



**Agenda Item Number
10 b.
Advisory Council Reports**

Date: June 17, 2024

Presenter: Brenda Moore

Action Recommended: None. Information Only

Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC)

May 2, 2024

- Heard an announcement of the award of the \$5.33M Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation (PROTECT) grant to LCOG.
- Heard comments from the public inviting participation in the May 19th Better Ways Block Party.
- Unanimously approved adoption of the FY25 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Addendum and programming of work activity funding.
- Heard an update on work on the update of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), including public outreach planning and an evaluation of potential enhancements to the plan.

Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC)

June 6, 2024

- Heard a presentation and provided input on the Lane Transit District (LTD) System Review Draft Service Recommendations.
- Heard a presentation from ODOT on bridge seismic resilience in Lane County. Requested further discussion with ODOT on ODOT's bridge rating methodology, specifically a request to take into account emergency route considerations.
- Heard a presentation and discussed preparations for meetings with the Oregon legislature's Joint Committee on Transportation who will be in our area on July 17.
- Heard an update on work on the RTP.

Lane Economic Committee (LEC)

May 13, 2024

Preparation for Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) update

Presenter: Group Exercise – All

- LEC held a work session where members shared their anticipated top three (or close to three) priority projects, issues, needs, opportunities for the 2026-2030 CEDS.
- A worksheet was made to note information shared. This will help members to be more aware of each other interests and priorities as well as to check in on how well these are covered by the existing CEDS Priority Areas and Strategies and/or identify different or additional frames that could be added during the update.

Lane Economic Committee (LEC)

June 10, 2024

Bank on Oregon. Presenter: Nancy Yuill and Erwin Reeves

- In Oregon, about 21.6 percent of households do not have adequate access to the financial system.
- Bank On Oregon aspires to ensure everyone has access to financial solutions that improve the lives of individuals, families, and communities by bringing together consumer advocates, financial education providers, banks and credit unions, state and local government, and community institutions in a voluntary effort to centralize information, ensure quality product offerings, and ease consumer entry into the financial marketplace.

Banking Deserts. Presenter: Nancy Yuill and Erwin Reeves

- The pace of bank branch closures across the United States has doubled since 2020. While the popularity of online banking has skyrocketed, physical banking still plays an important role for many consumers. For some, including lower-income, rural, older, and disabled individuals, having no or fewer bank branches nearby could disrupt their access to banking services. The same is true for those facing barriers to using online financial services. This lack of access can in turn restrict opportunities to improve their financial health and build wealth.
- A banking desert is defined as a census tract without a physical bank branch within a certain geographic radius from its population center or within the tract itself. That radius is determined by the type of community within which the census tract lies: 2 miles for urban communities, 5 miles for suburban communities, and 10 miles for rural communities.
- A potential banking desert is defined as a census tract that will become a banking desert if one bank branch closes within a certain radius from its population center or within the tract itself. That radius is 2 miles for urban

communities, 5 miles for suburban communities, and 10 miles for rural communities.

Cascades West Innovation Hub. Presenter: Justin Peterson, CED Planner from OCWCOG

- Cascades West Council of Governments was awarded \$120,000 to be the lead organization for the Cascades West Innovation Hub serving Benton, Lane, Lincoln, and Linn Counties.
- As a key strategy of Oregon's 10-Year Innovation Plan, this grant funding enhances the coordination of services and resources to maximize support for innovation-based entrepreneurs, as well as fosters a culture of innovation throughout Oregon.
- Regional Innovation Hubs are specifically focused on supporting the growth and development of high-growth, scalable, innovation-based companies primarily focused on science and technology.

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs) Scope. Presenter: Justin Peterson, CED Planner from OCWCOG

- Mr. Peterson spoke about a larger meeting being planned in the fall with the assistance of the Lane Council of Governments (LCOG), to highlight the projects of the last five years and to forecast projects for the next five years.
- Mr. Peterson also spoke to the following:
 - ✓ CEDs Process
 - ✓ Recent Regional EDA Awards Summary
 - ✓ CEDs Strategy
 - ✓ CEDs Vision
 - ✓ Implementation Structure
 - ✓ Implementation Ideas
 - ✓ Indicators for CEDs document
 - ✓ Matrix and Tracking Tools
 - ✓ Past Discussions on CEDs and Implementation Summary

Senior & Disability Services – Disability Services Advisory Council (DSAC)
March 15, 2024

- Heard report on the upcoming 2025-2029 Area Plan Development process. The first step is seeking community input on the Community Needs Assessment that will be released on March 18th. Focus Groups will take place throughout the months of May and June through Lane County to gather additional information from the community. The final 2025-2029 Area Plan is due to the State on March 14, 2024.

