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*Sustaining Quality of Life in the Southern Willamette Valley*

October 23, 2006

**TO:** Regional Policy Advisory Board Members and Alternates

**FROM:** Regional Technical Advisory Committee (RTAC)

**SUBJECT:** October 30, 2006 Meeting Agenda Item Summary

This memo provides a brief summary of the agenda items to be covered in the October 30, 2006 Regional Policy Advisory Board meeting. For questions or additional information, please contact the Regional Technical Advisory Committee (RTAC) member from your community or call Carol Heinkel, 682-4107.

Please review the attached materials prior to the meeting.

### **Meeting Purpose**

This meeting is for Policy Board members and alternates to hear a report from staff and Policy Board members on the endorsement status of the Regional Strategy and to decide on the next steps in the regional planning process.

### **Agenda Summary**

#### **Welcome and Introductions**

Meeting participants will be introduced and welcomed at the start of the meeting.

#### **Public Comment**

Five minutes is allotted on each agenda to allow members of the public to make brief presentations and/or to distribute written materials to the Policy Advisory Board. No written comments were submitted for inclusion in this packet.

#### **Regional Growth Management Strategy Endorsement**

As of this writing, the *Regional Growth Management Strategy* has been officially endorsed by the City Councils of the following six cities: Coburg, Creswell, Junction City, Lowell, Oakridge, and Veneta. The City Council of Eugene did not endorse the Strategy. The status of Westfir's endorsement is not yet known.

The RTAC met on October 18 to discuss implementation of the Regional Strategy. By endorsing the Strategy, the small cities have agreed to use the goals and objectives and Regional Growth Concept, including coordinated population allocations, as a tool to guide growth and development. The City of Coburg specifically did not endorse the map, although they endorsed the remainder of the Strategy and the population allocations for 2025 and 2030.

Specifically, the Cities of Coburg, Creswell, Lowell, Oakridge, Veneta, and, perhaps, Westfir will request a change in their population allocations for 2025 and 2030. In order to provide a perspective on the magnitude of the change requested, staff calculated the difference between the adopted and the proposed population allocations for these communities. The net small city population to be re-allocated is 15,441 in 2025 and 18,674 in 2030. The “Proposed Population Allocations” in the Strategy placed a surplus population of 20,000 in the rural area as a cushion for Ballot Measure 37 impacts. This provides some flexibility for re-allocation and could help facilitate the discussion among staff and local officials.

<b>Net Change in Population Allocation from Adopted to Proposed</b>		
	<b>2025</b>	<b>2030</b>
Coburg	27	-365
Creswell	3,717	4,560
Lowell	957	1,141
Oakridge	5,219	6,528
Veneta	5,424	6,681
Westfir	97	129
<b>Net Change</b>	15,441	18,674
Lane County Rural	3,570	3,809

These small cities will request that the LCOG Board revisit the coordinated population allocations. The process to be used for amending the adopted allocations could be similar to the process used when they were initially adopted which involved staff meetings and concurrence with elected officials prior to adoption by the LCOG Board. The staff from the small cities requesting the change will initiate this process and LCOG staff will coordinate the effort.

In addition, the six cities that have endorsed the Strategy will proceed with implementation in accordance with their respective individual community priorities. For example, some small cities such as Lowell, Creswell, Junction City, Oakridge, and Veneta, will use the data base in the Regional Strategy to support land use planning decision-

making processes.

Lane County staff will bring a map that illustrates rural development patterns emerging as a result of Ballot Measure 37 waivers of land use regulations. The Strategy, coupled with this map, could provide an interesting framework for discussion of rural development for the Lane County staff and officials.

### **Next Steps**

Now that the Region 2050 project has concluded with the preparation and endorsement of a “small city” Regional Growth Management Strategy, this will be the final meeting of the Region 2050 Policy Advisory Board as currently configured. The RTAC identified several issues that remain unresolved that Policy Board members may want to continue to discuss. Paramount among these are small city-metro coordination on growth man-

agement and regional solutions to water facilities and rights, wastewater, and transportation, particularly financing transportation facilities.

The RTAC identified the following possible forums for continuation of the dialogue, should this be desired by the local governments in the region. There may be others.

- **Policy Advisory Board continues to meet on a regular basis.**  
This forum could be staffed by the individual jurisdictions with each taking a turn at coordinating and facilitating the process. Alternatively, a neutral facilitator could be employed and the participants could contribute to a pooled fund to cover the cost of this service.
- **LCOG Board provides a forum.**  
The LCOG Board could appoint sub-committees to explore various options and seek funding to study and implement solutions. This could be done in conjunction with the annual “State of the Region” report prepared by LCOG in accordance with the implementation action in the Regional Growth Management Strategy.