

Agenda Item Number 5.

Advisory Council Reports

Presenter: George Kloeppel

Action Recommended: None. Information Only

Background:

Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC)

October 14, 2004

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

- Heard citizen comments from two individuals involving the complexity of the draft Regional Transportation Plan and the proposed OTC freight route designations.
- Heard a report from ODOT that the Oregon Transportation Commission planned to conduct three public meetings in Lane County (October 25 in Veneta, November 15 in Florence, and December 1 in Springfield) to take input regarding the 2006-2009 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP); was encouraged to review the draft STIP on the Department's website.
- Heard a staff presentation on the draft Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) amendments and authorized the release of the document for public review; noted that the recommended amendments were directed toward extending the planning horizon to 2025, updating the financial constraint analysis, and expanding the plan boundary; noted that the RTP was to serve as the federally required plan document for the MPO region and that the existing Eugene-Springfield Transportation System Plan (TransPlan) would continue to exist in compliance with state land use planning requirements; discussed the proposed schedule for consideration/adoption of the RTP; considered citizen information and involvement mechanisms proposed; and considered extending the schedule.

- Considered the invitation of the OTC to comment upon proposed amendments/additions to the Oregon Freight Route System; determined that additional time for review was needed; determined that additional notification to nearby landowners was needed; and authorized the Chair to seek a 60-day extension of the comment period.
- Reviewed eight administrative changes made by the Transportation Planning Committee (TPC) to the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP).
- Heard a report by LTD on Commuter Solutions’ “Diamond Express” service between Oakridge and Eugene; congratulated LTD for the award it received from the Association for Commuter Transportation for Diamond Express.
- Heard a staff report on the process of recruitment for members of the Citizen Advisory Committee.
- Considered the agenda for the following day’s MPO Summit to be held in Eugene; noted that there would be a reception at *Marche* on the evening of the 14th; and were encouraged to participate in all or parts of the Summit.
- Reviewed the calendar of events for the MPO; noted a possible conflict for the November 18 meeting (Association of Oregon Counties meeting in Portland—Commissioner Green agreed to determine Commissioner availability for the MPC meeting).

Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC)

November 18, 2004

The Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC) met on November 18 in the Eugene Library Conference Room with representation from Lane County, Springfield, Eugene, Coburg, LTD, and ODOT. The MPC:

- Heard citizen comments from two individuals who raised issues and concerns about the proposed updates of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP).
- Discussed the proposed Regional Transportation Plan; conducted a public hearing at which two persons spoke; received previously submitted written testimony from the public; and determined by vote to request the re-

inclusion of three policies (from the adopted TransPlan) that had been considered by the TPC as unnecessary in the RTP. The adoption of the new RTP is scheduled for December 9, after another public workshop and an additional public hearing.

- Heard a staff presentation on the proposed FY 2005-07 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP), as recommended by the Transportation Planning Committee; and by vote declined to approve the formal release of the document for public review nor to open the public comment period. The MTIP, however, has been considered at one public workshop and is scheduled to be considered at a second. Further, a public hearing to receive comments on the proposed MTIP has been scheduled and noticed for December 9. The motion failed for lack of an affirmative vote from the city of Eugene, though it did have a majority affirmative vote. At issue was the decision of the Eugene City Council to review in workshop session the projects proposed for inclusion prior to review by the public. The effects of the decision remain unclear, given the exposure that the proposal has had in the public light and the previously scheduled workshop and public hearing.
- Heard a staff report and discussed the draft Air Quality Conformity Determination. The MPC is expected to hold open the public comment period until it holds a public hearing on December 9. Adoption is anticipated after that hearing.
- Heard a report from staff regarding the extended timeline for the recruitment of applicants for membership on the MPO Citizen Advisory Committee. The MPC's Public Involvement Subcommittee is expected to finalize its recommendations prior to the MPC's December 9 meeting, at which appointments are expected to be made.
- Heard a report from ODOT regarding the department's "two-phase" planning process for the Franklin Blvd./I-5 interchange. By letter dated October 14, the Department had explained to Springfield and Eugene leaders that "transportation systems planning" needed to precede the NEPA process required for the consideration of ramp options.
- Considered brief reports on the October 15 MPO Summit II, held in Eugene, the now-deferred ODOT Freight Route designations, resolution of the funding for Section 115 (federal earmark) projects in the state.

Senior Services Advisory Council

October 12, 2004

Highlights of the meeting included:

- The Council appointed one of its Community Representative members, Andrea Gillespie, to serve as liaison to the Senior Meals Advisory Committee.
- The Council received information on the planned Senior & Disabled Services reception for state legislators scheduled for December 10, 2004.
- The Council received, reviewed, and discussed the division's annual report for 2003-04.
- The Council received information on the new prescription drug program for seniors under Medicare (Part D).
- The Council received reports from its Standing Committees and staff.

Disability Services Advisory Council

November 12, 2004

Highlights of the meeting included:

- The Council was informed that the LCOG Executive Committee considered and approved its recommended amendments to its Bylaws. In response, the Council urged its Nominating Committee to begin to recruit Community Representative Members.
- The Council received a report on a statewide advocacy summit for seniors and people with disabilities held in Eugene on November 10. This summit was intended to help prepare advocates for the upcoming session of the State Legislature. Unhappiness about the limited role for people with disabilities in the development of DHS' input to the Governor's Budget Request for 2005-07 was discussed at considerable length.
- The Council received a report on the status of DHS' investigation of LIPA, the OHP managed care provider for Lane County.
- It also received reports from its Standing Committees and staff.

Lane Economic Committee (LEC)

October 18, 2004

The LEC discussed the upcoming Regional Investment Strategy Update and a forthcoming recreational industry cluster gathering.

Lane Economic Committee (LEC)

November 15, 2004

The LEC discussed the 2005 Workplan