



BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Date: Thursday, September 28, 2023

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: In-person and Virtual

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6:00 Call to Order

Call Regular Meeting to Order

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Requests for Additions to the Agenda *[to be considered under Business Items]*

Public Comment

3. Comments from the Public

Presentations

4.
 - a.* Link Lane Transit Development Plan – Work Session
 - b.* Broadband – Update
 - c.* Energy Assistance Program - Update

Business Items

5. Consent Agenda *[Board members may request an item be removed from the Consent Agenda to discuss separately under Item 6]*
 - a.* June 22, 2023 Minutes – Approve
6. Items Removed from Consent Agenda and Requests for Additions
- 7.* Loan Administration Committee – Approve Appointee(s)
- 8.* Recompete Program Proposal – Approve Letter of Support
- 9.* Annual Dinner – Provide Direction

Reports

- 10..
 - a.* Executive Committee Report
 - b.* Advisory Council Reports
 - c. Executive Director's Report

Wrap Up

11. Call for Future Agenda Items; Emerging Issues.

Public Comment is limited to 3 minutes. The Board has the right to ask disruptive attendees to leave the meeting. The Board may choose not to respond to comments and lack of response does not indicate support or disagreement. Location is wheelchair accessible. American Sign Language interpretation is available with 48 hours notice.

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Agenda Item Number 4 a. Link Lane Transit Development Plan

Date: September 28, 2023

Presenter: Kelly Clarke, LCOG Principal Transportation Planner

Action Recommended: Provide feedback

Background:

LCOG's Link Lane transit services currently operate two routes: Eugene-Florence Connector and Florence-Yachats Connector. Additionally, as of July 1, 2023 and at the request of the City of Cottage Grove, LCOG and Lane Transit District are partnering to assume contract management of the transit services in south Lane County.

The two original Link Lane routes filled major transit gaps in the state's transit network and immediately provided an affordable and reliable transportation option that residents and visitors would not otherwise have. In order to sustain and grow these and future services, LCOG staff identified a need for a Transit Development Plan (TDP), developed with stakeholder and community engagement, to better understand transit needs and gaps county-wide and beyond, as well as strategies to address them.

At the June 25, 2020 LCOG Board meeting, the Board directed staff to apply to the State's Transportation and Growth Management program for a grant to fund LCOG's first TDP. The application was successful and we were awarded full grant funding.

The project officially kicked-off in the Fall of 2022. Since then, staff have worked with the Oregon Department of Transportation, and consultants Kittleson and Associates and Cogito to develop the TDP.

Inspired by public feedback received through the first of this project's three outreach phases, the Link Lane TDP's vision has set the guidepost for everything that has followed. The vision is:

Provide guidance for an equitable, safe, convenient, and connected transit network throughout Lane County that will support the health and well-being of individuals, communities, the economy, and the environment.

The TDP is intended to guide Link Lane in the coming years, inform staff on potential growth opportunities, and open up funding sources that require this category of plan.

Discussion:

Development of the Link Lane TDP has followed this schedule:



* PAC is an acronym for Planning Advisory Committee

The intent of this presentation is to provide a status report of the Link Lane transit services, update on the progress of the Link Lane TDP, and seek feedback.

Staff will return to the Board's December meeting to ask for adoption of the TDP.



Agenda Item Number 4 b. Regional Broadband Strategy Update

Date: September 28, 2023

Presenter: Michael Wisth, LCOG Government Services Division
Director

Subject: Regional Broadband Strategy Update

Action Recommended: None. Information Only.

Background:

In December of 2020, the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriation Act (CRRSAA) was passed and includes approximately \$124 million for Oregon through ODOT. One of the provisions within the authorization allowed the funds to be used for reimbursement of revenue loss due to the COVID-19 Pandemic (Pandemic). These funds will not require local match but must be federally obligated by 2024.

