

September 6, 2007

To: LCOG Executive Committee

From: George Kloeppe

Subject: “Regional Issues” Discussions by Board, September 22 Meeting

It seems appropriate to periodically revisit the Board’s exploration of “regional issues” at its meetings. My sense is that devoting an hour or so of our full Board meetings to a focused consideration of a specific topic is a good and beneficial strategy. Identifying those topics that are best suited for such intergovernmental exploration has been a bit challenging. But we have had some very good discussions—the June conversation about regional transportation issues being an excellent example.

However, because this is in some respects one of the most important things that the Board of Directors does, I am anxious that we “get it right.” By that I mean we should have appropriate topics, knowledgeable catalyst presenters and suitable follow-up when needed. Committee members are asked to discuss this aspect of our Board meeting tradition, and to come to the Saturday meeting in Oakridge prepared to share your insights.

To “prime the pump,” the list on the reverse side of this memo reflects the topics that we have had on our LCOG Board agendas over the last few years. Please take a look at this list, particularly with an eye toward any subjects that you would like reprised or topics that should have staff work done to update information for the Board. At this month’s Board meeting, I would hope that four topics could be flagged for consideration in 2008.

2004

Region 2050 Status Report
Downtown Plan: Three Cities
Partners in Economic Development
LTD Changes
LEC Work Plan
Walkable Community Workshops
Lane County Public Safety
Legislative Dialogue

Mike Dean, Coburg
Megan Banks, LCOG
Tim Craig, LCC
Ken Hamm, LTD
Steve Dignam, LCOG
Jeff Krueger, LCOG
B. Green, J. Clements, BVV
State Legislators

2005

Public Infrastructure
 Opportunities for Cooperation
Education and Lifelong Learning
Regional Economic Development
Lane County Public Safety Task Force
Local Government Finance

Dave Barta, UO
Ron Hitchcock, LESD
Bob Warren, ODCED
Jim Johnson
Jim Carlson, C of E

2006

Transportation Planning – MPC
Education and Workforce Dev. Panel
LCOG Services – Planning Session
Lane County Public Safety Finance
Water Rights

Bobby Green
C. Forster, J. Roberts, J. Lindly
Kloeppel, Vanderpool, Metzger
Bill Van Vactor, Lane County
Brad Taylor, EWEB

2007

Opportunities for Small Communities
Education and the Economy
Regional Transportation

Mark Shrives, Gordon Zimmerman
Sonya Christian, George Russell
Jane Lee, ODOT