

# Agenda Item Number 6.

## Comments from the Executive Director

**Presenter:** George Kloeppel

**Action Recommended:** None. Information Only

**Items:**

**1. Board Meeting Schedule**

Our next meeting, and the last for this calendar year, is scheduled to be on December 8 at the Bethel School District. However, please be aware that the National League of Cities is meeting at that time in Charlotte, NC. The question to the Board is: Does the December 8 date work for the majority, or should we make an adjustment???? We appreciate the Springfield School District's hospitality this evening and the hospitality of all of our hosts during 2005. The schedule of Board meetings for 2006 is attached. We shamelessly welcome your invitations.

**2. FY 2005-06 Work Program and Budget**

The Board adopted the FY 2005-06 Work Program & Budget in June. The adopted version was distributed at our July 28 Planning Session in Cottage Grove. However, not all member jurisdictions were represented in July, so additional copies are available at tonight's meeting. If this document would be useful for you—for example, in explaining what LCOG does, its membership, its budget size, etc.—please take what you need.

**3. COPS Grant Awarded**

On behalf and at the request of the City of Eugene, the City of Springfield, Lane County and EWEB, LCOG staff provided technical assistance on a

very short time line to seek federal funding under the COPS ICE Program for a new shared public sector radio system and a new governance structure for local agencies to share and manage their jointly owned radio infrastructure. An intergovernmental team was quickly put together and, with leadership from Chuck Solin, Eugene, and Susan Sowards and Galen Howard of LCOG, the application was prepared and submitted. Last week Congressman DeFazio let us know that a \$3 million grant will be awarded. A “good job” to all involved in obtaining the necessary funding for a new and highly valuable regional partnership.

**4. Region 2050 Process**

With this evening’s public workshop in Eugene, the Region 2050 planning process will have completed another significant step toward a long-term growth management strategy for the region. Fourteen workshops have been held since early June, and over 650 citizens have participated. The Technical Advisory Committee and the Policy Board will consider the community-specific information received from the workshops and the 535 surveys received and will begin to craft a “preferred” scenario for accommodating substantial population growth over the next 45 years. That scenario will, of course, go back to the public for review and comment in the spring and early summer of 2006.

**5. Metro Area Joint Elected Officials to Meet Re. Coburg Wastewater**

Though setting an acceptable (if not perfect) date was a challenge, the City Councils of Springfield and Eugene will meet in joint session with the Board of County Commissioners on Tuesday, October 11, from 7:00 to 9:00 in LCOG’s “community room” in our Springfield office building. The sole topic is the question of whether it would be appropriate and feasible to provide the City of Coburg with wastewater treatment from the regional (MWMC) facilities. While the issue is complex in its implications, the options for Coburg are essentially two: Build its own treatment plant or tie by pressure line to the regional system. The latter option is only viable to the extent that the three partner jurisdictions in the regional facility agree to provide the service; and the MWMC is currently charged with providing service only within the Eugene-Springfield UGB.