While these funds can be used for transportation projects, for its share of the CRRSAA funds, ODOT adopted a methodology so the funds could be used by Oregon Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) for other purposes if the MPO so chose. The CLMPO jurisdictions agreed to an allocation which provided LCOG with \$838,000 to develop and implement a Regional Broadband Strategy and provide match for initial projects.

In June 2022, LCOG issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) seeking the services of a consultant/firm to create a Regional Broadband Strategy (Strategy) and to facilitate a near-term funding response and strategy. The initial focus was to connect near-term project concepts, and other actionable steps towards providing enhanced and reliable Broadband

Internet Service to Lane County areas lacking appropriate coverage, to immediate and near-term Federal funding opportunities. Focus would then turn to broader longer-term support structures contributing to the ability of rural and urban centers to increase speeds and equitable access.

LCOG selected CobbFendley, a national firm specializing in regional infrastructure, to develop a funding strategy and broadband development a service strategy for Lane County.

Our presentation will discuss the progress of the project and strategies for moving forward, particularly related to focusing funding opportunities toward un- and underserved areas of Lane County, as demonstrated by our work to date.



Agenda Item Number 4 c. Energy Assistance (LIHEAP)

Date: September 28, 2023

Presenter: Stephanie Sheelar, LCOG Senior and Disability Services
Division Director

Subject: Energy Assistance (LIHEAP) Update

Action Recommended: None. Information Only.

Background:

For many years, S&DS has contracted with Lane County as a service provider of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). LIHEAP is a federally funded program that aims to keep families safe and healthy by providing assistance in managing costs associated with home energy bills and other energy-related expenses, while reducing risk from unsafe heating and cooling practices. Lane County's LIHEAP serves low-income households, at or below 60% Area Median Income (AMI), on a first-come, first-served basis.

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, these funds were available only during a few winter months when temperatures dropped significantly. During the pandemic and due to increased community need, the County expanded LIHEAP to be available during the summer and has now expanded the Program to year-round. Lane County also reached out to S&DS to participate in a new water assistance focused program, Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP), which would function as a similar model to LIHEAP on a year-round basis. This made delivering of the program more complicated – and more costly.

LIHEAP has been challenging to deliver due to the limitation on administrative expenses from the County and the workload on S&DS staff to ensure program requirements are met. 85% of allocated funds go directly to the consumer and LCOG receives the remaining 15% for Program Delivery and Administrative Costs. In other words, for every \$100 we provide to a consumer in assistance, LCOG receives \$15. Due to the workload required to provide these services, we have been supplementing the program with Medicaid funds. S&DS' current contract period expires September 30, 2023 and we are working with the County on a new contract.

S&DS served 561 unduplicated consumers during our 20-21 fiscal year, 546 unduplicated consumers between July 1, 2021, and March 31, 2022, and 636 unduplicated consumer this fiscal year so far. The cost of this program is as follows:

At the June 13, 2023 Executive Committee meeting, the Committee recognized LIHEAP as a valuable resource to our consumers, however agreeing that supplementing the program with Medicaid funds is inappropriate. The Committee recommended LCOG continue the delivery of the programs for one year beginning effective October 1, 2023, hiring "up to 0.5 FTE" funded with General Fund dollars with the position being paid to do other work if the entire position is not required to handle the applications. Committee members suggested working with the County to address the administrative issues and working with our Federal Delegation on the reimbursement issue.

Currently:

We received confirmation that the water program has ended. We mapped our current process to identify efficiencies. We met with Lane County to review process and identified additional efficiencies such as utilizing the online application which will reduce administrative costs. Our staff will be scheduled for training on how to utilize the online application.

We will be contacting Campbell Center to review their process as they have a high online application rate. We are also in the process of hiring a .5 FTE.

LANE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Lane Council of Governments

LCOG, 859 Willamette Street, Suite 500, Eugene

The meeting was held in person and via teleconference.

June 22, 2023

6:00 p.m.

