



November 7, 2005

To: Metropolitan Policy Committee

From: Kathi Wiederhold

Subject: Item 5.e.1.i – Report from Citizen Advisory Committee

**Action Recommended: None, information only.**

**Report**

The committee held their regular meeting on November 2, 2005, with nine of the ten members in attendance. The key agenda items focused on amendments to the bylaws, priorities for the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, and public involvement. The committee adjusted the agenda to add an item regarding the West Eugene Parkway.

Amendments to the Bylaws

The CAC operates under a set of bylaws adopted by MPC on September 9, 2004, and amended on June 9, 2005 to add the category of “employees/workers/organized labor” to broaden the representation of various interest groups on the CAC. The CAC recommended draft amendments to the bylaws to MPC for adoption at the November 10, 2005, meeting, refer to agenda item 5.a. The amendments become effective upon approval by MPC.

Priorities for Statewide Transportation Improvement Program

CAC discussion and action on this topic will be reported orally as part of the staff presentation for agenda item 5.c.

Public Involvement

The CAC reviewed and provided comments on a draft graphic depicting “How Does a Transportation Project Happen?” The CAC suggested changes so the graphic reflects more of the complexities and political realities of trying to move from an idea to construction for a transportation project. They also suggested changing the graphic to indicate that construction projects can be for bikes, pedestrians, or transit as well as for cars.

Staff handed out a draft Public Involvement Plan for CAC review outside the meeting, reviewed the purpose of the Plan, and handed out a memo suggesting how members of the CAC might focus their review of the document.

The CAC suggested enhancing and publicizing the MPO web site as the key feature of the public outreach strategy for the Regional Transportation Plan Update. They cited the website for the I-105 Improvement Project as an example.

West Eugene Parkway and Public Comment a the November 10, 2005 MPC Meeting  
The CAC recommended a process to MPC for receiving public input on the FY 06-09 Metropolitan Improvement Program at the November 10, 2005, meeting. Staff forwarded the CAC's process recommendations to the chair of MPC.

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