would be considered by the policy bodies of the three partner agencies prior to the May MPC meeting.

*Lane Economic Committee (LEC)*

March 15, 2004

- Reviewed State of Oregon effort to facilitate key industry clusters
- Reviewed and made recommendations to Lane County and MPC regarding STIP prioritization
- Discussed Regional Investment Board project funding strategy