VOTING MEMBERS

Present

Bd. Member Heather Buch, Chair (Lane County)

Bd. Member Sonja Carlson, Vice Chair (Eugene Water and Electric Board (EWEB))

Bd. Member Mike Eyster, Lane Community College (LCC)

Mayor Candace Solesbee (City of Cottage Grove)

Councilor Randy Groves (City of Eugene)

Mayor Rob Ward (City of Florence, Port of Siuslaw)

Mayor Ken Wells (City of Junction City)

Mayor Bryan Cutchen (City of Oakridge)

Councilor Kori Rodley (City of Springfield)

Councilor Robbie McCoy (City of Veneta)

Bd. Member Jonathan Light (School District 19)

Bd. Member Steve Recca (Fern Ridge Library Board)

Bd. Member Greg James (Willamalane Park & Recreation District)

Bd. Member Donna Oshel (Siuslaw Public Library District)

Bd. Member Patti Chappel (Emerald People's Utility District)

Bd. Member Jim Palisi (Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue, Western Lane Ambulance District)

Bd. Member Curt Kendall (River Road Parks & Rec. District)

Absent

Representative City of Coburg

Representative City of Creswell

Representative City of Dunes City

Representative City of Lowell

Representative City of Westfir

Representative Heceta Water PUD

Representative Rainbow Water and Fire District

Representative School District 4J

Representative School District 40

Representative School District 45J3

Representative School District 52

Representative School District 68

Representative Lane Education Service District (ESD)

Representative Lane Library District

Representative Junction City RFPD

OTHERS

Pete Knox, Lane Transit District (LTD), Non-voting member

Brenda Wilson, LCOG Executive Director

Josh Burstein, LCOG Human Resources Manager

Keina Wolf, LCOG Finance Director

Beth Bridges, Minutes Recorder

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

1. Welcome & Introductions

Chair Heather Buch called the meeting of the Lane Council of Governments (LCOG) Board of Directors to order at 6:02 p.m. Those present introduced themselves.

2. Requests for Additions to the Agenda

No requests were submitted.

3. Public Comment

No one wished to provide public comment to the Board.

PRESENTATIONS

4. FY24 Budget

Chair Buch opened the public hearing for the FY24 Proposed Budget at 6:06 p.m.

LCOG Executive Director Brenda Wilson gave a Powerpoint presentation entitled *FY24 Proposed Budget*. She described the factors in the budget that were knowns, including the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA), step increases and one-time top step bonuses, and increases in health and dental insurance, liability insurances, Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) and the Oregon Retirement Service Plan (OPSRP). Ms. Wilson relayed she recently received an update on liability insurances rates and they were higher than anticipated, especially automobile liability. Ms. Wilson said there were areas where they needed to make estimates to build the budget, including the State allocation for Senior and Disability Services (S&DS), the amount of federal funding, and the impact of workforce availability. Therefore, it was standard practice for LCOG to process a revised budget in the spring.

Ms. Wilson summarized the Proposed FY24 Budget was \$78,728,264, an increase of almost \$5 million from the Adopted FY23 Budget but only \$481,147 above the Revised FY23 Budget. Ms. Wilson discussed LCOG's sources of revenue. She said the biggest change was an anticipated drop in state and federal revenues, primarily in transportation areas. In S&DS, Oregon Project Independence was a new program enacted by the state after the Adopted FY23 Budget. Ms. Wilson explained Interfund transfers increased because of changes in COVID funding and fund raising for the senior meals program. She added Beginning Reserves, the carryover from the current fiscal year, had increased.

Turning to requirements, Ms. Wilson highlighted Personnel Services was LCOG's largest expenditure. The increase in the FY24 Proposed Budget reflected the changes outlined above and an optimistic projection that vacant positions were filled. She also listed changes in Material and Services (including increased in-person training and related travel expenses), Services to Others, Debt Service, and Capital Outlay (Willamette Internet Exchange (WIX) battery, kitchen equipment placeholder, building repair contingency).

