



# Lane Council of Governments

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To: Metropolitan Policy Committee

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Subject: Item 4 e (1) i - Status of MPO Citizen Advisory Committee

**Action Recommended:** None. Information only.

## **Background**

At the September 9, 2004 meeting, MPC approved the bylaws for the MPO Citizen Advisory Committee. The recruitment process began immediately after that and closed on November 21, 2004. The MPC Public Involvement Subcommittee met November 30, 2004, and agreed upon a 14-person membership slate to recommend to MPC for appointment. On December 9, 2004, MPC approved the recommended membership slate and appointed Commissioner Bobby Green to serve as a liaison between the Citizen Advisory Committee and MPC. Twelve of the 14-person membership slate accepted the appointment.

## **Status Report**

Committee members brought enthusiasm and interest to a reception and field tour held on January 28 and 29, 2005, respectively. These kick off events were an opportunity for the committee to start to get to know each other, members of the Metropolitan Policy Committee, and staff. The field tour via Lane Transit District bus gave the committee a view of the metropolitan area from a transportation perspective. All but 2 committee members attended the reception and all but 1 attended the field tour. Commissioner Bobby Green welcomed and thanked the committee at the reception. Mayor Judy Volta also attended the reception. Staff from the MPO and MPO partner jurisdictions attended both events.

Staff is working with the committee on the impossible task of finding a regular meeting time, with the first meeting anticipated for late February. The first few meetings will be devoted to start-up, talking with the committee about their charge and role in public involvement for the MPO, presenting a multi-part primer—Transportation Planning 101, and seeking committee input on the draft MPO Public Involvement Plan. The approach will be to phase in the committee's work, starting with input on public involvement and gradually introducing and seeking comment on key MPO products such as the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program.