

# Agenda Item Number 6.

## Comments from the Executive Director

**Presenter:** George Kloeppe

**Action Recommended:** None. Information Only

### **Background:**

#### **1. Board Meeting Schedule**

We appreciate LCC's hospitality this month. A copy of the revised schedule of meeting dates and locations is attached. Next month, we will be hosted by Springfield School District 19 on April 22.

#### **2. Urban Transportation Planning Caucus in Oregon**

At a March 5 meeting of staff representatives of the six MPOs in the state, a more formal partnership of metropolitan planning organizations was proposed and discussed. Specifically recommended was something being called an "Urban Transportation Caucus" to address transportation funding issues and relationships between the OTC, MPOs and ACTs in the state. There is a fairly high level of ongoing coordination between the MPOs at the staff level; however, there has been little interaction among the policy officials of the MPOs across the state. Such a policy-level linkage is a key concept behind the notion of a partnership of the MPOs. A meeting is being proposed, likely in mid-June. The Portland Metro Council has offered to host the meeting and we expect that Metro will be sending invitations to the MPO policy makers (in our case, the MPC members) later this month.

#### **3. Transportation-Growth Management Grant for Region 2050**

LCOG has received word that the State has approved an application from the Transportation-Growth Management Program (TGM) to support a transportation impact systems analysis model and to apply the model to the

three alternative Regional Growth Scenarios developed by the Region 2050 Policy Advisory Committee. This is certainly good news for the Region 2050 effort because the award will fill a gap that has been troubling for the planners and the policy makers working on the project.

**4. LCOG Office Sublease to City County Insurance Services**

LCOG has leased an empty office in the Wells Fargo building to City County Insurance Services (CIS). The office will be occupied by a regional adjuster for southwest Oregon. CIS is a public organization formed under ORS 190 that works closely with the Association of Oregon Counties and the League of Oregon Cities. The relationship should be beneficial to both organizations.