Looking at the employee Full Time Equivalent (FTE) breakdown, Ms. Wilson stated the Proposed FY24 Budget included a net increase of 7.85 FTE over the FY23 Adopted Budget. She discussed restricted reserves: operations contingency account (set by the Board), dedicated reserves (coast transportation and senior meals fundraising), and the Park Place Building contingency (which includes a line item for the HVAC replacement). Ms. Wilson detailed the 13.9% increase in indirect costs for internal operations, which included the liability insurance increases.

Seeing no one wishing to make public comment, Chair Buch closed the public hearing at 6:24 p.m.

Greg James? moved to adopt Resolution 2023-01 (1. That the LCOG Board of Directors hereby adopts the attached Budget for fiscal year 2024, and 2. That the following amounts are hereby appropriated for the purposes specified for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023: Personal Services \$ 36,913,084; Materials and Services \$ 12,671,984; Capital Outlay \$ 767,500; Services by Other Organizations \$3,484,345; Debt Service \$ 438,754; Transfers Out \$ 6,159,230; Reserves \$ 18,293,367; Total Requirements \$ 78,728,264. Councilor Rodley seconded the motion. The chair asked if anyone was opposed to the motion or wished to abstain. Seeing none, she announced the motion passed unanimously,

Mr. James recognized the fine work done by LCOG's finance staff and management team and an engaged and involved Budget Committee.

BUSINESS ITEMS

5. Public Contracting Rules

Chair Buch opened a joint meeting of the LCOG Board of Directors and Local Contract Review Board (aka the LCOG Executive Committee) at 6:27 p.m. and a public hearing on the proposed Public Contracting Rules for LCOG at 6:28 p.m.

Mr. James, resident of Springfield, observed the rule changes proposed aligned LCOG with Oregon's legislative changes.

Seeing no one else wishing to make public comment, Chair Buch closed the public hearing at 6:29 p.m.

Mike Eyster moved to adopt Joint Resolution 2023-02 of the Board of Directors and Local Contract Review Board (opting out of the Attorney General's Model Public Contracting Rules and Amending Public Contracting Rules for the Lane Council of Governments). Councilor Rodley seconded the motion. The chair asked if anyone was opposed to the motion or wished to abstain. Seeing none, she announced the motion passed unanimously.

Chair Buch closed the joint meeting of the LCOG Board of Directors and Local Contract Review Board (aka the LCOG Executive Committee) at 6:31 p.m. and re-opened the June meeting of the LCOG Board of Directors.

6. Consent Agenda

a. Minutes of April 27, 2023

b. Executive Director's Review

c. Low-Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP) and Low-Income Household Water Assistance (LIHWAP) Programs

Mr. James moved to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. Mr. Eyster seconded the motion. The chair asked if anyone was opposed to the motion or wished to abstain. Seeing none, she announced the motion passed unanimously,

When Mr. Eyster asked if there was a public announcement regarding the Executive Director's review, Ms. Wilson replied they had not done so in the past. Mr. James suggested going forward the Executive Director's Review not be part of the Consent Agenda.

When Ms. Carlson asked if there was an update on the LIHEAP and LIHWAP programs, Ms. Wilson said she had not yet received one from staff. Ms. Carlson added the LIHWAP portion was sunseting this fall.

7. Appoint members to the Senior Services Advisory Committee (SSAC)

Ms. Wilson reviewed the membership requirements for the SSAC. She said SSAC members had received applications for vacant position, interviewed them, and were recommending those listed in the memo.

