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**TO:** Board of County Commissioners  
**DEPARTMENT:** Administration, Intergovernmental Relations  
**PRESENTED BY:** Alex Cuyler, Intergovernmental Relations Manager  
**AGENDA ITEM TITLE:** United Front Agenda for 2011 trip to Washington DC

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### **I. MOTION**

Move to approve the policy and project priorities listed in Attachment A for inclusion into the overall United Front agenda for the March, 2011 lobbying trip to Washington, DC.

### **II. AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

- Lane County is a partner in the United Front, a regional agreement that results in a suite of project and policy-related information that is taken to Washington, DC on an annual basis.
- This trip will be the first time that project requests for Congressionally directed spending will not be the highest priority, rather policy related issues will be the focus.

### **III. BACKGROUND/IMPLICATIONS OF ACTION**

#### **A. Board Action and Other History**

- On January 28, 2009, the Board approved the list of projects and policies developed for the 2009 federal lobbying effort.
- On January 5, 2010, the Board approved the list of projects and policies developed for the 2010 federal lobbying effort.
- The Board of County Commissioners approved the 2010 project list on January 5, 2010 at their regular board meeting.
- At least one individual from the Board of County Commissioners traditionally travels to Washington, DC to participate in the annual United Front trip.
- The Board has discussed options related to the United Front on several occasions, and specifically has grappled with how to include and prioritize projects from Lane County cities that do not pay for federal lobbying assistance.

#### **B. Policy Issues**

Each of these efforts is ultimately related to securing federal funding or favorable legislation for Lane County interests.

#### **C. Board Goals**

The Strategic Plan references the development of balanced revenue strategies and the pursuit of intergovernmental revenue.

#### **D. Financial and/or Resource Considerations**

Securing federal funds through the United Front effort has brought many millions of dollars of infrastructure and other funds to Lane County and has paid for the annual cost of travel and contract lobbyist many times over.

## **E. Analysis**

### 2011 Trip Update

The 2011 trip is scheduled for the week of February 27. Meetings will conclude on Thursday, March 3. Note the National Association of Counties Legislative Conference in Washington, DC is March 5-9.

Due to the policy and power shifts in the 112<sup>th</sup> Congress, the United Front partners are not expecting that earmarking will occur in the 2012 Federal Fiscal Year budget. While we will continue to make our federal delegation aware of projects that are of regional importance locally, the focus of this year's efforts will be on promoting policy issues these members may be able to have influence over. This conclusion was reached through a series of meetings with staff from Smith, Dawson & Andrews, the United Front's contract lobbyist in Washington, DC.

### 2010 Trip Update

During the Lame Duck session of the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress, there was a lively debate over the 2011 budget. Ultimately, Congress voted on a Continuing Resolution to fund the government at 2010 levels through March 4. As a result none of the requests from the 2010 trip have received funding, with one exception:

- The Veneta Highway 126 Corridor Study did receive \$750,000 from ODOT as a result of correspondence generated by Congressman Peter DeFazio to Gail Achterman, Chair of the Oregon Transportation Commission. This funding is paying for a facility study that will be undertaken beginning in spring, 2011..

## **F. Alternatives/Options**

United Front projects are initially developed during the summer months. Given the uncertainty over the outcomes of the November elections and the lack of action on the FY 11 federal budget, the preparations for this trip have been extremely dynamic.

Should the Board have suggestions for future projects, it may suggest those at any time.

## **IV. RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends the Board move to approve the agenda list. This effort is consistent with past activities related to federal issues.

## **V. TIMING/IMPLEMENTATION**

Staff is currently working on developing the "book" that is the support document that travels with staff and elected officials to Washington, DC.

## **FOLLOW-UP**

Intergovernmental relations staff will continue to monitor these issues as a matter of course and is available to provide updates to the Board as requested.

## **VII. ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A – list of project and policy priorities.

Attachment B – United Front project and policy analysis summary prepared for SDA, 12/5/10

Attachment A  
Lane County, Oregon  
2011 United Front Projects and Policy Priorities  
January 18, 2011

**Policy Priorities**

Secure Rural Schools

- Support efforts that seek re-authorization or extension of the “Secure Rural Schools” federal safety net payments at a ten year, level appropriation based on 2008 levels.

