

Agenda Item Number 5.

Advisory Council Reports

Presenter: George Kloeppel

Action Recommended: None. Information Only

Background:

Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC)

July 13, 2006

The Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC) met on July 13 in the Eugene Library with representation from Lane County, Springfield, Eugene, Coburg, LTD, and ODOT. The MPC:

- Received comments from ten members of the public. Two spoke to improvements to Territorial Hwy in the wake of the recent death of a cyclist there, one spoke in opposition to a potential bridge project, and seven spoke about the West Eugene Parkway (WEP) project.
- Received a staff report from Paul Thompson of LCOG and unanimously adopted Resolution 2006-10 amending the FY 05-07 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Plan (MTIP) to include a project expanding the U/O Museum of Natural & Cultural History to support transportation enhancement activities (funding included in the SAFETEA-LU transportation bill.)
- Received a staff report from Kathi Wiederhold of LCOG and unanimously adopted a motion releasing the draft Public Participation Plan for public comment.
- On a vote of 8 for and 2 against, failed to pass a motion introduced by Chair Green calling for accepting a Southern WEP alignment as the preferred alternative route and requesting Eugene, Springfield, Lane County, and ODOT take certain other actions.
- Unanimously adopted Resolution 2006-11 adopting an FY 06-09 MTIP restricting the WEP project to only those actions necessary to finish the NEPA process (construction monies removed.)
- Heard a staff report from Byron Vanderpool of LCOG on the LCOG Board's concerns about MPC's MPO responsibilities. MPC began a discussion about possible alternative dispute mechanisms. Mr. Vanderpool offered LCOG staff assistance to the MPC for this effort and said staff would bring MPC various alternatives at their next meeting.
- Heard a staff report from Paul Thompson concerning a proposed process for programming Surface Transportation Program-Urban (STP-U) funds. MPC directed staff to prepare the necessary materials for their action.

- Received a staff report and update from Tom Schwetz of LCOG on the 2006 Connect Oregon grant process.

Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC)

August 10, 2006

The Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC) met on August 10 in the Springfield Library Meeting Room with representation from Lane County, Springfield, Eugene, Coburg, LTD, and ODOT. The MPC:

- Received comment from one member of the public concerning public participation in the MPO process.
- Unanimously passed a motion declining Comcast's request for binding arbitration to resolve a dispute over the Metropolitan Cable Commission franchise.
- Unanimously adopted Resolution 2006-12 amending the FY 06/09 MTIP providing environmental mitigation for construction of the Bob Straub Parkway.
- Received and discussed a report from the Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) concerning the MPO's draft Public Participation Plan.
- Received an update on progress on development of the e-MPO, the MPO's new web site currently under development.
- Received and discussed a staff report on programming of STP-U funds.
- Discussed several alternative dispute resolution mechanisms for the MPO and directed staff to bring back more information on methods used by other bodies, as well as proposed bylaw language to change the MPO's quorum requirements.
- Received and discussed a report on Alternative Mobility Standards.
- Received a report from ODOT on the impact on increased materials costs on construction.

Senior Services Advisory Council

August 15, 2006

Highlights of the meeting follow:

- The Council considered the recommendation from the Advocacy Committee regarding Legislative Priorities for 2006-07. The Committee suggested fewer priorities for the upcoming year (four) allowing members to better focus their time and energy. The Council thoroughly discussed each priority, and made suggestions for slight wording changes. The Council unanimously approved and recommended to LCOG the approval of the Legislative Priorities for 2006-07.
- The Council made appointments to its standing committees for Program Year 2006-07. It also appointed its liaison member to the Disability Services Advisory Council.
- The Council received a report from S&DS staff regarding the new Quality Assurance supervisor position that DHS has funded, and a progress report on the temporary position to assist clients with Medicare Modernization Act issues.
- The Council also received progress reports from its Standing Committees.

Disability Services Advisory Council

July 28, 2006

Highlights of these meetings follow:

- The Council considered the recommendation of the Advocacy Committee regarding the Legislative Priorities for 2006-07. The Council engaged in a question and answer period, clarifying specifics and assisting members to fully understand the issues at hand. It was noted that the Legislative Priorities are not listed in order of importance. The Council unanimously approved the Legislative Priorities for 2006-07 and moved to recommend to LCOG their approval.
- The Council heard a report from the Nominating Committee on the status of the recruitment process for new members. A recommendation for the 2006-07 Slate of Officers was also presented. Voting will occur at the September meeting.
- The Council also received reports from its Standing Committees and staff.

Disability Services Advisory Council

September 8, 2006

Highlights of these meetings follow:

- The Nominating Committee reported on the applicants for membership and the interview process. The Council then took the following actions:
 - Approved the re-appointment of Dan Arkin, Ed Necker and Laura Weil to additional 2 year terms;
 - Approved the appointment of Trescott Ducker, Sharon Durham, and Leslie Gilbert to membership on the DSAC for two year terms (October 1, 2006 – September 30, 2008);
 - Approved the appointment of Graham Bailey as a Community Representative for a one year term (October 1, 2006 – September 30, 2007).
- The Council elected its Slate of Officers for the 2006-07 term, as follows:
 - L.M. Reese, Chair
 - Ed Necker, Vice-Chair
- The Council discussed the disposition of an application for membership that arrived after the deadline date of August 15th. The Council directed Kay Metzger to contact the applicant and offer an invitation for participation as a member of the public. The applicant will be invited to receive the monthly agendas by mail, if they wish.
- The Council also received reports from its members, Standing Committees and staff.