Steve Recca moved to appoint Rae VanZandt, Dianne Robertson, Katy Lenn, and Lisa Lightner to the SSAC. Candace Solesbee seconded the motion. The chair asked if anyone was opposed to the motion or wished to abstain. Seeing none, she announced the motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

8. Executive Committee Report

Ms. Wilson referred to the report in the agenda packet. She highlighted the discussion about the LIHEAP and LIHWAP programs, explaining S&DS had been backfilling the program with Medicaid funds. The program had expanded and was very labor intensive. The Executive Committee directed one-time one-year funding for .5 FTE General Fund until a sustainable solution was identified. Pete Knox observed the problem had been brought to the Board last year as well. Ms. Wilson concurred it was an ongoing problem. Councilor Rodley stressed rural low-income people were very dependent on the program. When Patti Chappel asked who might take over the program, Ms. Wilson explained there were other agencies that provided the service. They had the same issue with the insufficient overhead payments.

9. Advisory Council Reports

Ms. Wilson announced Springfield Councilor Mo was elected chair of the Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC) for 2023 and Lane County Commissioner Loveall was elected vice-chair. The MPC had also discussed amending their bylaws to include the City of Coburg in the governance structure for the Climate Friendly Equitable Communities scenario planning. Ms. Wilson also announced Greg Ervin was elected chair and Anne Fifield was elected co-chair of the Lane Economic Committee.

WRAP UP

When Chair Buch asked about emerging issues to discuss at upcoming meetings, topics raised included a legislative update, cybersecurity, broadband strategy and funding, and the updated RLID system.

Chair Buch adjourned the June LCOG Board of Directors meeting at 6:51 p.m.



Agenda Item Number 7. Appointments of Members to the Loan Administration Committee (LAC)

Date: September 28, 2023

Presenter: Brenda Wilson

Action Recommended: Appoint Members

Background:

The LAC reviews and approves loans under LCOG's USDA Intermediary Relending Program and also under the EDA Revolving Loan Fund. The LAC Workplan requires that new committee members be approved by the LCOG Board after recommendation by the Lane Economic Committee (LEC).

On September 11, 2023, the LEC chose the following to join the Loan Administration Committee (LAC):

- **Troy Reichenberger to replace John Stacy to represent Banking.**
 - 16 years' experience in banking and provides training & advising to businesses.
- **Kevin Riley, First Interstate Bank to represent additional Banking.**
 - Financial Services Representative with 15 years of financing industry experience.
- **Jude Anderson to fill the vacancy for Lane County representation.**
 - Community & Economic. Development Manager for Lane County and has a Bachelors from University of Texas and a Master of Urban Planning from NY University.

The LAC Workplan also provides for a member to be an elected official and that position has historically been filled by an LCOG Board member. We are asking for a Board Member to volunteer for this position on the LAC.

LAC Membership:

Member	Employer	Membership Category
Don Churnside	Gaydos Churnside Balthrop	Attorney
Eric Lind	Lane County SBDC	Education & Economic Dev.
Jude Anderson	Lane County	Lane County Representative
Patty Schulz	Banner Bank	Banking
Troy Reichenberger	Oregon Pacific Bank	Banking
Kevin Riley	First Interstate Bank	Banking
Vacant		Elected Official/ At-Large
Keina Wolf	LCOG	LCOG Employee

Suggested Motions:

1. Approve the nomination of Troy Reichenberger, Kevin Riley and Jude Anderson to the Loan Administration Committee.
2. Approve the appointment of LCOG Board Member _____ to the Loan Administration Committee.



Agenda Item Number 8.

Letter of Support for Lane County Economic Development Administration Recompete Program

Date: September 28, 2023

Presenter: Brenda Wilson

Subject: Letter of Support for Recompete Program

Action Recommended: Approve Letter of Support

Background:

On September 11, 2023, the Lane Economic Committee voted unanimously to recommend the Lane Council of Governments Board of Directors send a letter of support for Lane County's proposal to the Economic Development Administration's (EDA) Recompete Program. This grant application is due October 3, 2023.

The Distressed Area Recompete Pilot Program (Recompete Program) aims to alleviate persistent economic distress and support long-term, comprehensive economic development and job creation in places with a high prime-age (25 to 54 years) employment gap. In Lane County, that includes Dunes City, Florence, Veneta, Lowell, Westfir, and Oakridge as well as Mapleton.