Blue Green Algae

- Cyano-bacterial blooms are becoming more and more common in Lane County’s waters. These blooms have the potential to be toxic and Oregon’s Department of Health will issue a closure notice when monitoring (often done by USFS or USCOE) indicates a bloom is present. At issue is that there is little understanding of these blooms, and while NOAA has funded studies for blooms in the marine environment, USEPA is seen as being a less than willing partner in ensuring that funding is available for studying blooms in fresh water. Given the dramatic economic impact to Lane County (especially City of Lowell, Oakridge, Dunes City, and certain Lane County Parks) we ask that Congress pass the Freshwater Harmful Algal Bloom Research and Control Act (FHAB Act).

Coos Bay Rail Link

- The Coos Bay Rail Link has benefitted from a number of federal actions that will allow the Port of Coos Bay to own and operate a rail line that begins in Vaughn, in Western Lane County. However, to continue to transfer freight into Eugene from Vaughn will require arrangements with both the CORP and the UP, commonly referred to as a “steel barrier”.

Willamette River Nature Conservancy

- Exact scope of restoration projects are un-clear at this time, but this involves the recent transfer of the “Wildish” property adjacent to Mount Pisgah to the Nature Conservancy, with assistance from the Bonneville Power Administration. Likely the Water Resources Development Act will play a role in the future development of this project.

Veneta Water

- Veneta has been successful in securing a Rural Development loan for \$13M for construction related to a drinking water pipeline extending from Eugene to serve city residents. At issue is that the construction related costs will double existing water fees in Veneta. Veneta seeks assistance in having the interest rate established by Department of Agriculture lowered, which over the course of this loan will save Veneta residents millions of dollars, and would engender much-needed community support for this project.

**LANE COUNTY-FY 12 Project Information**

Florence composting facility	Florence seeks \$1M to complete a \$5.4 biosolids composting facility.	\$1,000,000
Teen Courts	Expansion of teen court operations in Eugene, Springfield, Cottage Grove, and Junction City.	\$750,000
Lane Healthy Babies-Healthy Communities Initiative	Lane County Public Health ongoing effort of three collaborative, community-driven fetal-infant mortality task forces working to reduce the fetal-infant mortality rate in Lane County.	\$600,000
FQHC in Cottage Grove	Develop physical capacity for clinic to be based in Cottage Grove	\$800,000
Highway 126 NEPA Analysis	The next phase of this project entails a NEPA analysis for pre-construction purposes.	\$4,500,000
Public Safety/Emergency Communications & Technology	Police Services and Corrections Division staff have generated a list of equipment that would allow staff to work more efficiently while maintaining effectiveness.	\$700,000

# LANE COUNTY, OREGON

## FEDERAL PROJECTS OVERVIEW

Updated 12/5/10

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## 2010 Project Status: FY11 Appropriations

As of this writing, the Senate passed most of its appropriations bills, the House relatively fewer. Congress is expected to roll these efforts into an omnibus appropriations bill in January, 2011.

### Healthy Babies, Healthy Community Initiative, \$600,000 (Labor H)

- This project has been brought forward in 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010. While this project continues to receive excellent support from both Congressman DeFazio and the Senators, it has not made it into a single budget bill. In 2010, we attempted to make this a more attractive project to appropriators by inserting Nurse Family Partnership ties, but this too was unsuccessful. Lane County staff continue to see this as a priority issue, eg, infant mortality rates in Lane County remain high. *Staff asks that SDA advise us on this issue*

### Hwy 126 Corridor Study, \$4.5M (THUD)

- This project was brought into the UF as a regular appropriation for the first time during 2010 (2009 trip it was considered to be a candidate for the t-bill reauthorization. The project received good support from the Senators at \$1.659M, but failed to make it through Mark Up. On the House side, Congressman DeFazio did send a letter to ODOT urging them to fund this study (per a small amendment in the that sent additional funding to Oregon). As a result, ODOT has allocated \$750,000 to a facility study, which is scheduled to begin in the very near future. NEPA analysis would be the next step of this effort, and that has yet to have funding identified. *Question for SDA staff is whether to continue with this project as an appropriation request, or as a T-bill project?*

