

Agenda Item Number 4.

Report of the Executive Committee

Presenter: George Kloeppe

Action Recommended: None. Information Only

Meeting Notes:

Meeting of May 18, 2006

The LCOG Executive Committee met on Thursday, May 18, at the LCOG office in Eugene. Members present for all or portions of the meeting were LCOG Board Chair, Mayor Gary Williams, Lane County Commissioner Anna Morrison, Eugene Councilor Gary Pape, and Bethel School District Director Alan Laisure. Staff members attending included Bob Swank, Byron Vanderpool, Kay Metzger, Jamon Kent, Ann Mortenson and George Kloeppe. The Committee considered:

June 22 Board Agenda

The Committee reviewed a listing of the topics expected to be included on the agenda for the June 22 meeting of the Board of Directors. As previously agreed, the “discussion topic” for June will be LCOG’s mission and services, as a prelude to the July Board Planning Session. Also to be on the agenda will be the adoption of the FY 2006-07 Work Program and Budget, a report and discussion regarding economic development coordination, a report and discussion regarding the MPO functions delegated to the Metropolitan Policy Committee, a report and discussion regarding the S&DS Advocacy Committee’s “Analysis of Tax Expenditures in Oregon,” a discussion of probable reductions in federal Older Americans Act funding and related program cuts, and a number of information items.

Advocacy Issue: Tax Expenditures in Oregon

S&DS Director Kay Metzger led a discussion of a report, “An Analysis of Tax Expenditures in Oregon,” prepared by the S&DS Advocacy Committee. It was

decided that the report should be referred to the Board of Directors with an eye toward dissemination to, and discussions with, members of the Legislature. Committee members urged that, if LCOG Board approval was gained, the report should also be referred to other AAAs and interest groups for their consideration.

July 27 Board Planning Session

George Kloeppe shared a draft agenda for the July session. He noted that, at the Committee's direction, the "discussion topic" at the June 22 Board meeting would be the agency's mission and services—led by three management staff.

Update on Urban Area Transportation Planning

Technology Services Director Byron Vanderpool provided a report on the continuing issue of the Metropolitan Policy Committee's consideration of the MPO's Transportation Improvement Program. Committee members requested staff to seek a statement from the Federal Highway Administration regarding several aspects of a possible withdrawal of the delegation of authority from the LCOG Board to the MPC. There was general agreement that, if there continued to be a risk of "lapse" (ineligibility for federal transportation assistance) as a result of the failure to adopt a current Transportation Improvement Program, a meeting between the MPC and the LCOG Executive Committee should be scheduled. Staff indicated that options were being pursued for a compromise solution—perhaps moving the construction timeline for the West Eugene Parkway to 2007 or 2008 and engaging in a collaborative process to find solutions to the traffic issues in west Eugene.

Economic Development Committees, Overlap

Commissioner Morrison noted that the three-member committee considering the questions of possible overlap of responsibility among economic development entities would meet for a third time. She noted that clarification was being sought regarding conflicting answers to the questions involving the Economic Development District. She indicated that a report would be available for the Board's consideration on June 22.

FY 2006-07 Work Program and Budget

George Kloeppe reported that the agency's Budget Committee had met immediately prior to the meeting of the Executive Committee and had approved

the Budget for the coming fiscal year. Associate Director Bob Swank noted that the Committee had asked a good many questions and had made recommendations regarding the document. Kloeppel asked Committee members to review the Work Program & Budget and to communicate any questions or suggestions for clarification so that staff could be better prepared for the June 22 public hearing and adoption process by the Board of Directors.

CTCLUSI Membership in LCOG

George Kloeppel indicated that nothing had changed since his last report on the possibility of the Confederated Tribes joining LCOG. The Confederation had indicated that such membership was desired and had received the guidance regarding the Charter and Agreement.

State Legislative Special Session Update

A written report was presented by S&DS Director Kay Metzger. The report summarized the impacts on LCOG's S&DS programs of the 2006 Special Session of the Oregon Legislature. A copy of that summary is attached.

Region 2050

Staff reported that, at the April meeting of the Region 2050 Policy Committee, a schedule for completion of the project was endorsed. While staff had encouraged ending the project by July, the Committee asked that more time be allowed for jurisdiction-level analysis and agreement. Accordingly, an October meeting was planned. Kloeppel noted that the work program tasks, as well as the financial resources, were nearly at an end, and that the regional growth management vision would be considered and implementation measures embraced by the individual jurisdictions.

Older Americans Act Cuts

S&DS Director Kay Metzger reported that the federal grants through the Older Americans Act were reduced and that the Advisory Councils were developing strategies and recommendations for cutting back the supported programs. While the final recommendations (for the Board's consideration) are not yet in hand, she noted that the possibility of reducing the meal service from five days to four per week at the three metro meal sites was a likely option. Reductions in other

programs, including staffing cuts, would be a part of the recommendation to the Board in June.

Release of Maps and Other Regional Data

It was reported that a revised agreement had been worked out between LCOG and the three metropolitan (MetroPlan) jurisdictions regarding the procedures for the release or sale of maps to the public. Copies of the revised procedure were distributed. It was also noted that a response had been made to the most recent public records request from the Lane County Homebuilders Association. Copies of that response were also distributed. Commissioner Morrison and Councilor Pape expressed some reservations about whether the wishes of the policy bodies were being carried out under the new procedure. It was agreed that a follow-up report would be made to the Board in June.