



January 4, 2006

To: Metropolitan Policy Committee
From: Byron Vanderpool
Subject: Item 5.d. Review of MPC Bylaws

Action Recommended: Review information and provide direction to staff.

Issue Summary

At the December 8, 2005, MPC meeting, MPC directed staff to investigate potential bylaws revisions.

Staff has prepared a presentation for the meeting to highlight the various functions the MPC performs, and the membership and voting rules which apply to each function.

While consideration of any change to the bylaws is a policy decision, staff has identified several areas of the current bylaws which the MPC may wish to address:

- Article III, section 3.C. states *“For consideration of metropolitan transportation matters, the Board of the Lane Transit District shall appoint two of its members to serve as voting members.”* MPC may wish to clarify whether this provision is rightly part of its responsibilities as a dispute resolution body for local transportation plans, is intended to be for MPO purposes (described under separate provisions), or both.
- Article IV, section 4.D. states *“All formal actions shall require the vote of at least a simple majority of the quorum present and the affirmative vote of at least one elected representative from Eugene, Springfield, and Lane County.”* MPC may wish to consider restricting the affirmative veto provision to actions of the MPC in its role as a MetroPlan dispute resolution body only.
- Article VI, first paragraph. This paragraph no longer applies and could be deleted.
- Article VI, second paragraph. It is unclear from the language who is eligible to vote on bylaws amendments, what constitutes a quorum for such purposes, and whether Article, IV, section 4.D applies. The language *“These bylaws may be amended or repealed, or new bylaws may be adopted, by an affirmative vote of the majority of the members of the Committee present at any meeting called for that purpose at which a quorum is present”* is ambiguous with respect to these topics. MPC may wish to clarify its intent.

Attachments: Attachment 1 – MPC Bylaws.

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