### Bio-Energy Park, \$5M (E&W)

- This project was a United Front project in 2009 and 2010. It got no delegation support in 2009, but was recommended for \$1.98M by the Senators in 2010. It failed to advance through the Mark Up, however. The project has stalled somewhat with problems related to the development of state facilities in Junction City (the project was going to be co-developed along with a yet-to be constructed wastewater treatment facility owned by Junction City). Moreover, this project has consistently run up against the House policy of not earmarking for private companies (even though Lane County had yet to formally identify a private partner). Staff is recommending that this project be pulled from the UF list, and instead replaced by an Energy Park proposal located at the Lane County Short Mountain Landfill site and operated by Lane County (see description in this document).

### Teen Courts Initiative, \$750,000 (CJS)

- This project was first brought forward in 2010, and proposes to expand operations of teen courts in Lane County. It is a joint project of Lane County, City of Springfield, and City of Eugene. The project failed to advance through the Senate Mark Up, but did advance through the House sub-committee with a recommendation of \$500,000. It is hoped that this project will remain through the omnibus spending bill construction in either the Lame Duck or in the beginning of the 112<sup>th</sup> Congress.

### Public Safety Tech Improvements, \$700,000 (CJS)

- This project was brought forward in 2010 with a new list of equipment after a successful grant award in 2009 (\$650,000 split between Eugene and Lane County). It included efficiency elements, search and rescue elements, and officer protective equipment (these turned out to be ineligible for COPS-Tech funding). This project received excellent support from both Congressman DeFazio and the Senators but failed to advance through Mark Up. It is likely that this project will be brought forward again, but with a slightly different list of equipment. *SDA need to be aware of the multitude of public safety needs in Lane County, and the potential for a concurrent effort with lead from the Oregon State Police.*

## Lane County FFY12 Directed Spending Proposals (11/2010)

### **SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

In May 2008, 25% of the total workforce of the Sheriff's Office was laid off due to budget cuts that occurred in preparation for the FY 09 fiscal year. While FY 09 and FY 10 have been relatively stable for the Sheriff's Office, it is likely that additional cuts will be made during FY11 and FY12 due to state and federal revenue shortfalls. The items below would greatly assist remaining staff to work as efficiently and effectively as possible. In addition to staff cuts, the Sheriff's Office has been unable to devote resources to obtain or maintain critically needed equipment.

#### **Technology Enhancements- Lane County Sheriff's Office-Police Services Division-\$271,642**

The Police Services Division encompasses the traffic teams, dispatch, search and rescue, and support services.

#### **LiveScan Fingerprint machine (Technology/Records Management) \$30,000**

Our aging fingerprint machine breaks down regularly requiring staff to hand roll prints. This results in long lines for service and higher rejection rates. New equipment would provide improved records management, more efficient evidence storage and retrieval and more reliable, and faster, fingerprinting processes. Fingerprints are now required for many different purposes from a wide variety of agencies. The Sheriff's Office is the primary point of contact for persons needing fingerprints in Lane County.

#### **Kofax Flatbed Scanner (Technology/Records Management) \$6,932**

This device allows for documents to be managed more efficiently by digitizing them. An increasing number of records storage and management tasks can be streamlined by reducing paper records to digital. A reduction in paper use and filing would enhance the ability to more rapidly search and retrieve a given record.

#### **Mobile Command Unit Computer Station (Technology/Incident Command & Management) \$10,000**

Recently, through a variety of funding sources, the Lane County Sheriff's Office was able to commission a mobile command unit. This system, built on a trailer chassis, allows for incident command operations to take place in a forward field position. The unit is operational but would benefit from an expanded computer capability. This project would allow for a mobile computer system to be installed in the unit (including wireless interface).

#### **Information Systems Technical Support for In-Car Video System (Technology/Evidence Collection & Officer Safety) \$15,000**

A few years ago, the Lane County Sheriff's Office obtained a system of cameras, digital recorders and electronic storage to allow its fleet of patrol vehicles to be outfitted to collect audio and video in the field. The system is marginally operational, but would benefit greatly from the ability to be supported by a full service Information Services department. Lane County has such a department, but the Sheriff's Office lacks the financial ability to pay for IS services to support this project.

