

Agenda Item Number 12.

Advisory Council Reports

Presenter: George Kloeppel

Action Recommended: None. Information Only

Background:

Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC)

May 8, 2003

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

- Heard comments from four citizens (three regarding the MPO process and one regarding the proposed Willamette Greenway Goal exception for a temporary bridge over the Willamette River).
- Heard a report about and discussed the temporary I-5/Willamette River bridge which will necessitate an exception to the Greenway provisions of the MetroPlan. Greg Mott, Springfield, noted that the joint Planning Commissions of the three jurisdictions will consider the issue on June 3 and that a joint elected officials meeting has been scheduled for June 18. Several MPC members expressed interest in additional on/off ramps to Eugene and Springfield when the new permanent bridge is designed.
- Previewed six proposed amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that will be considered by the MPC in June. Five of the proposed amendments related to the work of LTD and the sixth would program STP funds for planning, as specified in the Unified Planning Work Program. The MPC opened the public comment period for the proposed amendments.
- Considered a preliminary draft of a TDM (Transportation Demand Management) Refinement Plan prepared by staff with the assistance of a committee of the TPC under a grant from the TGM program.

- Discussed with representatives of the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration (USDOT) the elements under consideration in the department's certification review of LCOG's MPO/TMA planning process. Comments were offered by members regarding the citizen involvement mechanisms used in the process.

Disability Services Advisory Council (DSAC)

May 9, 2003

Slate of Officers

Darlene Puls has been nominated to preside as Chair and Michael Thomas has been nominated to preside as Vice Chair of the DSAC for the 2003-04 fiscal year. The election, including any nominations from the floor, will be held during the June 13 DSAC meeting.

Committee Reports

Advocacy Committee

Visitability

The Senate has passed the Visitability Bill (SB833), and the House of Representatives plans to call for a vote on May 14.

The Lane County Home Builders Association will feature a "visitable" home during the annual *Tour of Homes*.

Legislative Dialogs

The April 19 Legislative Dialog was well-attended by the public and eight members of the Lane County Legislative Delegation participated. The last in a series of dialogs will be held at 9:30 a.m., on Saturday, May 17, at the Willamalane Adult Activity Center.

Federal Courthouse

GSA has informed members of the Disability Community that after careful review of its design decisions it will not construct an outside ramp; rather, it will move forward with its original plan to construct an accessible elevator and an adjacent alternate accessible door; further, that this decision is in compliance with the current standards of the American with Disabilities Act (ADA). The Disability Community plans to seek legal advice regarding this decision.

Long Term Care Committee

The committee plans to research how many current long-term care clients have lost services since January 2003, how many new clients have been turned away, and how these actions have affected the community.

Nominating Committee

The committee is in the process of recruiting individuals to serve two-year terms on the DSAC. Interviews will be held on May 29.

Staff Reports

Ted Stevens reported on the following:

- The 2003-05 budgets recently presented by the Ways & Means Committee and the Governor are similar with no funding for Oregon Project Independence (OPI) nor the General Assistance (GA) program; modest funding for the Medically Needy Program; and, limited funding for long-term care clients – levels one to nine (Ways & Means), and one to eleven (Governor).
- A significant deterioration of the Oregon Health Plan is expected in the next biennium and will affect over 100,000 people.
- S&DS has a projected funding deficit of \$1.8 million for the 2003-04 fiscal year and is in the process of planning a significant reduction in force to take effect July 1.

Announcements

Lane Independent Living Alliance (LILA) will hold an open house from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on May 22 at the Atrium Building.

Rally for Oregon's Future will be held on May 15, on the Capitol Steps in Salem.

Next Meeting

Friday, June 13, 1:30 p.m.

NOTE: The report on the Senior Services Advisory Council's (SSAC) May 13 meeting was not available to meet the mailing of the LCOG Board Packet and will be included in the June packet.

Lane Economic Committee (LEC)

April 21, 2003

- Discussed internal operations with regard to membership and advocacy.
- Listened to presentations regarding economic development activities in Lowell and Oakridge.