



# Lane County

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Supplement 2: Memorandum for a Work Session on September 16, 2009

- Ordinance First Reading Date July 22, 2009
  - Ordinance Second Reading Date/Public Hearing August 5, 2009
  - Future Ordinance Third Reading Date/Public Hearing September 23, 2009
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**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

**DEPARTMENT:** Public Works

**PRESENTED BY:** Celia Barry, Transportation Planning Division

**AGENDA ITEM TITLE:** In the Matter of Adopting the Coburg/Interstate-5 Interchange Area Management Plan as a Refinement to the Lane County Transportation System Plan and Co-Adopting the Plan as a Refinement to the City of Coburg Transportation System Plan; and Adopting a Severability Clause (File No. PA 09-5027, City of Coburg)

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On August 5, 2009, the Board of County Commissioners held a public hearing, closed the public hearing, and moved to hold a third reading and public hearing on September 23 at 1:30 p.m., on the Coburg/Interstate-5 Interchange Area Management Plan (IAMP), and on the same date and time to hold a second reading and public hearing on the design concept proposed by Order 09-8-5-3.

You also directed staff to come back prior to the September 23 public hearing for a work session on land use issues, to have representatives present from the Lane County Land Management Division (LMD) Planning Program, the Department of Land Conservation and Development Commission (DLCDC), the City of Coburg, and the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT).

This memorandum forwards to you materials to inform your discussion, as listed in the Attachments section, below.

Staff also contacted ODOT regarding the question of potential earmark loss, in particular because on August 25, 2009 FHWA issued a Notice regarding "Rescission Of Unobligated Balances Of Contract Authority On September 30, 2009". FHWA is directing all state Departments of Transportation to identify unobligated transportation funds and to forward a list of "round 1" project funds for rescission.

ODOT staff indicate the following:

*. . . while the earmark is technically "available until expended," a SAFETEA-LU continuing resolution or new federal bill is needed by the end of September in order to keep federal funds coming to the states. The outcome of this process is likely a resolution, but its nature is unclear at this point. As part of the consideration of a new bill or CR, John [Baker, an ODOT federal liaison] understands that Congress is likely to review unexpended earmarks and as Petra rightly points out and as John confirmed [in email correspondence], rescissions are definitely on the table. Nothing is definite at this time, but our folks who work with this process absolutely believe that additional delay is especially risky at this time.*

The above information applies to both the earmark and any additional funds needed from the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program for Phase I improvements.

#### Attachments

1. Responses to Issues Raised by Board of Commissioners on August 5, 2009
2. Coburg Urbanization Study Abstract about Population Forecasts (EcoNorthwest, 2004)
3. August 31, 2009 LMD Planning Memorandum
4. August 28, 2009 DLCDC Memorandum
5. August 31, 2009 City of Coburg Memorandum