

Agenda Item Number 13.b.

Lane Area Commission on Transportation

Presenter: Byron Vanderpool

Action Recommended: None. Information Only.

Background:

On September 22, the Oregon Commission on Transportation (OTC) and the Lane County Board of Commissioners met in joint session at the PUC offices in Salem. The purpose of the meeting was to consider bylaws for the formation of an Area Commission on Transportation (ACT) presented to the OTC by the Lane County Board of Commissioners pursuant to the provisions of Senate Bill 944, requiring the establishment of an ACT within Lane County.

Mayors Piercy, Hobart-Hardin, Hampton, Hooker and Weathers provided testimony in favor of an alternate set of bylaws developed by the Forum on an Area Commission on Transportation for Lane (FACT-LC), a workgroup established by the Lane County Board to provide input into the ACT development process.

The two sets of bylaws vary only by the number, and method of selection, of citizen representatives to the ACT. The Lane County Board version specifies: 1 Lane County Roads Advisory member, 1 person representing Highway 126 East selected by the Board of Commissioners, 1 MPO Citizens Advisory Committee member, and 10 citizens selected by the Board of Commissioners, for an additional 10 representatives (13 total.) The FACT-LC version provides for 1 Lane County Roads Advisory member, 1 person representing Highway 126 East selected by the Board of Commissioners, 1 MPO Citizens Advisory Committee member, and up to six citizens selected by the ACT (9 total.)

Those present had a spirited and open discussion of the issues.

OTC Chair Achterman determined the OTC had authority under SB944 to either accept or reject the bylaws proposed by the Lane County Board of Commissioners,

not entertain alternate proposals. Chair Achterman further observed the OTC has never chartered an ACT where there is local disagreement as to proposed bylaws.

In a unanimous vote, the OTC determined to take no action on the proposed Lane County ACT at this time, and schedule it for further discussion at OTC's November 9 meeting. Chair Achterman then sent the issue back to the Lane County parties to reach consensus on a single set of bylaws.

The Lane County Board and mayors present agreed to further discussions. Timing and method of those discussions had not been set as of the date of this memo.