

**MPC/MPO Issues**  
**June 15, 2006**

- The FY 06/09 MTIP has not yet been passed by MPC.
- While federal lapse does not actually occur until September 30, 2007, no updates to the current MTIP will be allowed after June 30, 2007.
- At their June meeting, the MPC did have a lengthy and positive discussion of various options for moving the MTIP forward, a potential collaborative process for west Eugene traffic issues, and possible realignments of the WEP. The MPC agreed to clear their July agenda to focus on finding a solution to their impasse.
- Since the Board has not been involved in the necessary public hearings, public and staff presentations, etc., the MTIP development process will have to be re-done before the Board can adopt an MTIP. (MPC will have to redo the process if it cannot pass an MTIP before August 2006, but this date is irrelevant to the LCOG Board.)
- Since the development process will need to be redone, staff would recommend the LCOG Board redraft the MTIP for FY07-11.
- The MPO (MPC or LCOG Board for that matter) cannot *force* the WEP to be built. They can stop it by choking off its federal funding, but not move it forward. That power now rests solely with ODOT (with some necessary federal permitting assuming the NEPA process comes back with a “build” recommendation.)
- At the June '06 Board meeting, staff recommends the LCOG Board:
  - Should the MPC fail to develop an acceptable action plan to prevent lapse of federal funding at the July 13 MPC meeting, authorize the Executive Committee, with support from LCOG staff, to enter into discussions with the MPC. These discussions should be guided by two goals – first, MPC is the preferred body to perform the MPO duties; but, second, the LCOG Board will not allow a lapse in federal funding to occur; and
  - Direct the Executive Committee to bring the LCOG Board a recommendation at its September meeting on how to proceed; and
  - Direct LCOG staff to develop any necessary resolutions for adoption by the Board, should the recommendation be to rescind MPO delegation to the MPC.
- Should it be necessary for the LCOG Board to resume MPO responsibilities, it will need to:
  - Rescind the delegation of authority to the MPC.
  - At least for MPO purposes include LTD and ODOT on the LCOG Board. (Eugene, Springfield, Coburg and Lane County are already members.)

- Transfer the Transportation Planning Committee (TPC) to serve as an LCOG subcommittee.
  - Transfer and reauthorize the Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) as an LCOG subcommittee.
  - Direct staff to schedule a public hearing on the MTIP and Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) for December and/or February.
  - The Board will likely wish to eventually transfer these duties to a new subcommittee, but given the time necessary to do this, actual creation of a new body is not recommended before its June 2007 meeting at the earliest.
- We do not yet know what impact a change in MPO responsibilities would have on our federal Certification Review, which will occur in mid-2007.