

IN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION NO. 99-6-30-1

) IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING A
) RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE
) CONCEPT OF A COORDINATED
) GROWTH MANAGEMENT
) STRATEGY FOR THE SOUTHERN
) WILLAMETTE VALLEY REGION
) (CENTRAL LANE COUNTY)

WHEREAS, Lane Council of Governments (LCOG) has determined that there is a need for local governments and service providers to take a regional approach to growth management in the Southern Willamette Valley, including the Eugene-Springfield metropolitan area and the surrounding commute shed, based on inter-city commute patterns;

WHEREAS, in 1990, one quarter to three-quarters of the resident workers in Coburg, Cottage Grove, Creswell, Junction City, Lowell, Oakridge/Westfir, and Veneta commuted to Eugene-Springfield to work; and three percent to 40 percent of the jobs in those cities were held by residents of Eugene-Springfield;

WHEREAS, the role these cities play in the future growth of the region needs to be considered in addressing growth-related issues in these cities, including maintaining community identity; providing a balance of jobs and housing, efficient transportation facilities, and adequate public facilities and services to support the level and type of desired growth; and ensuring orderly, efficient urban growth to minimize costs;

WHEREAS, these inter-city commute patterns have impacts on air quality and state and metropolitan transportation systems and their ability to efficiently move people and goods;

WHEREAS, Interstate-5 faces congestion with few alternative north/south routes; the adequacy of road connections to Interstate-5 and east/west connections across Interstate-5 is in question; and these conditions may impact the movement of people and goods and the economies of these cities and create the need for coordinated and consistent corridor management to maintain the planned functions of these transportation systems;

WHEREAS, public transportation can address some of the travel needs of inter-city commuters, if planned in a coordinated manner that considers urban and rural bus service, transit links between adjacent cities, and regional inter-modal connections, including bus, rail and air;

WHEREAS, it is important to preserve the environmental quality, economy, life style, livability, and identity of the region and its member communities by protecting open space and valuable agricultural, forest and mineral resources; and managing and protecting watersheds, stream corridors, and wetland systems; and

WHEREAS, the availability and location of public facilities and the economic development policies of the involved jurisdictions affect the type, amount and direction of growth in the region; and these facilities and policies need to be evaluated as part of a growth management strategy for the Southern Willamette Valley.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. Lane County supports the concept of a coordinated growth management strategy for the Southern Willamette Valley region and LCOG's pursuit of funding to support strategy development;
2. Strategy development will include formation of a technical advisory committee (TAC) comprised of staff from organizations with authority to implement the strategy and, if possible, expanding an existing staff committee, such as the Transportation Planning Committee for the Metropolitan Planning Organization, to include all relevant organizations on the TAC;
3. The Strategy will result in an intergovernmental agreement among TAC organizations, possibly including Lane County, local and regional utilities and transit district, the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), Eugene, Springfield, and cities within the commute shed of the Eugene-Springfield metropolitan area, as defined by inter-city commute trends;
4. The agreement could include some or all of the following types of agreements: to cooperatively address growth management and public facility issues, including transportation; to use certain principles to guide growth management efforts, jobs/housing interactions, and transportation improvements in the region; to establish target population and density levels for each urban growth boundary (UGB); to implement provisions to protect transportation facilities, open space,

watershed health, and agricultural land; and to implement provisions to minimize/guide development in areas outside and between UGBs.

Adopted this 30th day of June, 1999 by the Lane County Board of Commissioners.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Green, Sr.", written over a horizontal line.

Chair, Lane County Board of County Commissioners