



April 30, 2008

To: Metropolitan Policy Committee

From: Kathi Wiederhold

Subject: Item 5.a – Report from the Citizen Advisory Committee

Action Recommended: None. Information only.

Report

The committee held their regular meeting on April 16, 2008, with eleven of the fifteen voting members in attendance. The main agenda items were continuing the evaluation of the Public Participation Plan, an information update on land use and transportation planning activities and timelines, and field trip planning. All four of the new members attended the meeting as well as an orientation held immediately before the meeting. Staff is working to schedule part 2 of the orientation for the new members and a field trip for all members. Ryan Papé, who was appointed to the committee in August 2008, has had to resign because the CAC meeting conflicts with his new job duties.

Public Participation Plan

The committee completed 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 and January 16, February 20, and March 19, 2008 meetings. The committee reviewed and agreed upon draft recommendations which they asked liaison Mayor Piercy and Vice Chair Dave Jacobson to present to the Metropolitan Policy Committee at the May 8, 2008, meeting. Please refer to agenda item 5.b for materials about the evaluation and recommendations.

Land Use and Transportation Planning Activities and Timelines

Staff updated the committee on staff work to develop recommendations to facilitate better synchronization of federal, state, and local land use and transportation planning process. The committee received a prototype framework timeline which shows current and future land use and transportation planning activities. Discussion touched upon the alphabet soup of RTSP, RTP, TSP, HB 3337, and more. The committee praised the timeline. They are excited about using it as a tool for communication and coordination among MPO partners, a topic that fits right in with the discussions they have had about public involvement during the evaluation of the Public Participation Plan.

Field Trip Planning

It has become a tradition for the citizen committee to take a field trip about once a year. The first one, in January 2005, was a grand tour of the MPO region. The July 2006 tour focused on the EmX and the July 2007 tour looked at bicycle/pedestrian facilities. The committee brainstormed lots of ideas in response to a staff suggestion that it might be time for another field trip. Besides being a good way for the committee to get a handle on what's going on in our region, it also is a good way for members to get to know each other better. Staff will work with the officers and staff of MPO partners to schedule and shape a field trip, picking and choosing from the ideas brainstormed at the meeting.

Attachments: Attachment 1 – April 16, 2008, CAC Minutes