



February 7, 2008

To: Metropolitan Policy Committee

From: Kathi Wiederhold

Subject: Item 4.e – ODOT Draft Public Involvement Policy and Procedure Update

**Action Recommended: Presentation from Oregon Department of Transportation. Consider submitting comments on early public review draft.**

### **Background**

The Oregon Department of Transportation is seeking early comment on its *Draft Public Involvement Policy Update—Early Public Review Draft, January - February 2008* (see Attachment 1). MPC will receive a presentation on this draft policy, with time for discussion, at the February 14, 2008, meeting. The Oregon Department of Transportation will issue a formal draft and seek formal public comment in March and April 2008.

The Transportation Planning Committee reviewed the early public review draft at their meeting on January 31, 2008. The Transportation Planning Committee did not develop a recommendation to MPC for comments on the draft. Staff noted that the ODOT draft could be improved by adding explicit reference to MPOs in item #3 on page 2. Staff also discussed that MPC could consider future changes in the MPO's Public Involvement Plan to reference the state's updated public involvement policy after it is adopted.

The Citizen Advisory Committee will receive a brief information only presentation and a copy of the draft policy at their February 20, 2008, meeting. They will consider making comments on the formal draft at a later meeting.

**Attachment 1** – Draft Public Involvement Policy Update—Early Public Review Draft, January-February 2008