

Agenda Item Number 5.

Advisory Council Reports

Presenter: George Kloeppel

Action Recommended: None. Information Only

Background:

Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC)

May 13, 2004

The Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC) met on May 13 with representation from Lane County, Springfield, Eugene, Coburg, LTD, and ODOT. OTC Commissioner Randy Pape was also present and participated in a non-voting capacity. The MPC:

- Heard comments from two citizens, primarily related to citizen involvement and the area's input to the State Transportation Improvement Program;
- Approved opening the public comment period on a proposed amendment to the MTIP related to the environmental work on the I-5 Willamette River bridge replacement;
- Formally amended the FY 04 and the FY 05 Unified Planning Work Programs to include tasks by the City of Coburg;
- Heard a presentation by the Oregon Department of Transportation and its consultant regarding the "Road User Fee Task Force Pilot Project" (a product of the Road User Fee Task Force), that has been proposed for the Eugene-Springfield metropolitan area;
- Declined to authorize initiating a process of arbitration with Comcast (cable company) related to a dispute on the payment of franchise fees to Lane County, Springfield and Eugene; informally agreed to await additional information stemming from a recent settlement of a similar dispute in Southern California;

- Received an informational staff report on a proposed “Scope of Work” which would lead to draft amendments to the MetroPlan related to “urban services delivery;” informally agreed that, if a concurrent recommendation was crafted by the three participating jurisdictions over the next month, the work could move forward based upon that direction;
- Considered the upcoming events impacting the MPC, including the June 4 MPO Summit in Portland that several members and their staffs would be attending.

Senior Services Advisory Council (SSAC)

April 13 and May 11, 2004

At the April meeting, the following occurred:

- The Council considered and endorsed a plan for the reduction of services within the Senior Meals program designed to save approximately \$100,000 per year in operating costs. (The LCOG Board received, considered and approved this plan at its April meeting.)
- The Council considered the 2004-05 Update to LCOG’s 2003-07 Area Plan on Aging and Disability Services. It recommended that the Board approve this Plan Update and authorize its submission to the State of Oregon Department of Human Services. (The LCOG Board also received, considered and approved this plan at its April meeting.)
- The Council considered recommendations from its Procurement and Monitoring Committee regarding the selection of providers for the delivery of two different services to seniors during Program Year 2004-05, as follows: Senior Law Services - Lane County Law and Advocacy Center, and Senior Mental Health Counseling Services - PeaceHealth Center for Senior Health. It approved these recommendations and forwarded them to LCOG’s Executive Director for final acceptance.
- The Council learned that its Nominating Committee is busy recruiting candidates for membership on the Council
- The Council received reports for its Standing Committees and S&DS staff.

The following occurred at the Council's May meeting:

- A slate of candidates for Council officers for Program Year 2004-05 was presented by the Council's Nominating Committee. (The election will occur at the Council's June meeting.)
- The Council considered recommendations from its Procurement and Monitoring Committee regarding the continuation of contracts for the delivery of four different services to seniors during Program Year 2004-05, as follows: ElderHelp - Amy Raven, Consultant, Money Management - Emerald Empire Council on Aging, Long Term Care Ombudsman Recruitment and Screening - Lane LTC Ombudsman Committee, and Food Services for the Senior Meals programs - Bateman, through the Tri-Agency Food Services Procurement Consortium. It approved these recommendations and forwarded them to LCOG's Executive Director for final acceptance.
- The Council also considered a recommendation from its Procurement and Monitoring Committee that LCOG contract with the American Red Cross for the delivery of Meals on Wheels services within designated areas of Eugene and Springfield during Program Year 2004-05. It approved this recommendation and forwarded it to LCOG's Executive Director for final acceptance.
- The Council learned about the status of contract negotiations between Addus HealthCare and the Tri-Agency In-Home Services Procurement Consortium (of which LCOG is a party) for the provision of Home and Personal Care services to older people and people with disabilities during Program Year 2004-05. (It is anticipated that these negotiations will be concluded by June 8, the date of the next SSAC meeting.)
- Council members were invited to attend a reception honoring older people being hosted by the Lane Coalition of Senior Programs (of which S&DS/LCOG is a member) on Sunday, May 16.
- The Council received reports for its Standing Committees and S&DS staff.

Disability Services Advisory Council (DSAC)

May 14, 2004

At that meeting, the following occurred:

- A slate of candidates for Council officers for Program Year 2004-05 was presented by the Council's Nominating Committee. (The election will occur at the Council's June meeting.)
- Members learned about a meeting for disability providers and advocates with Eugene's City Manager, hosted by the Eugene Human Rights Commission. (S&DS/LCOG was represented by Darlene Puls, DSAC Chair, and Ted Stevens, S&DS Director.)
- The Council learned that its Nominating Committee is busy recruiting candidates for membership on the Council. It also learned that the Committee is considering amendments to the Council's Bylaws to create a new membership category – Community Representative Member (modeled on a similar membership category in use by LCOG's Senior Services Advisory Council). If this new category is created, following LCOG Board ratification, it will give the Nominating Committee more flexibility in its efforts to broaden the range of disabilities represented on the Council.
- The Council received an educational presentation on the new Medicare Drug Discount Cards from Jean Beachdel, Senior Law Coordinator with Lane County Law and Advocacy Center.
- The Council learned that it had been nominated to receive the 2004 Oregon Housing and Community Services *Excellence in Housing* award for its work on the 2003 Visitability legislation. Its nomination was one of 37 received and, although it was not selected to receive the award, it received a *Certificate of Recognition* for its contributions in providing affordable housing to needy Oregonians.

Lane Economic Council

May 17, 2004

- Received presentation from Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE)
- Discussed Needs & Issues process. Will finalize rankings at June 21 meeting.
- Discussed project to develop profiles of economic development agencies. Will report again at June 21 meeting.
- Received presentation on economic development aspects of 2050 program. Will discuss and make recommendations at July meeting.