



October 3, 2007

To: Metropolitan Policy Committee

From: Webb Sussman, Chair, and Dave Jacobson, Vice Chair

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

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

**Report**

The committee held their regular meeting on September 19, 2007, with nine of the fourteen voting members in attendance. The main agenda items dealt with the work program for the Citizen Advisory Committee, primer on the Regional Transportation Plan, and status report on the update of the regional plan. The committee also took action to recommend draft amendments to the CAC Bylaws to the Metropolitan Policy Committee for adoption. There was an orientation for new members immediately before the meeting that consisted of presentations by staff of the Lane Council of Governments on MPO basics and a primer on Oregon's Public Meeting Law.

Work Program

Vice Chair Dave Jacobson presented a draft work program that the officers developed with staff. The discussion was lively and resulted in the committee moving additional items to the priority list and appointing a subcommittee to make recommendations about how to reach people in the freight community. The subcommittee members are: Dave Jacobson, John Anderson, Bob Ransom, Philip Farrington, and Webb Sussman.

The committee adopted the following work program, noting that they would like to see a more holistic approach that ties the various issues together with the Regional Transportation Plan and public involvement.

**Citizen Advisory Committee**

**Work Program**

September 19, 2007

Long Range Topics

- Regional Transportation Plan update
- Continuing education for all members: a series of background briefings/primers that link to MPO work tasks from certification review and include policy on each topic
  - Freight/freight movement\*

- Work task: set up freight committee to provide advisory information to the MPO regarding seeking citizen input on freight issues.
- Title VI/Environmental Justice\*
  - Work task: set up training and develop a work plan
  - Nonmotorized (bicycle/pedestrian) travel
  - Overall policy framework—federal/state/local
  - Land use/transportation planning relationship\*\*  
—tie into the Regional Transportation Plan
  - Energy/Peak Oil/Climate Change\*\*
  - Safety and security

#### Short Range Topics

- Statewide Transportation Improvement Program Priorities
- Certification Review
- e-MPO
- Other

\*Metropolitan Planning Organization priorities

\*\* Citizen Advisory Committee priority interest areas

#### Regional Transportation Plan

Staff presented an overview of the MPO's Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), including a review of the development of the joint 2001 RTP and Eugene Springfield Transportation System Plan (TSP, or TransPlan), up to the current 2031 update of the federal RTP. Emphasis was placed on what the federal RTP is, how it addresses federal regulations and regional MPO long-range transportation planning, and how it meshes with other transportation planning at the local and state level.

A status report on the development of the current RTP update reviewed, for the benefit of the new CAC members, the development of elements of the update that the CAC has previously seen, such as the environmental consultation materials and the project lists, as well as the current status of the update, including a summary of the public comments received to date.

#### Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws

The committee voted unanimously to recommend the proposed housekeeping amendments to the bylaws to the Metropolitan Policy Committee for adoption. Please refer to item 4.e on the agenda for the regular meeting on October 11, 2007.