

Agenda Item Number 9.A.

Lane County Coordinated Population Forecasts

Presenter: Bob Swank

Action Recommended: Adopt Resolution 2008-01

Background:

By state statute, ORS 195.036, urban growth boundary (UGB) population projections are required to be coordinated within counties.

“ 195.036 Area population forecast; coordination. The coordinating body under ORS 195.025 (1) shall establish and maintain a population forecast for the entire area within its boundary for use in maintaining and updating comprehensive plans, and shall coordinate the forecast with the local governments within its boundary. [1995 c.547 §7 (enacted in lieu of 195.035)]”

In Lane County, the role of coordinating body was transferred from Lane County to the Lane Council of Governments (LCOG) in 1974. This topic was discussed by the LCOG Board of Directors at its meeting on December 13, 2007, but no action was taken.

On February 13, 2008 the Lane County Board of Commissioners formally assumed the role of coordinating body for the Lane County coordinated population forecasts. So, Resolution 2008-1 suggests that the LCOG Board endorse the forecasts and send them to the Board of Commissioners with a recommendation for adoption by the Commissioners.

One of the reasons that the LCOG Board did not act on this topic at its December meeting was that several issues were raised during the public hearing about the process and the methodology that was used to develop the forecasts. LCOG received a letter from DLCD on February 14 that addresses some of those issues. The letter from DLCD is attached. The second paragraph states:

“Based upon our review of the above documents you gave us, we believe that the 2030-2035 coordinated population forecast prepared by LCOG for Lane County is consistent with the applicable statutes and administrative rule.”

The final report of the Lane County Coordinated Population Forecasts 2030-2035 is also attached.

The staff and the LCOG Executive Committee recommend that the Board endorse, not adopt, the 2030-2035 coordinated population forecasts and then send them to the Lane County Board of Commissioners with a recommendation to adopt.

Attachments:

Attachment 1 – Resolution 2008-01 Endorsing the Population Forecasts

Attachment 2 – Letter from the Department of Land Conservation and
Development dated February 14, 2008

Attachment 3 – Report on Lane County Coordinated Population Forecast
2030-2035

Appendices:

Appendix A – Population Forecasts for Urban Growth Boundary Areas in
Lane County – November 2007

Appendix B – Population Forecasts for Urban Growth Boundary Areas in
Lane County – February 2008