

**Data Sharing Partnership Task Force
Meeting Notes
December 6, 2007**

There was some background discussion regarding the path we've followed to get to this point and the time it's taken to get here. It was pointed out that we made quite a bit of progress during the two rounds of meetings last year in gaining consensus among the local governments and state agencies regarding the issues and what needed to be done to resolve them. Unfortunately, we were not successful in gaining legislative support and involvement in this activity.

There are a number of recently initiated, high profile statewide activities that rely on local government data, including response to Measure 49 claims and e-Permitting. The pressure to resolve the data sharing issues is growing rapidly, and everyone at the meeting was in agreement that we needed to move forward with the formation of a data sharing partnership as quickly as feasible. The group also agreed that we need to move forward in small steps that will begin to build trust between local governments and state government. It was pointed out that the State must be committed not to pursue any statutory mandates to force data sharing.

Bob Haas presented the Action Plan posted at the Task Force website. There are several key next steps that were agreed upon at the end of the Plan, including the pursuit by the Oregon Department of Revenue for tax lot data with County Assessors, and the pursuit by the Oregon Department of Transportation for road centerline data with County and City Road Authorities. It was determined that we should also pursue an initiative to involve cities in the tax lot activity. This involvement will be related to the filing and processing of plats that ultimately result in the establishment of tax lots. Lane County and LCOG have recently developed a work process for tax lot stewardship that involves plat processing and may serve as a good model for others to follow.

Another critical aspect of the data sharing partnership will be governance or administration of the partnership. This partnership will ultimately be a very complex arrangement involving many government agencies in multiple jurisdictions at all levels. We can't rely simply on personal relationships to maintain these partnerships over time, and we can't develop government business processes based on these partnerships unless we can rely on the partnerships to continue. Some form of governance or partnership administration must be agreed upon and implemented to ensure the longevity of the partnerships to the greatest extent possible. Currently, this Task Force, supported by the Oregon Geographic Information Council, is serving as the governance structure for the development of a partnership. But as the development proceeds, we need to be planning for a more permanent governance structure that involves all the stakeholders in some way.

Dick Bolen made a presentation to the group regarding longer term strategies we may want to consider, following the successful working model that has been developed and tested by Metro, with modifications to fit other parts of the state.