

Agenda Item Number 5. Advisory Council Reports

Presenter: George Kloeppel

Action Recommended: None. Information Only

Background:

Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC)

October 12, 2006

The Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC) met on October 12 in the ODOT Springfield Office with representation from Lane County, Springfield, Eugene, Coburg, LTD, and ODOT. This was a joint meeting with the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC). The MPC:

- Received comments from one members of the public, concerning issues around public comment, and the appropriateness of siting of trailer parks.
- Held a public hearing on the Draft Public Participation Plan, during which they received comment from one member of the public.
- Discussed a wide range of topics with the CAC concerning MPC's expectations of the CAC, the CAC's expectations of MPC, CAC members' individual roles both representing the public and soliciting information from the public, and the CAC's desire to have more frequent meetings with the MPC.

The CAC then adjourned and the MPC:

- Unanimously approved Resolution 2006-13 adopting amendments to the FY06-09 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP.)
- Unanimously approved Resolution 2006-14 adopting amendments to the FY06-09 MTIP to program System Transportation Plan – Urban (STP-U) funds for planning and Transportation Plan Management activities in FY07 and FY08.
- Heard a presentation by ODOT and local transportation planning staff concerning the recent increases in transportation system maintenance and improvements.
- In the interest of time, the MPC agreed to move the alternative dispute resolution process discussion to their November meeting.

Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC)

November 9, 2006

The Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC) met on November 9 in the Eugene Public Library with representation from Lane County, Springfield, Eugene, Coburg, LTD, and ODOT. The MPC:

- Heard public comment from one person who expressed concern about the high cost of traffic cameras being installed as part of ODOT's Intelligent Transportation System project.
- Received a report from Commissioner Green and LCOG staffer Kathi Wiederhold on the CAC's November meeting.
- Unanimously passed Resolution 2006-15 adopting amendments to the FY06-09 MTIP.
- Unanimously adopted Resolution 2006-16 recommending designation of LTD as the direct recipient of Federal Transit Administration Job Access and Reverse Commute and New Freedom program funds (new programs included in the SAFETEA-LU transportation bill.)
- Unanimously approved sending a letter to ODOT supporting local Transportation Enhancement Program grant applications.
- Received a report from Paul Thompson of LCOG on FY07-09 STP-U prioritization. The MPC discussed various alternatives in preparation for this topic returning to them early in 2007.
- Discussed proposed MPC bylaw language and requested staff to schedule a joint meeting of the MPC and the LCOG Executive Committee to discuss how to proceed on this topic.
- Received a report from Tom Schwetz of LCOG on the upcoming Alternative Mobility Standards process.
- Discussed the Draft Public Participation Plan.

Senior Services Advisory Council

October 17, 2006

The **Senior Services Advisory Council** met on October 17, 2006. Highlights of the meeting follow.

- Due to limited funding, S&DS determined it was necessary to initiate a waiting list for Oregon Project Independence services effective October 1, 2006. Currently, intakes for Oregon Project Independence are scheduled out until April 2007. Effective October 1, anyone requesting OPI services was placed on a waiting list. There are now 12 people on the waiting list. S&DS staff requested input from the Council regarding how to manage the waiting list. The Council offered the following comments:
 - The neediest should be served first. However, a combination of first come-first served and need based priorities should be considered. The two are not exclusive.
 - An in-person assessment for priority determination is best practice. Additionally, a well-developed phone screening tool could be beneficial in determining the order in which callers are scheduled for an in-person assessment.
 - Financial ability to pay should be a consideration in the prioritization process. Those with less income and ability to pay privately should be a higher priority.

- The Council heard information regarding the one year extension of the Food Service contract for Senior Meals.
- The Council received update reports from its Standing Committees.
- Information on the Family Caregiver Program budget was shared with the Council. The Department of Human Services informed S&DS that the Family Caregiver Program's allocation had been incorrectly calculated and must be reduced immediately. As a result, the program will need to reduce its services for the remainder of the year. S&DS staff shared the actions taken to address the shortfall, which were to not fill a position recently vacated due to retirement, close intakes for new participants, and discontinue supplemental payments for necessary medical supplies and equipment to needy families.
- The Council received a presentation by Joan Taylor on the Senior Connections Program of Senior & Disabled Services.

Disability Services Advisory Council

November 17, 2006

The **Disability Services Advisory Council** met November 17, 2006. Highlights of these meetings follow:

- Council members were informed of an opportunity to serve on the Lane Independent Physicians Association (LIPA) Advisory Council.
- The Council was informed of a presentation on the history of the Americans with Disabilities Act, hopefully to be scheduled during 2007 in the Eugene/Springfield area.
- The Council heard a report of the September LCOG Board meeting. At that meeting, the LCOG Board approved the four Legislative Priorities proposed by the Advocacy Committee and supported by the SSAC and DSAC. The Council passed a motion to forward a letter to the LCOG Board for their signature, requesting equitable funding for Transfer AAA's from the Department of Human Services.
- The DSAC Chair reported on the O4AD Quarterly meeting that he attended in October 2006.
- The Council heard update reports from the Standing Committees.

Lane Economic Committee

- June 19 Discuss Needs & Issues projects
- July 17 Discuss Needs & Issues projects
- August 21 Recommend final Needs & Issues project ranking to the LCOG Board
- October 16 Discuss improved coordination among various providers of economic development assistance across Lane county.
- November 20 Review and comment regarding Lane County Strategic Investment Fund