

## CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

### Study Session Worksheet

Presentation Date: February 23, 2010      Time: <sup>10:30 am</sup> ~~2:30 pm~~      Length: <sup>30</sup> ~~15~~ mins.

Presentation Title: Formation of Area Commission on Transportation

Department: Department of Transportation & Development

Presenters: Cam Gilmour, DTD; Christine Roth, PGA

#### **POLICY QUESTION**

Does Clackamas County Board of Commissioners want to initiate discussions with Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to form an Area Commission on Transportation (ACT) to serve the rural areas of Clackamas County outside the Metro Urban Growth Boundary?

#### **ISSUE & BACKGROUND**

In mid 2009, members of Mulino, Stafford and Beaver Creek Hamlets and the Villages at Mount Hood came to the County expressing interest in forming an ACT internal to Clackamas County to provide information and better access to citizens and businesses in rural Clackamas County. Five meetings have been held with various departments and representatives of ODOT discussing the need for and process to create an ACT to serve rural areas, including the rural cities of Sandy, Estacada, Molalla and Canby.

ACTs are organizations created and staffed by ODOT. Their purpose is to provide a vehicle to convey information and community concerns to ODOT and the Oregon Transportation Commission. Currently, Clackamas and Hood River Counties are the only counties in Oregon not represented by an ACT. Lane County is in the process of working with ODOT to form an ACT.

Membership in an ACT is frequently large, ranging from as few as 13 to as many as 40 members. The attached summary from ODOT describes ACT charters, and membership composition, both voting and non-voting. It also outlines sub-committees of the ACTs. Many ACTs, but not all have a County Commissioner as a required member. All include some elected official of each county involved in the ACT.

#### **QUESTION(S) PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION**

Should the ACT serve Clackamas County exclusively in the beginning and then be enlarged at some point to include a portion of northernmost Marion County, a small portion of unincorporated Washington County adjoining Clackamas County and all of Hood River County?

**OPTIONS AVAILABLE**

- Initiate the process to begin formation of an ACT
- Postpone forming an ACT until a later date
- Not form an ACT representing Clackamas County

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Staff Recommends the BCC approve initiating the formation process for an ACT representing the rural area of Clackamas County outside of the Metro boundary, including the small cities of Sandy, Estacada, Molalla and Canby.

**SCHEDULE FOR STUDY SESSION**

- Division Director/Head Approval \_\_\_\_\_
- Department Director/Head Approval \_\_\_\_\_
- County Administrator Approval \_\_\_\_\_

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