

Agenda Item Number 12.

Advisory Council Reports

Presenter: George Kloeppe

Action Recommended: None. Information Only

Background:

Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC)

November 13, 2003

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

- Heard public comment from three citizens who spoke to the issues of better integration between land use and transportation planning, education and outreach and public involvement.
- By resolution, adopted the Air Quality Conformity Determination for the FY 2004-06 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP).
- By resolution, expressed its support for the West Coast Transportation Corridor System Coalition, agreeing to work with its members, state and federal officials and the private sector toward the implementation of an improved trade, travel and energy corridor system, Washington through California.
- Heard a presentation by DKS Associates, contractor to ODOT, on planned and potential Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) improvements for the metropolitan area.

- Heard a report from Debby Corey, ODOT, on the schedule and process for the development and adoption of the FY 2006-09 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).
- Discussed options, presented in a staff report, for increasing citizen involvement in the transportation planning process by addition citizen representatives to the Transportation Planning Committee (TPC). A motion was made, seconded and discussed that 4 citizens be appointed by the Lane County (1 appointee), Springfield (1 appointee) and Eugene (2 appointees). That motion failed. It was generally agreed that the options would be re-examined at the MPC's next meeting.
- Heard staff briefings on (1) an "administrative amendment" to the MTIP, approved by the Transportation Planning Committee in October, (2) the Regional Transportation Plan update schedule, and (3) the calendar for upcoming MPO-related activities. In addition, the MPC members received bound copies of the Central Lane Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP), adopted by the Committee in October.

Disability Services Advisory Council (DSAC)

November 14, 2003

- The Council received from Lane Transit District on the selection of the vehicle to be used in the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system under development. Questions regarding preferences for the interior layout of the vehicle for people with disabilities were posed to the Council. Members responded, offering suggestions regarding the placement and configuration of "bays" for use by individuals who use mobility devices (e.g., wheelchairs and power scooters).
- The Council received reports on S&DS' Legislative Wrap-up Event and the decision by the U.S. General Services Administration to include a ramp into the design of the new federal courthouse.
- The Council also received reports from its Standing Committees and S&DS staff.

- **LEC 2004 Work Plan and Strategies**
Discussed a staff prepared 2004 LEC workplan. This workplan attempts to address the items of concern raised by the LCOG Board at its October board meeting in Oakridge. The LEC asked staff to make several changes to the workplan and bring back to the December LEC meeting for approval.
- **Vision for Lane County Job Creation**
Discussed a draft memorandum from the LEC to the Lane County Economic Development Standing Committee containing feedback on a proposed document entitled “A Vision for Lane County Job Creation – 2003 to 2010” distributed with the agenda of the meeting. Reviewed information it contained regarding the importance of “high impact proposals” in job creation, and factors for use in evaluating competing projects. Mr. Tamulonis stated that the report to the Economic Development Standing Committee would continue to be discussed at the December LEC meeting.
- **Cascades West Economic Development District Strategy**
Discussed the concerns of the Cascades West Economic Development District regarding the limitation of economic development funds available from the state and its directive to concentrate on job creation. Some member said it would be important for the LEC to not lose a “long-range view” of economic development in the face of the limitations. Mr. Tamulonis stated that discussion of the issue would continue at the December meeting of the LEC. He asked Mr. Dignam to prepare a communication on the issues involved.
- **Regional Investment Board Update**
Reviewed information about the categories of activities to be considered by the Benton, Lane, Lincoln, and Linn Regional Investment Board (BL³) – Business Development, Site Development, Workforce Development, and Capacity Development. The strategy was intended to create 300 new jobs in the four county area and leverage at least \$5 of matching funds for each \$1 of investment.