



# Lane Council of Governments

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**TO:** Metropolitan Policy Committee

**FROM:** Springfield City Manager, Eugene City Manager, and Lane County Administrator

**SUBJECT:** Scope of Work: Metro Plan Text Amendments Related to Urban Services Delivery

This memo reports on progress in obtaining agreement among the three metropolitan jurisdictions on a scope of work for Metro Plan amendments related to urban service delivery. This item was last before the MPC at its April 11, 2004 meeting. At that time, there was not sufficient time to discuss the item. Subsequently, the City of Springfield and Lane County have decided to proceed with the scope of work. Eugene will be available in a consultative role and will review the proposed amendments when they are ready for formal review. Please see attached Scope of Work: Metro Plan Text Amendments Related to Urban Services Delivery.

## **ACTION REQUESTED**

No action requested. This item is presented for information only.

## **BACKGROUND**

Administrative staff of Eugene, Springfield and Lane County met with Planning Directors to discuss two issues raised by the elected officials at their joint meeting on February 10, 2004: Metro Plan urban services policy and the need to clarify local autonomy in metro planning. The attached Scope of Work incorporates the collective thinking of the staff group on the issue of urban services. Regarding the issue of local autonomy in metro planning, the planning directors are working with legal staff to prepare a memorandum interpreting current Metro Plan provisions. That memorandum will be presented to the three elected bodies in the near future.

The existing urban services policy structure of the Metro Plan was adopted more than 20 years ago. Since then, city services funded primarily with property tax revenue have been increasingly subject to constitutional, statutory, political and practical constraints. These revenue constraints are forcing local officials to make choices among important city services, including reducing or foregoing some services in order to preserve or implement others. The City of Springfield and Lane County have identified advantages in finding ways to provide services differently. The Metro Plan sets broad policy direction for the provision of urban services in the metropolitan area, and adjustments to these policies may be needed to accomplish local government objectives to provide services differently in the future.

## **SCOPE OF WORK**

The attached Scope of Work was developed by LCOG staff working in collaboration with city and county administrative staff and metro planning directors. There was general recognition that the work program timeline is ambitious with Metro Plan amendments submitted for adoption by late fall, 2004. This timeframe allows for the City of Springfield to resubmit an application for fire district annexation in early 2005, if the City decides to pursue such as application. In order to meet the Boundary Commission's filing deadline for their February meeting, the application would need to be submitted by January 4, 2005. This deadline is important for 2005-2006 taxing purposes.

**ATTACHMENT:**      Scope of Work: Metro Plan Text Amendments Related to Urban Services Delivery

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