There are two Separate Phases (1) Planning and 2) Implementation). The EDA will run this competitive grant in two phases through two separate Notices of Funding Opportunity (NOFOs). In the Phase 1 NOFO, the EDA will fund Strategy Development Grants and will approve Recompete Plans for certain regions. Applicants in the Phase 1 NOFO must choose whether they are pursuing a Strategy Development Grant, approval of a Recompete

Plan, or both. Lane County is proposing pursuit of Phase 1 funds for Strategy Development.

These grants are \$250,000 - \$500,000 and the EDA anticipates approximately \$6,000,000 to \$12,000,000 being awarded in Phase 1. Under the Phase 2 NOFO, the EDA will award Implementation funding. No match is required for Phase 1, but match will be an evaluation criteria in Phase 2.

Strategy Development Grants may fund the following types of activities:

- (1) Coordination and execution of an inclusive, locally-defined planning process, across jurisdictions and agencies, to develop a comprehensive regional strategy to address high prime-age employment gaps in the regions (i.e., a PAEG strategy);
- (2) Identification and fostering of regional partnerships for developing and implementing a comprehensive regional PAEG strategy;
- (3) Implementation or updating of assessments to determine regional needs and capabilities;
- (4) Development or updating of goals and strategies to implement an existing comprehensive regional PAEG strategy;
- (5) Identification or implementation of planning, local zoning, and other changes to code, law, or policy necessary to implement a comprehensive regional PAEG strategy;
- (6) Development of plans for promoting broad-based economic growth in a region;
- (7) Hiring of the coalition's RPC to lead the overall effort and other necessary staff;
- (8) Formation of a workforce development strategy, according to the needs for a skilled and diverse technical workforce aligned with the region's strengths;
- (9) Activities necessary to prepare for strategy implementation, which may include workforce development strategies, environmental, and engineering documentation, if applicable.

This project furthers the Cascades West Economic Development District's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CED) Workforce Support priority. All of our communities are struggling to provide quality, accessible childcare, career connected learning across our K-12 system, affordable housing, and person/family centered healthcare. Each of these strands affect our high prime-age (25 to 54 years) employment gap.

How these gaps are best addressed depends on the character, needs and unique resources of each community.

Proposed action: Approve Submission of Letter of Support for Lane County's proposal to the Economic Development Administration's Recompete Program.

Attachment : Letter of Support



September 21, 2023

Recompete Pilot Program
U.S. Department of Commerce
Economic Development Administration

Dear Grant Review Team:

I am writing on behalf of the Lane Council of Governments (LCOG) Board of Directors to express support of Lane County's Recompete Program proposal. As a council of governments, our membership includes Lane County, every city in Lane County, school districts, several special districts (water, electric, fire, for example), a transit district, a community college, and a port. Several areas in Lane county are all Recompete eligible areas, and these communities and community partners are willing to commit valuable and limited resources to this opportunity.

Our Economic Development District (EDD), Cascades West EDD, has identified workforce support as a priority in the adopted Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. All of our communities are struggling to provide quality, accessible childcare, career connected learning across our K-12 system, affordable housing, and person/family centered healthcare. Each of these strands affect our high prime-age (25 to 54 years) employment gap.

How these gaps are best addressed depends on the character, needs and unique resources of each community spread across an area the geographic size of the state of Connecticut and bisected by two mountain ranges. The proposed effort will allow for the strength of a combined effort while cultivating place-based sustainability born from deep roots. We are excited to see the emergent Strategy and look forward to implementation.

Respectfully,

Heather Buch,
LCOG Board Chair



Agenda Item Number 9. Annual Dinner

Date: September 28, 2023

Presenter: Brenda Wilson

Action Recommended: Provide Direction on Annual Dinner

Background:

Each year, LCOG celebrates regional accomplishments for the prior year in the spring of each year. For several years prior to the Pandemic, the Annual Dinner was held at Lane Community College's Center for Meeting and Learning, and dinner was prepared and served by the College's Culinary Arts Program students. During the Pandemic, however, that program and the meeting space closed. Accordingly, last year, the Annual Dinner was held at the Cottage Grove Armory and was a success. A silent auction was also held to raise funds for LCOG's Senior Meals Program.

