

Agenda Item Number 12.

Advisory Council Reports

Presenter: George Kloeppe

Action Recommended: None. Information Only

Background:

Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC)

October 9, 2003

The Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC) met on October 9 with representation from Lane County, Springfield, Eugene, Coburg, LTD, , and ODOT. In addition, OTC Commissioner Randy Pape was present and participated. The MPC:

- Heard public comment from three citizens who spoke to the proposals for enhanced citizen participation and to the proposed adoption of the MTIP.
- Heard a staff report on the proposed FY 04-06 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) and federal STP-Urban allocations (a process that had been before the MPC in July, August and September); conducted a public hearing at which three citizens presented testimony; considered and rejected two separate motions that would have shifted resources from “modernization” projects to “preservation” projects; and by motion, adopted the FT 04-06 MTIP.
- Considered the components of an Update of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) with a December 2004 target for adoption. Tom Schwetz, LCOG outlined the broad federal requirements for the triennial Update, and noted that the current Plan would need to be modified by (1) the extension of the planning horizon to 2025, (2) the preparation and adoption of an updated financial constraint analysis,

and (3) the expansion of the Plan boundary to coincide with the post-2000 Census urbanization pattern.

- Discussed proposed “public involvement enhancements,” as had been recommended by an MPC subcommittee, chaired by Commissioner Green during the spring and summer; by motion, directed staff to prepare details for MPC consideration of an option which would “add citizen representatives to the TPC,” either as voting members, limited voting members or as advisory members.
- Discussed a proposal for the endorsement (by the MPC) of a West Coast Corridor Coalition, which would be dedicated to build support for additional federal recognition of, and investment in, the infrastructure of the West Coast NAFTA Corridor that supports trade, travel and tourism. Directed staff to prepare a resolution for later consideration.
- Received staff reports on (1) Commissioner Dwyer’s September report to the LCOG Board on the progress of the MPO over the past year, (2) congressional passage of a 5-month extension of TEA-21, (3) revisions to the draft STIP eligibility criteria and prioritization factors as crafted by the State’s STIP Process Stakeholder Committee.

Lane Economic Committee (LEC)

September 22, 2003

1. Lane Venture Forum

- Lane Venture Forum Program Director Chris Nystrom described the entrepreneur loan fund sponsored by the Eugene Area Chamber of Commerce. She distributed copies of a brochure explaining its purpose and answering questions about it. She reported that 20 investors had participated in the program and that 50 application inquiries had been received in the past year.
- Ms. Nystrom distributed copies of a document entitled “Contact: A Business Retention and Development Program - 2003 Report.” She explained that it provided optimistic business predictions for the coming year. Members discussed the program.

2. Revolving Loan Fund Grant

- Mr. Dignam described an opportunity to apply for an Economic Development Administration grant up to \$500,000 to be used in the Revolving Loan Fund. He said operation of the grant was covered by interest and fees. He explained that a 40% local match was required, but would fill a void in funds available for mid-range business loans in Lane County. He said the amount of the grant would be determined by match funds available.

3. 2003 Lane County Video Lottery Allocation Process

- Mr. Thurston distributed copies of a draft document entitled “A Vision for Lane County Job Creation - 2003-2010.” He explained that it was a description of proposals that could be funded under the Lane County Economic Development Program. He requested that LEC provide feedback about the description. Ms. Lee, Mr. Scoggin, Mr. Tamulonis, and Mr. Warren volunteered to serve on a subcommittee to prepare recommendations regarding the proposal for consideration at the October LEC meeting.

4. Regional Investment Board

- Ms. Swartz discussed actions of the 2003 Oregon Legislative Session that affected the Regional Rural Investment program. She said less than half of the resources available in the current biennium had been budgeted for 2003-2005. She reported that short- and long-term performance measures for job creation and resource leveraging had been adopted. She said she believed the current biennium would “make or break” the program.

5. Needs and Issues Process

- Mr. Dignam reported that LEC involvement in the annual “Needs and Issues” prioritization process was scheduled to begin, but that funding and coordination of it by Oregon was unsure.

- Ms. Schwartz reported that state resources had not yet been identified for the process and that those from federal sources were not adequate. She said it was likely the effort would be postponed until spring to better coincide with the budgeting processes of local jurisdictions. She said efforts were being made to computerize submission of applications, but that LEC ranking assistance would continue to be needed. She said project funding available from state and federal resources was more limited and that support for infrastructure projects might be eliminated.

Note: LCOG's Senior Services and Disability Services Advisory Councils now meet every other month, rather than monthly. Their meetings are staggered, with the Senior Council meeting during the even-numbered months, and the Disability Council meeting during the odd-numbered months.

Senior Services Advisory Council (SSAC)

October 14, 2003

Contract Rates for the Provision of Home Care and Personal Care Services to Eligible Seniors and People with Disabilities between November 2003 and June 2004: The Council heard about the rate negotiations between Addus Health Care Services and the Tri-Agency In-Home Services Consortium (of which LCOG is a member) for the provision of Home and Personal Care services to eligible Oregon Project Independence (OPI) and Medicaid clients between November 1, 2003 and June 30, 2004. S&DS staff announced the rates recommended by the negotiators: \$14.83/hour for Home Care services, and \$16.82/hour for Personal Care services. Following a brief discussion, the Council voted to recommend these rates to LCOG's Executive Director, in his capacity as the agency's chief procurement officer.

Direction for the Provision of Oregon Project Independence Services for the Foreseeable Future: Staff asked for Council direction on how to manage OPI expenditures during the next few months, given the uncertainty regarding the continuing availability of a full allocation of OPI funds for the 2003-05 biennium. Three possible strategies were presented to the Council for its consideration. The recommendation of the Council's Procurement and Monitoring Committee on this matter was presented, as well. After a

full discussion of the options and the implications of each, the Council voted to advise Senior & Disabled Services to continue to provide OPI-funded Home Care and Personal Care services to current clients. (By this action, the Council rejected the idea of reducing the program's caseload by terminating from service the least impaired of current clients; it also rejected the suggestion that S&DS open the program to new clients.)

Standing Committee Reports: The Council received reports from three of its Standing Committees. During these reports, it received a copy of the findings of a recent survey of former clients who were terminated from services in February or April of this year, and learned about plans for the upcoming Legislative Wrap-up event being held on October 17.

Staff Reports: Staff provided to the Council a wrap-up report on the 2003 Session of the State Legislature, shared its plans for implementing the reduction in hours for public access to Senior & Disabled Services offices, effective November 1, and reported on S&DS' involvement in a new educational program – the Walk a Mile program – being sponsored locally by Food for Lane County.

Next SSAC Meeting: The next meeting of the Senior Council will be held on Tuesday, December 9, 1:30 PM, at Hilyard Community Center, Eugene.

