

Agenda Item Number 10. A.

Transition to TMA Status: Delegation of MPO/TMA Responsibilities to the Metropolitan Policy Committee

Presenter: Tom Schwetz

Action Recommended: None. Discuss and Provide Direction to Staff Regarding the Proposed Resolution.

Issue Summary:

The 2000 Census results, discussed at the Board’s July meeting, indicate that the population of the Eugene-Springfield urbanized area has reached 224,049. Exceeding 200,000 requires that the region take on additional MPO-related activities. MPOs serving areas with populations over 200,000 are classified as Transportation Management Areas (TMAs) by federal regulations. As presented to the Board in July, staff recommends LCOG’s responsibilities as a TMA be delegated to the Metropolitan Policy Committee. A proposed resolution to accomplish this delegation is attached; and action on this subject could be anticipated next month.

Background

LCOG has been the MPO for the Eugene-Springfield area since 1973. In 1987, LCOG delegated *some* MPO responsibilities to the Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC), and retained other tasks for itself.

TMA Transition provides an opportunity and focus for change that can improve the MPO operation and position it to effectively address the challenges facing the region. By consolidating all MPO/TMA responsibilities in one body, transportation policy makers can concentrate on all aspects of federal transportation planning and decision-making.

It is suggested that the Board discuss the attached resolution, provide direction to staff and consider taking action at its October 24 meeting.

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