- Heard Report that the ADRC received 1,008 calls in January and 1,186 calls in February. The Oregon Money Management program has served 139 consumers to date. Oregon Law Center has served 403 consumers for a collective 2,197 hours fiscal year to date. The Family Caregiver Respite program has provided 1,317 traditional respite hours fiscal year to date.

Senior & Disability Services – Senior Services Advisory Council (SSAC)
March 15, 2024

- Heard report on the ADRC Secret Shopper Results. Advisory Council volunteers participated in monitoring our ADRC process consumers experience whenever they call the ADRC. Results are shown in the attached document on the greeting, call experience, appropriateness of referral, required questions asked by the ADRC Specialist, etc. The report also shows the recommendations and action steps for the ADRC Unit and for this ADRC Secret Shopper process the next time it occurs.
- Senior Meals - MOW/Café 60. 29,028 meals have been served at Café 60 locations and Meals on Wheels has served 71,198 meals this fiscal year.
- Heard Report on the Older Adult Legal Services RFP process that was released in January. Oregon Law Center was the proposal received for this service. Both Advisory Councils recommended accepting their proposal and entering into a contract for FY25. S&DS Division Director & LCOG Executive Director agreed on this recommendation and an award letter was provided to Oregon Law Center.

Senior & Disability Services – DSAC & SSAC Joint Advisory Council Meeting
May 17, 2024

- Staff presentation on the entire S&DS FY23 Annual Report. To highlight: 263 volunteers provided 22,980 service hours, ADRC completed 7,470 calls, Senior Connections processed 669 Energy Assistance Applications, Senior Meals Program raised \$363,169 dollars through fundraising efforts, 1,896 people received Meals on Wheels, 230,069 MOW delivered, 59,155 Café 60 meals provided, OPI 60+ served 287 people, 4 Health Promotion sessions were provided, OPI Pilot served 45 people, Eligibility processed 192,283 SNAP & Medical applications, 4,391 were Medicaid case managed, and APS investigated 3,063 cases.

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- Members discussed and provided recommendations for the continuation of the In-Home Services Contracts with Addus & New Horizons for Oregon Project

Independence (OPI) and Respite in-home services. FY25 will be the third year of contract, with two contract extensions years available.

- Members discussed and provided recommendations for the continuation of the OPI Emergency Response Systems contracts with Assured Independence and Lifeline Systems. FY25 will be the fifth and final year of these contracts. RFP released later in 2024.

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- Members discussed and provided recommendations for the continuation of the Metro Meals on Wheels Food Service Contract with FOOD for Lane County. This is the fifth and final year of this contract. RFP will be released later in 2024.
- Senior Meals - MOW/Café 60. 29,028 meals have been served at Café 60 locations and Meals on Wheels has served 71,198 meals this fiscal year.
- Heard Report that the ADRC received 1,221 calls in March and 1,141 calls in April. The Oregon Money Management program has served 137 consumers to date. Oregon Law Center has served 531 consumers for a collective 2,725 hours fiscal year to date. The Family Caregiver Respite program has provided 1,568 traditional respite hours fiscal year to date.

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- Presentation from Angela Hastings from Trillium Community Health Plan, Director of Case Management, on the Health Related Social Needs (HRSN) available through the recent 1115 Demonstration waiver. HRSN benefits for Climate, Housing, Nutrition, and Outreach & Engagement are now available for Oregon Health Plan members. Members who are adults and youth discharged from an institution for mental disease, released from incarceration in the past year, youth currently involved with the Oregon child welfare system, individuals transitioning to dual status, individuals who are houseless or at risk of homelessness, and young adults with special health care needs are eligible for these new HRSN services.