#### **Bar-Coded Evidence/Property Management, Expansion of BEAST System (Technology/Computer Aided Property and Evidence Management) \$4,250**

The Lane County Sheriff's Office already uses bar coding to manage the property/evidence function. This project would allow the system to expand to a second operational point, planned to be at a satellite S.O. facility.

#### **Support Services Workplace Efficiencies Upgrade - \$38,000**

The Support Services Unit provides records management and storage functions, as well as a number of other services including data entry, computer record validation and record copy requests from the public and other

criminal justice agencies. The work space could be utilized more efficiently with an upgrade to more ergonomic and task specific furnishings. Workstations including desk systems would allow for the placement of computers and telephones in a manner more conducive to the functional requirements of the tasks assigned to records officers.

**360 Degree Photo System (Technology/Crime Scene Investigation) \$60,000**

This instrument is capable of capturing digital photographs in full 360 degrees around a given placement point. The system can more completely and clearly document complex, oddly shaped or expansive crime or incident scenes. The system is computer based and allows for fully panoramic, detailed photographs to be included as part of the evidence gathered from a scene.

**Radar Speed Measuring Devices (Technology/Traffic Safety) \$60,000 (3x\$20K)**

Lane County continues to suffer from one of the highest rates of injury and fatal traffic crashes in Oregon. Many of the road systems servicing Lane County are two lanes, in rural or remote areas and (because of local geography) have a variety of curves, hills and other features challenging to drivers. Unfortunately, these circumstances, when coupled with excessive speed, cause crashes and increase the likelihood of injuries or deaths. More modern speed measuring devices, those that allow measuring the speed of oncoming, same lane and rear approaching traffic, all from either moving or stationary positions are an essential part of traffic safety enforcement.

**SUV K-9 Prisoner Transport System \$16,000 (2x\$8K)**

The Sheriff's Office plans to utilize an SUV platform for K-9 unit operations. This marks a change from the sedan based units of the past. Specially made inserts are required to make SUVs useable for K-9 operations. These inserts partition the K-9 from a person being transported in the vehicle as well as allow for the dog to be rapidly and efficiently deployed in emergent situations.

**Snowmachines (Search and Rescue) \$25,000 (2x\$12,500)**

These specially designed vehicles differ from snowmobiles in that they are designed for utility application as opposed to sport use. They can carry personnel and equipment into otherwise snowbound terrain as well as evacuate injured or lost persons in Search and Rescue operations.

**Snowmachine Trailer \$7000**

Snowmachines require a specially designed trailer to transport them to operational areas.

**Corrections Division First Priority Package (\$500,000)**

**Improvements to safety, security and accountability**

Since the construction of the Lane County Jail the need for greater security has outpaced Lane County's ability to keep up. Operating a jail designed in the 1970s, which still uses much of the technology of that time period, results in many inefficiencies and a lower level of security than is possible with modernized technology and equipment.

The following is a list of prioritized projects that would increase the safety and security of the Lane County Jail and of the community it serves while increasing the efficiency of staff.

**Louvers on exterior jail windows (\$105,000)**

Louvers on exterior jail windows would prevent visual communication between inmates and those outside of the jail. Inmates have been found in possession of jail staff's license plate numbers that they have written down after observing staff through their windows. Recently an escape attempt took place where the inmate had used

information gathered through his window. Other escape attempt plots have involved communication through windows. Louvers would allow the necessary natural light in, while accomplishing our security goals.

**Perimeter Alarm around jail roof (\$87,000)**

The Perimeter Alarm around jail roof is not functioning. It was installed in the 1980's and requires several mechanical components that are no longer manufactured. Detecting a perimeter breach is a fundamental part of maintaining the security in a correctional facility.

**GPS Units for Parole and Probation Vehicles (\$8,800)**

GPS units greatly improve the ability of Probation Officers to locate offender's residences throughout Lane County. Lane County comprises 4,600 square miles and offenders on supervision are found in every corner of the county. When PO's are able to conduct a higher number of field checks on offenders it results in greater accountability and improved public safety. Currently two Probation Officers are using their own personal GPS units in performing their duties. These same PO's consistently have the highest percentage of field checks performed. All Lane County Parole and Probation Officer have an extremely high number of offenders on their caseload. GPS units would assist them in getting their jobs done in the most efficient way possible.