The Annual Dinner is an awards Dinner. LCOG recognizes those that have performed above and beyond and/or have dedicated their lives to public service. Over the years, LCOG has sought nominations in various ways, most recently by sending out a request to all regional partners, although that has not always provided good results. The current awards are:

Elected Officials
Public Employees
Citizens
Intergovernmental Teams
Economic Enhancement Work
Public Service Career

Thoughts on these categories, the nomination process, and venue will be discussed.



Agenda Item Number 10 a. Report of the Executive Committee

Date: September 28, 2023

Presenter: Brenda Wilson

Action Recommended: None. Information Only

August 14, 2023, MEETING NOTES:

Policy / Action Items

1. **PROTECT Grant** - the Lane Economic Committee recommended the LCOG Board provide a letter of support for the Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation (PROTECT) grant application being prepared by the Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization (CLMPO) in partnership with Lane County. While the MPO is required to be the applicant based on the grant's eligibility criteria, the proposal was been crafted with Lane County staff from several departments and will be a joint effort given the shared need, geography, and opportunity to leverage critical, high-quality work.

The PROTECT program was created by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) to provide funding for resilience planning and construction projects. The IIJA includes \$1.4 billion for the new PROTECT discretionary grant program. There are four types of competitive grants:

1. Planning Grants—Enable communities to assess vulnerabilities to current and future weather events, natural disasters, and changing conditions and plan transportation improvements and emergency response strategies to address those vulnerabilities.
2. Resilience Improvement Grants—Fund construction activities to improve the ability of existing surface transportation assets, communities, coastal infrastructure,

and natural infrastructure to withstand one or more elements of a weather event or natural disaster.

3. Community Resilience and Evacuation Route Grants—Strengthen and protect evacuation routes that are essential for providing and supporting evacuations caused by emergency events.

4. At-Risk Coastal Infrastructure Grants—to strengthen, stabilize, harden, elevate, relocate, or otherwise enhance the resilience of highway and non-rail infrastructure at risk from coastal flooding, coastal erosion, wave action, storm surge, or sea level rise.

Following recommendations from Lane County’s Climate Action Plan and CLMPO’s 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), Lane County and CLMPO intend to work with regional partners to improve the region’s capacity to respond to and recover from hazards such as a Cascadia Subduction Zone seismic event and climate change. Planned project work includes:

- conducting a vulnerability assessment of the transportation system,
- establishing a regional network of Emergency Transportation Routes,
- and
- developing a nature-based solutions strategy.

One anticipated product is 30% design for at least one and up to three (3) capital projects in order to be poised for a PROTECT capital project grant(s) in future rounds.

The Executive Committee was asked to approve the submission of a Letter of Support on behalf of LCOG for the PROTECT grant and unanimously approved the submission.



Agenda Item Number 10 b. Advisory Council Reports

Date: September 28, 2023

Presenter: Brenda Wilson

Action Recommended: None. Information Only

Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC)

July 6, 2023

- Unanimously approved a letter of support for the MPO's Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation (PROTECT) federal grant application.
- Unanimously approved a letter of support for the City of Eugene's Safe and Active Streets for All (SS4A) federal grant application.
- Heard an update on ODOT's budget challenges.

Lane Economic Committee (LEC)

May 8, 2023

- Heard from Dr. Anshuman "AR" Razdan, VP for Research and Innovation for the University of Oregon regarding Launch Oregon. Dr. Anshuman "AR" Razdan oversees the support for research centers and core facilities, while providing strategic investment, leadership, and vision for the university's entire research enterprise.
- AR spoke about Launch Oregon that will create the opportunity to work with UO innovators in various programs and colleges at the university, receive guidance from the Industry, Innovation, and Translation (IIT) unit on best practices, and receive mentorship from industry experts through IIT's Translational Opportunity Program (TOP). While assisting UO startups with establishing a board of directors and hiring executive leadership, Launch Oregon will also provide initial research infrastructure and seed funding.

