

Agenda Item Number 11.B.

Collaboration in the Willamette Valley

Presenter: George Kloeppel

Action Recommended: Provide Direction to Staff

Background:

For several months, staff members from the four regional organizations in the Willamette Valley have met (principally via e-mail and the phone, but also in person) to craft a program on inter-regional coordination within the Willamette Valley. The program was and is to be a part of this fall's Oregon Regional Councils Conference in Ashland. While to some extent the anticipated session in Ashland will portray the work of the now-ended Willamette Valley Livability Form, the present conversations are clearly locally based, as opposed to a State initiative. The input of the LCOG Board is needed regarding the perceived importance of looking at the problems and issues of the Valley in a cooperative fashion.

The attached two-page piece was written by the staff group that has been putting together the presentation. It may serve as a useful "jumping off point" for a discussion about LCOG's interest in a collaborative study.