



March 26, 2007

Members of the Metropolitan Policy Committee
Hon. Kitty Piercy, Chair

We regret that scheduling conflicts have precluded a joint meeting of the MPC and the LCOG Executive Committee to discuss the issue of an alternative dispute resolution mechanism for the MPC's transportation planning work conducted on behalf of the LCOG Board.

The safe and efficient flow of goods and people throughout Lane County is of particular interest to all 27 members of LCOG. Transportation is the critical link for community well being and economic strength. To that end, any action which jeopardizes the flow of federal transportation monies is something that the LCOG Board takes very seriously.

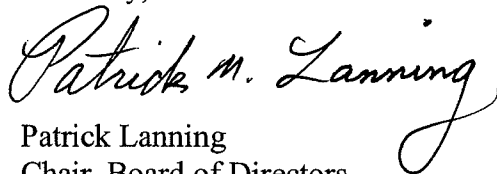
In July 2006, the LCOG Board sent a letter asking that the MPC take two actions: first, pass an MTIP by July 2006, and second, adopt an alternate dispute resolution mechanism by January 2007. We are pleased that the MPC was successful in achieving the first item.

In preparation for a joint meeting to discuss a dispute resolution process, it has become clear to us that at least two of the three MPC veto-holders, the Cities of Eugene and Springfield, are not prepared to pursue our second request. While we believe it to be regrettable for any policy body, especially one charged with the flow of many millions of dollars, to have no mechanism for making a decision, we do not believe it is in the public interest to press the issue further at this time. So long as the MPC continues to carry out its MPO duties without jeopardizing federal funds, we will let the matter rest.

On a more pleasant note, we understand that there is interest within the MPC in a broader discussion of transportation issues in all of Lane County. This is a topic which has been identified by the LCOG Board as being of particular interest to it.

In that regard, the LCOG Executive Committee invites the MPC members to join us at our June 28 Board meeting, which will have regional transportation as its focus. A more formal invitation to the MPC will be forthcoming.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patrick M. Lanning".

Patrick Lanning
Chair, Board of Directors