

Agenda Item Number 5.

Advisory Council Reports

Presenter: George Kloeppel

Action Recommended: None. Information Only

Background:

Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC)

June 9, 2005

The Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC) met on June 9 in the Springfield 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 three citizens who addressed perceived shortcomings in the planning process, raised air quality conformity issues, and reiterated the importance of combining transportation system plans with the Regional Transportation Plan.
- Approved recommended changes in the Bylaws of the MPO Citizen Advisory Committee, specifically to add a seat on the Committee for a representative of “employees/workers/organized labor.”
- Considered the update of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and, specifically, the schedule. The Committee offered suggestions regarding the engagement of the Citizens Advisory Committee. Without motion, it was agreed that staff would consider revisions and bring the schedule back to the MPC in July for approval. It was noted that the July meeting would likely be a joint meeting with the Citizens Advisory Committee and that consideration of the RTP update schedule would be appropriate in that setting.
- Agreed to modify the July meeting to an evening session with the CAC on the 14th. It was suggested that a three, rather than two, hour block be

reserved for the joint meeting. Further the MPC agreed to modify its October meeting date from the 13th to the 20th to avoid conflict with Yom Kippur.

- Heard a report from Tom Schwetz and Anne Ballew on the May 26 meeting of the Oregon MPO Consortium (OMPOC) in Salem. Copies of the OMPOC Bylaws, adopted at the Salem meeting, were discussed. It was noted that the next meeting of the Consortium would likely be in the fall (rather than in July, as stated in the background memo). MPC members expressed appreciation to the chair for successfully getting the MPC-recommended changes incorporated in the final Bylaws.
- Heard a report from Tom Boyatt, ODOT, on the I-5/Franklin Interchange System Planning effort. By motion, urged ODOT to specifically involve the MPC's Citizen Advisory Committee as a part of the "stakeholders" participation process.
- Heard a brief report from Tom Boyatt, ODOT on the reallocation of funding from the cancelled Seaside project proposed by ODOT Region 2. The results of an all-Region 2 meeting on May 23 were discussed. Proposed is the use of \$3 million to the I-5/Beltline Highway Interchange project. This proposal is pending OTC approval.
- Discussed the most effective means of distributing correspondence directed to the MPC, which is not associated with an open public record. Determined that posting such correspondence on the MPO website and notifying MPC members of its availability via e-mail would be appropriate.
- Heard a report from staff regarding the status of the I-105 Preservation Project.
- Heard a report from Kathi Wiederhold, LCOG, regarding the work of the Citizens Advisory Committee and, specifically, its June 1 meeting. Learned that the CAC had selected Dan Egan and Rex Redmon and co-chairs and Sylvia Shaw as vice chair.
- Heard a report from Paul Thompson, LCOG, regarding "administrative amendments" approved by the Transportation Planning Committee on May 19. In future reports staff will provide a brief paragraph describing amendments to help streamline the review process.

- Heard a report by Paul Thompson, LCOG, regarding the May 26 filing before the Land Use Board of Appeals by Friends of Eugene and Rob Handy. The MPC requested that, when the LCOG/MPC/ODOT response was filed with LUBA (due by June 16), it be posted to the MPO website and that MPC members be notified of its availability.
- Received a May 12 email from Rob Zako, 1000 Friends of Oregon, regarding the importance of a single transportation plan for the Central Lane MPO region
- Heard report by Tom Schwetz updating MPC on the status of ODOT's Mileage Fee Pilot Project. While the pilot was to have been originally run in the Eugene area, lack of participating independent gas station owners led ODOT to look in the Portland area for possible participants.
- Reviewed with staff the calendar of MPO activities in July and August.
- Heard an update from Petra Schuetz on the I-105 improvements. The project has moved along faster than planned and will be completed ahead of schedule if the weather cooperates.

Senior Services Advisory Council

May 10, 2005

- The Council's Nominating Committee presented a slate of officers for Program Year 2005-06 (Anna May Herbert, Chairperson; Jane Boren, First Vice Chairperson; and Marion Esty, Second Vice Chairperson).
- The Council's Nominating Committee also offered recommendations for the re-appointment of five current members (Jane Boren, Marion Esty, Jean Jordan, Murray Pettit, and Jane Strasdas), the appointment of two current Community Representative Members to full membership seats on the Council (Dianne Burch and Andrea Gillispie), the appointment of two new Council members (Don Hampton and Jim Patterson), and the appointment of two Community Representative Members (Cathy Steadman Cox and David Quale). All of these recommendations were accepted and forwarded to the LCOG Board Executive Committee for appointment.
- The Council considered and accepted recommendations from its Procurement and Monitoring Committee regarding continuation service contracts for Program Year 2005-06. They, in turn, were recommended to the LCOG Board Executive Committee for approval.

- The Council learned that PeaceHealth was ending its Senior Mental Health Counseling Program on June 30, 2005 and, as a result, would not accept a contract from LCOG for Program Year 2005-06. It then considered a plan recommended by its Procurement and Monitoring Committee for the use of the \$34,263 freed up by PeaceHealth's decision. This plan, which calls for \$20,567 to be spent on Medicare Part D education and outreach, and \$13,696 on caregiver training and support groups, was recommended to the LCOG Board Executive Committee for adoption.
- The Council received reports from its Standing Committees and S&DS staff.

June 14, 2004

- The Council held its election for officers for Program Year 2005-06. The following officers were elected to serve during 2005-06: Chairperson, Anna May Herbert; First Vice Chairperson, Jane Boren; and Second Vice Chairperson, Marion Esty.
- The Council received a report from its Long Term Care Committee on its findings of a re-survey of former clients who lost services in 2003 due to reductions in the State Budget. Major findings included: (1) the loss of long term care services can result in the worsening of people's conditions, often forcing them back into the long term care system with greater needs and higher costs to taxpayers; and (2) the loss of services results in a lower quality of live.
- The Council received a status report on the federal government's implementation of Part D of Medicare, the new prescription drug benefit for Medicare beneficiaries.
- The Council recognized and thanked members who will be leaving the body at the conclusion of their terms on June 30, 2005.

Disability Services Advisory Council

May 13, 2005

Due to the absence of a quorum, no official business was conducted at the May 13th meeting.

June 10, 2005

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new Council members (Tim Baxter, Wanda jo Lang, and Kevin O'Reilly), and the appointment of five Community Representative Members (James Dean, Mathew Hasek, Terry Parker, Leslie Relle, and Maureen Wadst). All of these recommendations were accepted and forwarded to the LCOG Board Executive Committee for appointment.

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- The Council also received reports from its Standing Committees and staff.
- In addition, it received reports on the University of Oregon's disability arts and film festival and on Lane Independent Living Alliance's plan for celebrating the anniversary of the enactment of the Americans with Disabilities Act.
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Lane Economic Committee

May 16, 2005

The Committee discussed economic impacts of the Region 2050 project.