

Agenda Item Number 5. Advisory Council Reports

Presenter: George Kloeppel

Action Recommended: None. Information Only

Background:

Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC)

May 11, 2006

The Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC) met on May 11 in the Eugene Library with representation from Lane County, Springfield, Eugene, Coburg, LTD, and ODOT. The MPC:

- Heard comments from one member of the public who urged MPC members to attend the May 11 presentation from the Osprey Group, and a second who asked questions about the MPC Adopted Unified Planning Work Plan (UPWP.)
- Heard a report from the MPO's Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC), presented by Kathi Wiederhold, LCOG, and appointed six new citizen members to the CAC.
- Approved Resolution 2006-06 endorsing the LTD Bus Rapid Transit Pioneer Parkway locally preferred alternative, thus allowing that project to proceed to the next step.
- Approved Resolution 2006-07 adopting amendments to the FY05-07 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Plan (MTIP) to reprogram funds for the Springfield-Creswell Highway Project to FY08, and extend the West Bank Trail system in Eugene.
- Received an update on ODOT's freight mobility project from local ODOT Manager Jane Lee.
- Received an update on the West Eugene Parkway (WEP) Collaborative Process from Eugene Mayor Kitty Piercy. Mayor Piercy praised the report developed by the Osprey Group which suggests a collaborative process to resolve the WEP impasse.
- Heard an update on the MTIP adoption schedule and alternatives from Tom Schwetz of LCOG. Mr. Schwetz told the MPC that rule changes from the federal transportation SAFETEA-LU act have extended the deadline for MTIP expiration from March to September of 2007. Staff recommended to the MPC, however, that, if the MPC cannot

adopt the FY06-09 MTIP by August of 2006, a longer-term FY07-11 MTIP should be developed, as the federal government will require the preparation and public involvement process to be redone. Byron Vanderpool of LCOG updated the MPC on LCOG staff's presentation to the LCOG Board in April.

- Received an update on the programming of Surface Transportation Program – Urban (STP-U) funds from Tom Schwetz. An STP-U recommendation will be brought to MPC at its June meeting.

Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC)

June 8, 2006

The Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC) met on May 11 in the Eugene Library with representation from Lane County, Springfield, Eugene, Coburg, LTD, and ODOT. Commissioner Randy Pape' of the Oregon Transportation Commission was also in attendance. The MPC:

- Heard comments from 6 members of the public who discussed the West Eugene Parkway, Eugene's proposed Collaborative Process, the System Transportation Plan – Urban (STP-U) budget, and an additional speaker who wanted comments of his from an earlier MPC meeting to be relayed to the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) in full rather than in summary.
- Heard a report from the CAC, presented by Kathi Wiederhold, LCOG, on orientation of new members to the CAC, as well as the CAC's progress in finalizing the MPO's Public Involvement Plan.
- Unanimously passed Resolution 2006-08, altering the scope of an existing pedestrian/bike lane project.
- Unanimously approved a letter of endorsement for local transportation enhancement program applications to ODOT. Eugene is applying for three multiuse path projects. Springfield is applying for one pedestrian enhancement project.
- Unanimously approved Resolution 2006-09 programming STP-U funds for core MPO planning activities by the MPO and member jurisdictions.
- Heard a presentation by David Cox of the Federal Highway Administration proposing a new (Southern) realignment of the West Eugene Parkway (WEP). Mr. Cox described the proposed Southern alignment as addressing many of the concerns surfaced in the Osprey Group report. Following Mr. Cox's presentation, the MPC heard a proposal by Eugene Mayor Piercy to pass a FY06-09 MTIP with the WEP project moved to FY09, have MPO members agree to participate in a collaborative process on the WEP, allocate MPO funds to the collaborative process, and request ODOT to delay completion of the NEPA process until completion of the collaborative process. The two presentations were followed by an open and frank discussion of how to proceed on these issues. MPC agreed to dedicate their July meeting to seek a resolution to the current impasse.
- Received a summary of the recent Oil, Water & Oregon Symposium by LCOG's Tom Schwetz.

Disability Services Advisory Council (DSAC)

May 12, 2006

- A representative from the Advocacy Committee reviewed “An Analysis of Tax Expenditures in Oregon”. Council members offered comments and reviewed the concept and desired outcomes of this effort. After a thorough discussion, the Disability Services Advisory Council unanimously approved the motion to allow the Advocacy Committee to move forward to the LCOG Board with the concept.
- The Council discussed the performance of state agencies, in particular the Oregon Medical Assistance Program (OMAP). This particular division is part of the Department of Human Services and has authority to authorize payment for medical care and services under the Oregon Health Plan. Council members expressed concern over the closed nature of the agency and certain operating procedures. The issue was referred to the Advocacy Committee for further research and follow-up.
- The Nominating Committee of the Disability Services Advisory Council gave a status report on progress towards the recruitment of new members. The Council approved the membership needs as identified by the Committee.

Senior Services Advisory Council

May 9, 2006

- The Nominating Committee of the Senior Services Advisory Council presented recommendations regarding the appointment of new members for three year terms beginning July 1, 2006. The Council approved the re-appointment of two current members, appointment to the full Council of two Community Representatives, and the appointment to the full Council of a new applicant. Given the Nominating Committee planned to interview two additional applicants, there will be further recommendations presented at the June meeting. Elections for the slate of officers for 2006-07 will also be held at the June meeting.
- The Council heard and voted on recommendations from the Procurement and Monitoring Committee on contract renewals for the programs funded through the Older Americans Act programs. All recommendations were approved as presented.
- The Council reviewed the paper, “An Analysis of Tax Expenditures in Oregon” and discussed the recommendation of the Advocacy Committee. The recommendation was approved by the Council with one abstention.

Senior Services Advisory Council

June 13, 2006

- The Council considered recommendations from the Procurement and Monitoring Committee regarding the contract renewal of the Elder Help program and Addus Health Services. The recommendations were approved as presented.
- The Council elected its slate of officers for 2006-07 and approved the appointment of an additional new applicant as a full Council member.
- The Council considered and approved the 2006-07 Area Plan Budget Update as presented by the Planning and Budget Committee.