

October 2, 2007

To: Lane County Board of Commissioners
From: George Kloeppe, Executive Director
Subject: County wide Coordinated Population Forecasts

The Commissioners' approval of Resolution 2007-04 on September 12 requested that the LCOG Board delay the public hearing and adoption of the revised Coordinated Population Forecasts for the cities in Lane County. The Resolution also requested a discussion with the Board of Commissioners about the timing of, and process for, revising such population projections and forecasts.

The Resolution was discussed the following day with the LCOG Executive Committee. I also consulted with Commissioner Stewart and Bill VanVactor on Thursday, the 13th. With the Board's Resolution in hand, the Executive Committee directed that the scheduled public hearing be opened at the LCOG Board meeting on September 22, but that the hearing not be closed and that the public record be kept open. The Committee also agreed that, in consideration of the County's wishes, no action would be taken this month by the LCOG Board on the Population Forecast. The consensus was that this action was consistent with the Board of Commissioners' direction, which encouraged more opportunity for public comment and involvement in the population forecasts.

Pursuant to that direction, the LCOG Board opened the hearing and heard comments from two individuals. Both of the speakers commented on the importance of the Forecasts for the cities' planning processes. Commissioner Stewart was present, and the County's resolution was discussed by the LCOG Board of Directors at the Saturday meeting. During that discussion, the cities were encouraged to consider seeking additional public comment regarding their expected future populations. City representatives to the LCOG Board described

the importance of the Forecasts to those cities that are in the process of developing plans for future infrastructure needs such as sewer and water services.

So, what is the timing and process from this point forward? LCOG staff will send a notice to each of the cities encouraging them to conduct a public hearing about the Population Forecast for their city as well as the Coordinated Forecasts for the entire County. Notice of the next LCOG public hearing will also be published in the Register Guard and sent to DLCD. The LCOG Board will next meet on Thursday, December 13, at the County's Serbu Center. At this meeting, there will be another public hearing. Following the public hearing, the LCOG Board will decide if action should be taken on the Forecasts or if the adoption should be delayed to continue to further consider the issues. The LCOG Board will consider adoption when it feels that all public comment has been heard and that all significant issues have been resolved.

This letter is intended to begin the discussion with the Board of Commissioners as to the timing of, and process for, revising such population projections and forecasts. Please suggest changes and additions to the process and timing.

c.c. Bill VanVactor