

**Agenda Item Number
5.
Advisory Council Reports**

Presenter: George Kloeppel

Action Recommended: None. Information Only

Background:

Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC)

August 14, 2008

The Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC) met on August 14 in the Eugene Library with representation from Lane County, Springfield, Eugene, Coburg, LTD, and ODOT. The MPC:

Acting in its Metro Planning Role (Lane County, Springfield and Eugene):

Considered a proposed MetroPlan amendment that had been requested by Delta Sand and Gravel, which Lane County had approved and the Eugene City Council denied. Under the Code, the MPC is to be given the opportunity to serve as a “conflict resolution” body by hearing input from “the applicant, staff of the affected jurisdictions and interested persons.” During a public hearing on the issue, the MPC heard from the attorney representing the applicant and from counsel for an adjacent landowner, as well as two local residents and staff from the City of Eugene. After closing the hearing, Mayor Leiken, MPC Chair, invited discussion and Q & A with staff and attorneys. It was moved by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Commissioner Green, that—in light of the project changes suggested by counsel for the applicant—the amendment be referred back to Eugene and Lane County for reconsideration. **The motion failed to receive an affirmative vote from Eugene and was, therefore, defeated.**

Acting in its Transportation Planning Role:

Approved the July 10 MPC meeting minutes

Heard a report from the MPO's Citizen Advisory Committee summarizing the group's July 16 meeting. The focus was primarily upon the long range transportation planning process. Also discussed was the MPC's consideration of the committee's recommendation for a clearinghouse. It was also reported that committee member Rich Hazel had resigned, leaving the group at 12 members. Mayor Piercy asked about the composition and required representation (which staff agreed to provide) so that MPC members could help recruit new members.

Voted to endorse an "intelligent transportation system" (ITS) proposal entitled "Effecting Operational Efficiencies for Safe Travel in the Beltline-Delta Highway Corridor" for earmark priority consideration by the Oregon Transportation Commission.

Voted to endorse three Transportation Enhancement (TE) program application priorities – Westmoreland Park path lighting, Amazon path lighting, and West Bank Path Extension – all in Eugene.

Approved by resolution (Motion made by Mayor Piercy, seconded by Mayor Volta) an amendment to the FY 2008-11 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) approving federal (FTA) funds for LTD's RideSource service.

Heard a presentation by LTD staff and board members regarding the district's current budget and service issues. The MPC expressed understanding for the dilemma facing LTD and suggested that, to the extent that some of the solution might lie with the Legislature, a united advocacy effort would be desirable. LTD outlined its proposed schedule for service reductions and public outreach.

Decided to postpone the scheduled discussion of regional transportation plans.

Heard a brief report from ODOT by Sonny Chickering, who noted that the OTC had decided to discontinue its past practice of encouraging OTC members to regularly attend meetings within their districts; in fact, to de-emphasize the district representation aspect of the five commissioners.

Received a staff report on three MTIP "administrative amendments" that had been unanimously approved on July 24 by the MPO's Transportation Planning Committee (TPC).

Reviewed the calendar of upcoming MPO-related meetings and activities.

Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC)

July 10, 2008

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

Approved the April 10 and May 8 MPC minutes.

Heard public comment from one citizen commenting on the recently held Transportation and Growth Management (TGM) conference.

Received a report from LCOG staff Kathi Wiederhold on the May and June Citizens Advisory Committee meetings.

Unanimously approved endorsing the 2010 Campaign for Active Transportation case statement, a multi-agency proposal in response to the question “*What would this community achieve with a \$50 million federal investment in bicycling and walking and present a case for how this investment will enhance mobility or mitigate congestion in a cost efficient manner by shifting automobile trips to biking and walking.*” [Note: We have recently been informed the Eugene-Springfield Metro Area Case Statement has been selected as one of four nationwide which will be promoted by the Campaign for Active Transportation.]

Unanimously approved Resolution 2008-03 providing Surface Transportation Program – Urban (STP-U) funding to Commuter Solutions for FY 2009-2010.

Unanimously approved a set of earmark priorities for submission to the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC.)

Received an update on the Willamette River Bridge project from Tim Dodson of ODOT.

Received an update on two current ODOT planning efforts – the Beltline (River Road to Coburg Road) Facility Plan and the OR 126 Expressway Management Plan – from Savannah Crawford of ODOT.

Received an update from Paul Thompson of LCOG on Administrative Amendments made to the FY 08-11 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) by the Transportation Planning Committee (TPC.)

Received an update on ODOT activities from Sonny Chickering.

Received an update from Byron Vanderpool of LCOG on actions taken by the LCOG Board in the absence of the MPC.

Senior Services Advisory Council

August 12, 2008

At that meeting the following occurred:

- Standing Committee membership assignments were announced.
- A presentation on the newly released Home Care Worker Registry was given. The Home Care Worker Registry is a state-wide, web-based registry of in-home caregivers that are approved to work for Medicaid in-home care clients. The website is also available to the general public who are able to purchase in-home care with private funds. The Home Care Worker Registry is operated by the State's Home Care Commission and allows consumers to have electronic access to lists of potential personal care assistants. It is the responsibility of the consumer to interview and select the Home Care Worker that is the best match to meet their needs.
- A presentation was given by Bandana Shrestha of AARP. Programs and services were described, along with opportunities for collaboration.
- Standing Committee reports of the Advocacy, Procurement and Monitoring, and Long Term Care Committees were reviewed.

Disability Services Advisory Council

July 25, 2008

At that meeting the following occurred:

- The Council identified the topic of in-home care, i.e. its challenges, opportunities, and strategies for expansion, as an area of interest. As a first item, the issues of recruiting and maintaining personal care assistants were discussed. A presentation of the newly released, state-wide, web-based Home Care Worker Registry was given. Council members were instructed on how to use the Registry.
- A report on the Personal Assistants Task Force was presented by Dan Arkin, DSAC member. The Personal Assistants Task Force is a consortium of community based social service agencies working with seniors and people with disabilities, including Lane Independent Living Alliance, Full Access Brokerage, ShelterCare, Senior & Disabled Services, and interested

consumers. The PA Task Force has recently received grant funding to research innovative solutions to the problem of finding emergency, back-up care providers when regular workers are not available. A part-time research assistant has been hired and is now beginning her work.

- Standing Committee reports of the Advocacy Committee, Long Term Care Committee, and the Nominating Committee were reviewed.

Disability Services Advisory Council

September 12, 2008

At that meeting the following occurred:

- Applicants for new members were approved by the Council.
- The Council elected the Chair and Vice-Chair for next year.
- The Council continued their discussion of in-home care and heard a presentation on the Independent Choices program which will be available October 1, 2008. The Independent Choices program is available on a limited basis (only 2,600 slots open statewide) to Medicaid in-home clients. The program offers a direct cash benefit to clients who are able to effectively arrange for their own care and manage their own funds. Clients can choose to purchase home care worker time with the cash, but also have the flexibility of using the cash for other items directly related to their care needs (such as equipment or supplies not covered by Medicaid). S&DS staff are currently being trained on this new program.
- Standing Committee reports of the Advocacy Committee and Long Term Care Committee were reviewed.