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To: Metropolitan Policy Committee  
From: Tom Schwetz  
Subject: Item 4f(1)(iii): Overview of Oregon Transportation Plan Update

**Action Requested:** None. Information Only

### Issue Summary

The Oregon Transportation Plan (OTP), last adopted in 1992, is the state's 20-year multimodal plan for the statewide transportation system. The plan includes policies for bicycle and pedestrian facilities, public transportation, highways, waterways, airports and railroads. It considers private and public facilities and the local, regional and state elements of the system.

The OTP is the guiding document for the state modal plans and local transportation system plans. The OTP is the state transportation system plan (TSP) along with the modal and corridor plans. As such, the Central Lane RTP (TransPlan) is required to be consistent with the OTP. The OTP is also used to establish state-level priorities for use of funds programmed in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

The OTP is currently being updated by ODOT. The goal of the plan update is to reaffirm the vision of a balanced, multimodal transportation system established under the 1992 OTP, to address challenges arising from changing conditions and new technologies, and to identify investment priorities within expected revenues through 2025.

A review of trends raises several questions that need to be addressed in the update:

- How should we address congestion issues?
- How should transportation facilities support economic development?
- How can we address the transportation needs of the aging population?
- How can technology increase transportation efficiency and safety?
- How can we decrease transportation-related fatalities and serious injuries?
- How can we more effectively protect/sustain our resources?

A committee process is being used to develop the draft plan. In addition to a Steering Committee, there are three committees whose work is in progress:

- *Sustainability and Transportation Choices Committee*
- *Mobility and Economic Vitality Committee*
- *Safety and Security Committee*

An effort was made to have diverse representation on the committees. A list of the membership on each committee is provided in Attachment 1.

The public review draft will be out early 2005. ODOT staff will seek MPC's input on the draft plan at that time. No input is being sought now. A schedule of the Update's major work elements is provided in Attachment 2.

There is a plan update website where those who are interested can learn about the issues, obtain the background papers, and meeting summary notes:

<http://www.odot.state.or.us/tdb/planning/OTPUpdate/index.htm>

**Attachments:**

Attachment 1: OTP Update Committee Membership

Attachment 2: Schedule of Major Work Elements