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To: Metropolitan Policy Committee
From: Andrea G. Riner
Subject: Item 4.c Report on Regional Transportation and Land Use
Work Plan

Action Recommended: None. Information only.

Over the past several months, transportation and planning staff for Lane County and the Cities of Springfield, Eugene, and Coburg have been working cooperatively with representatives of the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) and the Oregon Department of Transportation to develop a long range transportation work plan. The need for the work plan was due to the fact that the MPC-approved Regional Transportation Plan was not consistent with the state-required TransPlan. To comply with state law, DLCD required the development of a work plan to describe how the agencies would proceed with the planning activities needed to make the two plans consistent.

The final approved work plan is provided as an attachment, and includes a description of major work items, interim products, and critical milestones within a five-year timeline. This timeline is an estimate only, as some components of the work plan will need to remain flexible in order to respond to data and policy direction as it becomes available. For example, the results of the buildable lands analysis projects currently underway in Eugene and Springfield are necessary to prepare the transportation system plans.

Drafts of the work plan were presented at both the July 15, 2008 and the September 15 meetings of the Joint Elected Officials. In addition, staff from the individual jurisdictions presented the work plan to the Springfield City Council, Lane County Board of Commissioners and to the Eugene City Council. Following approval by the Joint Elected Officials at their September meeting, staff then submitted the work plan to the Land Conservation and Development Commission for their approval.

The work plan was subsequently approved by LCDC at their October 16, 2008 meeting in Prineville. Staff at DLCD included the following condition:

In the performance measure work scheduled for the 1st through 4th quarters 2009 the cities will assess progress in meeting benchmarks for 2005 and 2010 and shall, as necessary, identify and evaluate additional measures to meet TransPlan's Transportation Planning Rule Performance Standards. This will also include developing benchmarks and performance measures for the extended planning period (likely 2031 or 2035).

In addition to the condition above, it was agreed that local staff would provide periodic reporting back to LCDC over the next five years, until the requirements for a Regional Transportation System Plan have been met. Staff have proposed the following reporting schedule, which generally follows an annual reporting cycle.

- Check-In #1: Following completion of Performance Adjustments
Projected for 4th Quarter 2009
- Check-In #2: Following completion of the Springfield TSP
Projected for 2010
- Check-In #3: Following completion of RTSP Draft Policies
Projected for 2011
- Check-In #4: Following completion of the Eugene TSP
Projected for 2012
- Check-In #5: Following completion of RTSP
Projected for 2013

ATTACHMENTS

1. Regional Transportation Work Plan