

# Agenda Item Number 12.

## Advisory Council Reports

**Presenter:** George Kloeppel

**Action Recommended:** None. Information Only

**Background:**

*Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC)*

Met September 12, 2002

The Metropolitan Policy Committee met on September 12 with representation from Lane County, Springfield, Eugene, LTD and ODOT. Mayor Mike Dean of Coburg, whose jurisdiction will be added to the MPC's membership for transportation purposes, and OTC Commissioner Randy Pape were also present as a member of the audience.

The MPC addressed two transportation issues. The Committee reviewed the process for obtaining federal earmarks for highway projects. The Oregon Transportation Commission had asked that possible requests for earmarks or demonstration projects be coordinated statewide. It was agreed that the input from the MPC, under this agenda item, would be forwarded to the Lane County Commission and would then be communicated to the other ODOT Areas within Region 2 at an "all area meeting" on September 23. Three highway projects from the metropolitan area were put forward (rural projects might be added by the County Commissioners)—I-5/Beltline Phase I, System Improvements associated with the new Eugene Federal Courthouse, and Beltline Highway Improvements from Coburg Road to River Road. The MPC also extensively reviewed the proposed Bypass Policy, which had been revised by the OTC in response to previous comments offered (including those made in June by the MPC). A number of issues were raised, and staff was directed to summarize additional MPC comments and to circulate those revisions to MPC members, prior to their submission to the State by an October 10 deadline. A primary source of continuing concern regarding the policy was a lack of clear definition of what a Bypass was and, notably, its distinction from an urban arterial. The MPC agreed to hold its

next meeting on October 3 (the first Thursday of the month) in order to avoid a conflict with an OTC meeting.

*Disability Services Advisory Council (DSAC)/  
Senior Services Advisory Council(SSAC)*

met August 13, 2002

Legislative Candidate Forum - Eugene

The DSAC and SSAC hosted a Legislative Candidate Forum on Tuesday, August 13, at the Hilyard Community Center in Eugene. Nine of ten candidates from districts in the greater Eugene area, including Senate Districts 4 and 7, and House Districts 8, 13, and 14 participated. Approximately 50 community and advisory council members attended the event on the warmest day of the season.

The councils and community members were pleased to hear the candidates generally affirm their support for senior and disability services.

Legislative Candidate Forum - Springfield

The second forum, scheduled to be held at the Springfield City Hall Council Chambers on Tuesday, September 17, was **cancelled** due to the Legislature's continued efforts to balance the State's budget in its Fifth Session on that date.

Legislative Candidate Forum - Florence

The final forum will be held at the Siuslaw Public Library in Florence on Tuesday, October 8.