

CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Study Session Worksheet

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Presentation Title: Formation of an Area Commission on Transportation (ACT)

Department: Department of Transportation and Development (DTD) – Engineering

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POLICY QUESTION

Should Clackamas County support the formation of an Area Commission on Transportation that includes the rural portions of Clackamas County?

ISSUE & BACKGROUND

In August of 2010, the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners heard the steps it would take to form an Area Commission on Transportation (ACT) for the rural portions of Clackamas County from Jason Tell, Manager for ODOT Region 1 (see Attachment A). Representatives from several of the Villages and Hamlets had been meeting throughout 2010 to discuss the concept and develop draft by-laws for a Clackamas County ACT. Resulting from the August 2010 meeting, the BCC directed the DTD to work with a larger group of stakeholders, including representatives from Hood River and Multnomah counties to develop a proposal for an ACT to be presented to the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC).

The primary purpose of an ACT is to provide input into the OTC on prioritization of projects on the State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP). It also serves as a venue for coordination and information sharing about regional transportation issues. More specific information about ACTs can be found at

<http://www.clackamas.us/transportation/act.html>

This website also has more information about the meetings that were hosted by Clackamas County.

Consultant Rob Zako facilitated 4 meetings with a variety of stakeholders to discuss the formation of an ACT that would include the rural portions of Clackamas County, rural eastern Multnomah County and Hood River County. This is the only area in Oregon, outside of the Portland Metro boundary, that is not covered by an ACT.

At the Feb 24th, 2011 meeting, all of the stakeholders were asked to go back to their governing bodies to determine if there was support for moving forward with an ACT and if the governing body had input into the membership of the ACT. Attachment B describes the overall proposal for a New ACT that emerged from the meetings. The next step, after feedback is received from the various stakeholders, is to develop bylaws that reflect the proposal and the input from the organizations.

One of the last remaining discussion items for the stakeholder group is to develop a membership proposal. The OTC has a specific policy on the formation of an ACT which provides the following guidelines on membership:

“At a minimum, ACT representation will include at least 50% elected officials from the Area. Representation shall include City, County, and MPO officials within the ACT boundaries. Tribal Governments, Port officials, and Transit officials shall also be invited to participate as voting members and will count toward the requirement of at least 50% elected officials. The remainder of the representation should be from interested stakeholders who may represent, but are not limited to: freight, trucking, bicycle, pedestrian, public transportation system, public interest advocacy groups, environmental, land use, local citizens, business, education, public safety providers, non-profit organizations, etc. ODOT will be a voting member on each ACT.”

We have talked with the various Clackamas County stakeholders participating in this discussion regarding their input into the ACT membership. There is agreement that the County, cities, the Confederated Tribe of Warm Springs, Port officials and the transit districts all should have a voting member on the ACT. There is less agreement on the number of other stakeholders and specific identification of those stakeholders. Attachment C includes notes from a meeting held with representatives from the Villages and Hamlets where membership was discussed. Also, staff has met with representatives from the rural cities, and had conversations with other stakeholders in the ACT formation discussion to gather their input.

OPTIONS AVAILABLE

1. Support the formation of an ACT that includes the rural areas of Clackamas County. Provide input into the membership of the ACT from Clackamas County. Direct the stakeholder group to develop bylaws that support the concept of an ACT as outlined in Attachment B.
2. Not support the formation of an ACT that includes rural Clackamas County.

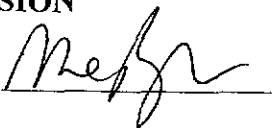
RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that BCC support the formation of an Area Commission on Transportation (ACT) that includes rural Clackamas County and provide input into membership of the ACT.

QUESTION(S) PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION

Does the Board have any issues or questions regarding this information?
Does the Board have input into the membership of the new ACT?

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