

Agenda Item Number 5.

Advisory Council Reports

Presenter: George Kloeppe

Action Recommended: None. Information Only

Background:

Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC)

March 10, 2005

The Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC) met on March 11 in the Eugene 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:

- Heard public comments from four citizens who addressed recently introduced legislation related to library services, and concerns about citizen involvement.
- Considered a recommended letter to ODOT Director, Bruce Warner, regarding Freight Route Designations in the metro area; modified the proposal to recommend designation of West 11th in Eugene, rather than the WEP, as a freight route; approved sending the amended letter, which emphasized support for designation of the “limited access” portions of the State-proposed FRs, and the designation of that portion of Highway 99 between Beltline and Airport Road.
- Discussed the draft Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for fiscal year 2005-06, proposed for MPC adoption in April.
- Discussed the programming of STP-U funds for “Planning and Project Development” (P&PD) in FY 2005-06 (TPC expected to consider the STP-U funds available this month and recommend MPC action to fund P&PD for Eugene, Springfield, Coburg, LTD and LCOG in FY 2005-06.

- Heard a report from Mayors Lieken and Volta regarding the recently-completed United Front trip to Washington.
- Discussed the timing issue related to the I-5/Beltline Highway project as it relates to the availability of a federal earmark and the planned bid process in December; acknowledged that reprogramming of funds might be required in order to allow the bid process for the project to move forward on schedule.
- Heard a brief report on the schedule for the I-105 preservation work this spring/summer.
- Heard a report from the TPC on an “administrative amendment” to the MTIP by which the TPC had utilized unobligated funds to support LCOG’s defense of a legal challenge of the adopted RTP and LCOG’s work initiating the Citizen Advisory Committee—\$40,000 in total.
- Heard a report from staff and Susan Ban concerning the March 2-3 “MPO Summit III in Salem.

Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC)

April 14, 2005

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

- Heard public comments from five citizens who addressed concerns about the MPO process and, specifically, the adoption in December, 2004, of the Regional Transportation Plan, and the importance of considering workforce (employment) issues in the planning process.
- By resolution, amended the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) to add a project reflecting the State DOT’s OTIA-III-funded bridge construction “bundle” for bridge work within the metropolitan area.
- Endorsed ODOT’s recommendation for a “contingency plan” for reallocation of funding slated for a Highway 101 project in Seaside (now

referred to the voters) to other projects in ODOT Region 2, including the I-5/Beltline Interchange project.

- Discussed with Jeff Scheick, ODOT Region 2 Manager, the State's plans for the construction of a permanent I-5/Willamette River bridge, using OTIA III funds, by the required 2012 deadline, as those plans relate to the possible I-5/Franklin Blvd. Interchange.
- Reviewed the proposed Bylaws for a "Oregon MPO Consortium—focusing particularly on the provision by which the OMPOC "adopt positions," as opposed to "seek consensus" on policy positions; agreed that Central Lane MPO would be represented on the OMPOC by the chair and vice chair, with alternates from Coburg and the metro jurisdiction not holding an officer position.
- By resolution, adopted amendments to the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) to provide "Planning & Project Development" funding for fiscal year 2005-06 to five agencies totaling \$686,000; discussed the possibility of combining the proportional allocations within the Preservation and Modernization categories to allow greater flexibility in the use of STP-U resources.
- By resolution, adopted the recommended FY 2005-06 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), including an amendment by which an element would be added to "pursue" the possibilities of combining the MPO's Regional Transportation Plan and the combined Transportation System Plans of the MetroPlan partners.
- Heard a staff report on the "Congestion Mitigation Program," particularly associated with current large-scale projects, e.g. I-105.
- Received a staff report on five "administrative amendments" to the MTIP, approved in March by the Transportation Planning Committee.
- Received an update from staff and legal counsel on a "Notice of Intent to Appeal" filed in re the MPC's adoption of the Regional Transportation Plan before the State Land Use Board of Appeals by two petitioners; discussed the suggestion that LCOG and the MPC should consider an open dialogue

with the petitioners to seek resolution in advance of the filing of a formal appeal of the MPC's action.

Senior Services Advisory Council

April 12, 2005

Highlights of the meeting follow.

- The Council considered and approved the proposed Area Plan on Aging and Disability Services for Program Year 2005-06, as amended following a public hearing on February 23, 2005. By this action, the Council voted unanimously to recommend the Plan to LCOG for adoption. (This document will be presented to the LCOG Executive Committee for consideration and action at its May 2005 meeting.)
- The Council considered and approved recommendations from its Procurement and Monitoring Committee regarding the extension of the Food Services contract for the Senior Meals Program, via the Tri-Agency Food Service Procurement Consortium, with the current vendor, Bateman. These recommendations, including tiered rates for three types of meals, will be presented by the LCOG Executive Director for final approval.
- The Council received reports from its Standing Committees and from staff. Among the several staff reports, the Council received a presentation on the recently-launched Senior Meals Program Endowment Fund from Sandy Karsten, LCOG Senior Meals Program Manager.

Disability Services Advisory Council

March 14, 2005

Highlights of the meeting follow:

- The Council received a special presentation from Lane County staff on the work being done to update the County's Parks and Open Space Master Plan. Following the provision of background information on the Master Plan and information on the scope of the County's parks system, County staff invited DSAC members to offer input for the development of the Master Plan Update. Several members offered suggestions, which were duly noted by County staff.
- The Council considered and approved the proposed Area Plan on Aging and Disability Services for Program Year 2005-06, as amended following a

public hearing on February 23, 2005. By this action, the Council voted unanimously to recommend the Plan to LCOG for adoption. (As noted in the SSAC report above, this document will be presented to the LCOG Executive Committee for consideration and action at its May 2005 meeting.)

- 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 is on Board's April meeting agenda.)
- The Council also received reports from its Standing Committees and staff, and discussed the impact of the LTD strike on people with disabilities.

Lane Economic Committee (LEC)

April 18, 2005

Discussed economic impacts of Region 2050 scenarios. Heard economic project updates from Port of Siuslaw and St. Vincent de Paul.

Lane Economic Committee (LEC)

March 14, 2005

Evaluated LCOG loan program status. Heard economic project updates from Veneta and Junction City.