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TO: Land Conservation and Development Commission

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SUBJECT: **Agenda Item 7, November 3-5, 2004 LCDC Meeting**

## **METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING STATUS REPORT**

### **I. AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

The department requests that the Commission accept and approve the attached Metropolitan Planning Status Report.

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### **II. SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The department is recommending that the Commission approve the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Status report. Additional work to address the conclusions in this report would be conducted by the Commission's Transportation Subcommittee in concert with the broader evaluation of the Transportation Planning Rule (TPR) recently initiated in coordination with the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT).

### **III. BACKGROUND**

The Transportation Planning Rule (TPR) requires metropolitan areas to plan to reduce reliance on the automobile and to meet related rule requirements. The TPR also requires that the Commission evaluate efforts by the metropolitan areas at 5-year intervals. The Commission's "Policy and Program Initiatives" for the 2003-2005 biennium, approved at the November 10, 2003 Commission meeting, directs the department to prepare a status report summarizing Metropolitan Planning Organizations' (MPOs) progress in meeting the TPR requirements. Portland, Salem-Keizer, Eugene-Springfield and Medford are the MPOs that are discussed in the status report. Corvallis and Bend have recently reached

the population threshold for MPOs and have just begun to implement the TPR requirements.

Between December 2003 and February 2004, the department conducted a series of meetings with metropolitan planning staffs to document status of metropolitan planning efforts. In August, the department circulated a draft of the report to interested persons for review and comment. The status report and comments received are included in Attachments A & B.

On September 9<sup>th</sup>, the Commission's Transportation Subcommittee met, and received a briefing on the status report and received comments from stakeholders. In addition, the department presented a memo outlining possible next steps for Commission action based on the conclusions in the status report. (Attachment C)

While this status report was being prepared, the Commission agreed, at its July 2004 meeting, to initiate a broader evaluation of the Transportation Planning Rule (TPR) in coordination with ODOT. At its September 2004 meeting, the Commission further agreed to formation of a joint subcommittee with the Oregon Transportation Commission. The joint subcommittee is expected to meet several times over the next three to four months to frame recommendations for short-term rule amendments, as well as recommendations for longer term actions to better integrate land use and transportation planning.

The department anticipates that the joint subcommittee will forward recommendations for TPR amendments that would be presented to the Commission for its consideration in Spring 2005. The department suggests that this joint process provides an opportunity to respond to the next steps outlined staff memo of September 9, including consideration of amendments to the Transportation Planning Rule as it relates to planning in metropolitan areas.

#### **IV. APPROVAL CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES**

There are no specific criteria for the Commission to apply in reviewing or approving such a report.

#### **V. COMMISSION OPTIONS**

The commission may choose to adopt the staff recommendation, revise and adopt the modified recommendation, postpone a decision until a later Commission meeting, or make a decision to not take action.

#### **VI. DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION AND DRAFT MOTION**

The department recommends that the Commission approve the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Status Report.

**Motion:** The department recommends the following motion with regard to the metropolitan transportation planning staff report:

*“I move that the Commission approve the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Status Report dated October 2004 and to use the joint ODOT process to respond to the report conclusions.*

**Alternative Motions:**

*“I move that the Commission postpone a decision on the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Status Report dated October 2004 until the December 2004 Commission meeting.”*

**ATTACHMENTS**

- A. Metropolitan Transportation Planning Status Report, October 2004
- B. Letters of Comment
- C. DLCD Memo of September 9 2004, Next Steps