



April 2, 2008

To: Metropolitan Policy Committee

From: Kathi Wiederhold

Subject: Item 4.a – Report from the Citizen Advisory Committee

Action Recommended: None. Information only.

Report

The committee held their regular meeting on March 19, 2008, with eleven of the fifteen voting members and the nonvoting MPC liaison in attendance. The main agenda items were continued evaluation of the Public Participation Plan, which included a roundtable discussion with staff from three MPO partners, and the Draft Unified Planning Work Program. Three of the four new members attended the meeting as well as a brief introduction held immediately before the meeting. Staff will work to schedule orientations for the new members before the next regular meeting.

Public Participation Plan

The committee continued their evaluation of the *Public Participation Plan*, which was adopted by the Metropolitan Policy Committee in January 2007. The item was continued from the December 5, 2007, January 16, 2008, and February 20, 2008 meetings. The committee received presentations from David Helton, Transportation/Land Use Planner, Oregon Department of Transportation, and Rob Inerfeld, Transportation Planning Manager, City of Eugene, about public involvement strategies for local planning activities and projects. Linda Pauly, Community Planning Department, City of Springfield, joined in the roundtable discussion the presenters had with the committee. The committee reflected that it was clear from the presentations that there were multiple opportunities for public involvement at every step in the process for every project. They asked lots of questions and discussed some ideas for how to get the public more involved.

The committee requested that the officers work with staff to draft recommendations to the Metropolitan Policy Committee based on the committee's discussion. The committee will review the recommendations at their regular meeting on April 16, 2008, with the goal of presenting them to the Metropolitan Policy Committee at the regular meeting on May 8, 2008.

Draft Unified Planning Work Program

Byron Vanderpool summarized the purpose of the *Draft Unified Planning Work Program* and invited the CAC to comment on the draft. Given the short amount of time remaining in the meeting, Chair Webb Sussman asked members to submit comments individually. The

committee spent some time talking about how they might take on more in depth review of key products such as the draft work program. They expressed interest in using subcommittees to review draft products and requested that staff develop a calendar that showed timelines for review and comment by both the Metropolitan Policy Committee and the Citizen Advisory Committee.

Attachments

1. February 20, 2008, CAC Minutes
2. March 19, 2008, CAC Minutes