

Agenda Item Number 7B

Lane County Population Projection Coordination

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Action Recommended: Public Hearing; Adopt Resolution 2005-01

Background:

By state statute, ORS 195.036, urban growth boundary (UGB) population projections are required to be coordinated within counties.

“ 195.036 Area population forecast; coordination. The coordinating body under ORS 195.025 (1) shall establish and maintain a population forecast for the entire area within its boundary for use in maintaining and updating comprehensive plans, and shall coordinate the forecast with the local governments within its boundary. [1995 c.547 §7 (enacted in lieu of 195.035)]”

In Lane County, the role of coordinating body was transferred from Lane County to the Lane Council of Governments (LCOG) in 1974. The coordination effort requires that the population of all UGBs in Lane County plus the population outside UGBs coordinate with a county-wide projected population total prepared by the Oregon Office of Economic Analysis (OEA).

The first effort in coordinating population began in 1997: OEA worked with LCOG and produced projections through 2040 for Lane County. These projections were referred to when making urban growth boundary area population projections for plan amendments and transportation system plans, but no formal coordination of population numbers was done.

In April, 2004, OEA released updated state and county population projections based on 2000 Census results. At that point, LCOG staff developed a preliminary allocation of the forecasted Lane County population. LCOG staff convened a meeting of staff from all jurisdictions in Lane County to review and comment on the preliminary allocation. Comments were obtained and the allocation for 2025 and 2030 was modified. In addition, the county projections were updated and adjusted to the 2004 population estimate produced by the Population Research Center at Portland State University. To better reflect the precision of the county

projection, a population range was created around the Lane County projection. This range is applied to 2025 and 2030 and is plus or minus five percent of the Lane County projection.

A second meeting of Lane County jurisdictional staff was then conducted to review and comment on the revised allocation. At this meeting, the jurisdictional committee decided to finalize the Lane County Coordinated Population Projections and forward to the LCOG Board for review and adoption. Many city staff presented the 2025 and 2030 coordinated projections to their governing bodies after this meeting. The Lane County Coordinated Population Projections for 2025 and 2030 are contained in the attached table.

After a public hearing is conducted, Board action to adopt the Resolution and thereby the Lane County Coordinated Population Projections for 2025 and 2030 is recommended.

Attachments