Lane Economic Committee (LEC)

July 10, 2023

- Heard Legislative Session Update - LEC members shared information about bills they were tracking, bills they see as impacting the region, and/or opportunities and challenges resulting from legislation.
- Heard from Shareen Vogel – Regional CTE Program Coordinator for Lane Education Service District who spoke about Lane Region Career Technical Education (CTE) Programs. The CTE team at Lane ESD is central to supporting all CTE Programs in Lane County. These 16 school districts (of which 13 are in rural Lane County) have 117 CTE Programs of Study. These CTE pathways include Early Childhood Education, Culinary & Hospitality, Business Management, Agriculture/Natural Resource Systems, Arts & Information, Health Sciences, Industrial & Engineering Systems, and Computer Science. Last year, CTE Programs served 37,438 students across Lane County. There is ample data to show that these Programs have proven student success; both for students while in school (whether staying on track and showing up) and walking across the graduation line, but also to help advance student planning and preparation for college and career readiness. CTE Programs empower, prepare and engage students and connect them to their local communities and future possibilities.

Lane Economic Committee (LEC)

August 14, 2023

- Discussion regarding a letter of support request for a Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation (PROTECT) Grant application. This grant was created by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). It was established to provide funding for resilience planning and construction projects. While the proposal is still being crafted, the application is anticipated to request approximately \$5 million of funding.

Lane County and the Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization (CLMPO) are planning for transportation system resilience and the CLMPO is requesting the LEC recommend the Lane Council of Governments Board provide a letter of support for the PROTECT grant application. Following recommendations from Lane County's Climate Action Plan and CLMPO's 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), Lane County and CLMPO intend to work with our regional partners to improve the region's capacity to respond to and recover from hazards such as a Cascadia Subduction Zone seismic event and climate change. Planned project work includes conducting a vulnerability assessment of the transportation

system, establishing a regional network of Emergency Transportation Routes, and developing a nature based solutions strategy.

- Heard from Grant Matthews, Associate Vice President of Career Technical Education and Workforce Development. Mr. Matthews said all education was workforce education. The total impact of LCC, through wage and opportunity gains, was upwards of 700 million dollars and a large number of jobs were supported through that. 95 percent of family-wage jobs required some college. "Some college" was defined as certificates and degrees that were in the career technical areas and other college-level degrees. Mr. Matthews gave an overview of the career technical programs at LCC, which include:
 - Trades and Tech – Fabrication, Welding, Diesel and Automotive, Machinery and Manufacturing
 - Apprenticeship – Electrical, HVAC, Construction, Sheet Metal
 - Business and Computer – Business Management, Business Assisting, Cybersecurity and Network Operations
 - Aviation – Mechanics, Pilot and Flight Technology, and Unmanned Ariel Systems
 - Health – Medical Assisting, Dental Assisting and Hygiene, Nursing, Paramedicine EMT, Physical Therapist Assistant, Health Information Management, Certified Nurse Assistant, Massage Therapist, and Fitness and Lifetime Specialist
 - Arts – Graphic Design, Multi-media Design, Animation, and Music Technology

LCC will also be expanding their nursing program and adding a respiratory therapy program in the near future. In April of 2023, LCC was also approved to offer a Bachelor of Applied Science Degree in Business Management. Students would be able to start that program in the fall of 2024. A new health science building and an industry and trades education center were under construction at the time of this meeting.

Senior & Disability Services – Disability Services Advisory Council (DSAC)
No meetings

Senior & Disability Services – Senior Services Advisory Council (SSAC)
No meetings

Senior & Disability Services – Procurement and Monitoring Committee
No meetings