



## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

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**Date:** Thursday, January 20, 2011  
**Time:** 5:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Lane Council of Governments  
Park Place Building, 859 Willamette Eugene, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
**Contact:** George Kloeppel, (541) 682-4395

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\* Denotes Packet Attachment

### Items in Support of the Board of Directors

1. **February 24 Board Meeting** Handout

A preliminary listing of the items expected to come before the Board of Directors in February will be distributed for discussion. Additional topics can be added to the list, as Committee members see fit.
2. **Agency Communications Plan, Status Report**

After a review of the responses to LCOG's October Request for Information, three firms were identified as suitable for further discussion. On January 18, the four directors, plus the Board Chair, interviewed those three. Under this item, a report can be made about the likely consultant, cost and timing for the project to develop a comprehensive Communications Plan. No Committee action is required.
3. \* **Regional Voice, Status Report**

After the Board's December 9 meeting, the draft letter, proposed for our legislative delegation, was circulated to the membership. The letter (copy attached) has been sent to individual members of Lane County's delegation. It might be noted that this project has not progressed as many of us might have anticipated. As has been observed several times, LCOG needs to take this new advocacy role one step at a time. The question for the Committee's consideration is essentially What Next? There will be issues that emerge during the 2011 Session. The Board will be meeting in February and April, and there may be opportunities to weigh in on further topics. Also, please note that, separate from the Regional Voice, LCOG has encouraged our legislators to support funding for Oregon Project Independence and for so called "pay equity" for Transfer AAAs, such as LCOG. That action was based

upon the Board's approval of the Senior and Disabled Services legislative priorities last October. Discussion. Direction to staff.

**4.\* FY 2011-12 LCOG Dues Rates**

At the December Board meeting, approval was given to the Executive Director's recommendation that the member dues rates for the year that will begin in July be increased by 1.15 percent in response to the inflation of the past several years during which rates have been held flat. Feedback over the past month has led the Executive Director to recommend reversing that action. See AIS from George Kloeppe, attached. It is recommended that the Committee approve rates for FY 2011-12 at the same level as the past several years.

**5. Appreciation Dinner**

Under this item, the plans for the Appreciation Dinner on January 27 can be discussed.

**6. LCOG Charter and Bylaws, Elected Official Requirement**

Under this item, the Committee is encouraged to discuss the requirements for LCOG membership as they relate to the Lane Transit District. With the Board's approval, an LTD board member has been given "seat and voice," but no vote, on the LCOG Board. Members of the LTD board have full franchise on the Metropolitan Policy Committee and on the Lane Area Commission on Transportation. LCOG's requirements for membership, however, require that a member agency have a policy level body comprised of officials "elected directly to that body by popular vote"—in other words elected officials. The Lane Transit District has been an active non-voting member of the LCOG Board; more to the point, LTD is a significant player in the regional community, serving not just a transportation function, but a human services function as well. The question of the Committee is: Should LCOG examine its requirements for member agencies and determine if changes could constructively be made.

## **Information Items**

**7. Governor Kitzhaber's Long-Term Care Vision, Impact on LCOG**

The Medicaid program that LCOG's Senior and Disabled Services Division administers under State contract is a major component—the largest component—of the comprehensive system of coordinated support services that the agency offers. The new Governor has shared some of his thinking on this costly, yet vital, element of the social safety net. The Governor has

analogized Title XIX (Medicaid long-term care) to health care services, with which he is very familiar. In that context, he has indicated that combining health care and long term care funding, moving to a “managed care” model in which expenditures are “capitated”, may be a positive strategy for managing the State’s budget problems. Historically, long term care in Oregon has fundamentally operated from an integrated social (not medical) service model, with nationally-recognized success. Because this is going to be a subject of discussion and, perhaps, legislative consideration, S&DS Director Kay Metzger will provide some background information under this agenda item.

**8. New MPO Website**

**9. RFP for Audit Services**

**Next Executive Committee Meeting: February 10, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.**