

Agenda Item Number 11.a

Lane County Area Commission On Transportation (ACT)

Presenter: Byron Vanderpool

Action Recommended: None. Information Only

Background:

Oregon Senate Bill 944, passed during the 2009 Legislative Session, requires the governing body of Lane County to develop a proposed charter for the creation of an Area Commission on Transportation (ACT) by September 30, 2010.

The purpose of an ACT is to improve communication and interaction between the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) and stakeholders at the local level, to increase opportunities for local officials to advise OTC on policy issues, and to broaden the regional transportation perspective. Communication and coordination of regional priorities with other organizations is aimed at improving decision-making and coordination of projects.

At their October 20 Board meeting, the Board of County Commissioners selected local transportation consultant Rob Zako to manage the ACT formation process. Mr. Zako, Lane County and ODOT staff, comprise the ACT project team.

The project team has begun contacting various stakeholders and will be formulating a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners on composition of the ACT Formation Task Force (Pre-ACT) for consideration at their December 15 or 16 meeting.

It is expected this Task Force will begin its work in January 2010. Additional information about the ACT development process and the Task Force can be found on the web at: <http://www.lanecounty.org/TransPlanning/LaneCountyACT.htm>.