

Board of Commissioners Meetings Generally

All of the Board meetings (marked as BCC) on the spreadsheet were regularly scheduled Board meetings held in the Public Service Building (PSB) in downtown Eugene at 125 E. 8th Street. They meet the requirements of the public meetings law in terms of notice, availability of materials and access, minutes recorder, etc. Each meeting begins with a public comment period, usually with a maximum 20 minutes and a request that each speaker limit their remarks to 3 minutes so that the agenda can proceed. This comment period occurs whether a public hearing is scheduled or not. The Board takes action on project priorities, letters, and some policy matters formally by approving specific documents by Board Order.

04-07 STIP Priorities

The County staff began the STIP priority setting process as usual – by reviewing previous lists, learning what staff can about the criteria for the funding program under consideration, consulting with ODOT and local staff on project concepts and status, and assembling preliminary lists and project information. County staff also coordinates with LCOG and other local staff to go to MPC for metro area priorities before combining these with small city and rural area project priorities.

Preliminary List Adopted October 31, 2001

This list was adopted after receiving input from MPC on October 11, 2001. County staff assembled a list that ranked Metro Area projects and Non-Metro projects separately. Staff also separated the projects in Large Projects and Smaller Projects. The actual criteria for 040-07 STIP inclusion were not finalized until April 11, 2002. There was a brief staff report by Tom Stinchfield, Lane County, and Bob Pirrie, ODOT Area Manager. At the public hearing, testimony was given by representatives of the Cities of Creswell, Florence, and Springfield. The Board approved Order 01-10-31-14 on a vote of 5-0.

Countywide List Adopted May 15, 2002

The Board considered the countywide priority list again in April and May, 2002 after the OTC approved the final STIP criteria on April 11, 2002 and after MPC action on Metro Area priorities on the same day.

April 16, 2002. The Board held a work session to set a public hearing date of May 1, 2002. There was a short staff presentation by Pirrie and Stinchfield. No public comment was made. Materials in the packet included the October list, draft materials dated March 1, 2002 from the ODOT Director to the OTC, and information on project status for the 02-05 STIP. Stinchfield stated that a combined priority list would be produced before the hearing on May 1st.

April 17, 2002. A notice letter was sent to the cities, ODOT, and Lane Transit District by the County Public Works Director inviting them to the May 1st public hearing. It included the October 31, 2001 list and an update on project status (OTIA and county CaPP programs) as information. It promised a second letter with a prioritized list.

April 25, 2002. A second hearing notice letter was sent to the cities, ODOT, and LTD by the Public Works Director. It included the draft combined priority list as an attachment.

It also included the adopted STIP criteria and a list showing projects that would be affected by the pending TransPlan amendments related to the West Eugene Parkway.

May 1, 2002. A public hearing was held on the priority list. County staff handed out supplemental information containing a table on how the projects related to the STIP criteria and a project narrative sheet. The Board Chair elected to extend the public hearing record to May 8, 2002 so that people could react to this new information. The Board also decided to schedule an additional public hearing on May 15, 2002 as a result. Staff presentations were made by Stinchfield and Pirrie. Nineteen people testified at the public hearing. Written testimony was submitted by five people, including Bob Pirrie, Area Manager.

May 9, 2002. After the close of the record, six additional pieces of written testimony were distributed to the Board.

May 15, 2002. A second public hearing was held. Four people testified. After discussion, the Board approved Order 02-5-15-11. The Order approved a letter which forwarded the list, some comments on Transportation Demand Management (TDM) priorities, and information on the County's Capital Project Partnership (CaPP) which partially funded several projects on the state system.