**Front Entrance Security Improvement (\$30,000)**

Many jail breaks escape attempts start from the exterior of a facility. The front entrance to the jail is currently a weak link in our overall security and would be easily overcome. Vehicles can drive right up to (and through) the entrance. The entrance is mainly constructed from glass and would be easily breached through use of a sledge hammer, vehicle collision, or shotgun. Improvements would include physical barriers for vehicles, replacement of the existing glass doors and glass wall with a higher impact resistant construction material.

**Central Control Security Upgrade (\$15,000)**

Central Control controls all of the doors in the entire adult corrections facility. When the jail was originally constructed 30 years ago, a large, impact resistant window was placed between Central Control and the front lobby. The existing material was found to resist a single shot from a rifle, however a slug from a shotgun was found to pass right through the material. Given that the jail routinely houses our community's most dangerous criminals, it is important to have a facility that is very secure. The window from Central Control to the lobby represents a significant weakness in our ability to maintain safety and security in the event someone is determined to break an inmate out of jail. The improvements would include replacing the large glass window with a block wall. The lobby would then be monitored via several cameras and a monitor.

**Key Control System (\$50,000)**

A Key Control System is needed to maintain control over the jail's key inventory. Tight control over keys in a corrections environment is extremely important. The existing system is outdated and unable to be modified to meet current demands.

**Video Visitation (\$100,000)**

Video Visitation for inmates uses a computer-based video system similar to Skype, and offers many advantages: Increased visiting opportunities with families, reducing in-person visits by children to a jail setting, and reducing the amount of staff time required to monitor in-person visits. Currently, Ada County, Idaho has developed such a system and has found it to be a popular option with inmates and their families while reducing staff time spent checking visitors in and out of the facility and monitoring their visit.

**Update Visiting recording equipment (\$4,800)**

Electronic monitoring and recording of visits is an important intelligence gathering technique when there is a facility safety and security concern regarding an inmate. Whether it is plans to escape, influence a witness, introduce contraband, or conspiring to commit a new crime, information gained during inmate visiting can be

critical to a safe and secure environment. The jails current system uses a cassette tape format system. Replacing this with a digital system is necessary to allow for better preserving evidence and play back capabilities.

#### **Guard 1 plus Rnds Trkr system (\$35,000)**

The Guard 1 plus Rnds Trkr system is used to assure that staff members are making housing unit rounds and doing required inmate checks. The system automatically logs each check. The checks are important for the safety of inmates and the documentation is vital to protect the county from liability.

#### **Cell Amplifier System (\$4,400)**

Currently there is very little cellular phone reception inside the walls of the jail. The Cellular telephone amplifier system for the jail would allow phone calls to be forwarded to shift supervisors who are in the facility, regardless of their location. Shift supervisors often work alone and may be the only administrative staff on duty for up to 14 hours at a time during normal work weeks and all the time on weekends. Therefore, the ability to contact supervisors by phone is very difficult for a significant portion of every workweek.

#### **X-ray machine (\$35,000)**

Our current x ray equipment is out of date and unusable. The US Marshal's Service has offered their x-ray equipment to us. However, it will require approximately \$35,000 to be renovated, certified, and installed.

#### **Office Equip: Copier, shredder, high speed scanner for Jail Administration (\$15,000)**

Our current copier is out of date and at the end of its life span. Staff spends many hours shredding documents in a shredder that is inadequate. A high speed scanner is needed to go "paperless" and cut down on the amount of scanning that needs to be done.

#### **Electronic visiting check in for Professionals (\$10,000)**

A card swipe and computer log-in system for professional visitors such as attorneys at the jail would provide a secure and efficient way of checking in professionals who had already been approved for face-to-face visits with inmates.

### **Corrections Division Second Priority Package (\$500,000)**

#### **Central Control Technology Upgrade**

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#### **Modernize Central Control (\$500,000)**

Central Control has responsibility for all radio communication, camera views, alarms, inmate movement, door and elevator control throughout the jail facility. Over the 30 year life of the current jail, many individual components of Central Control have been upgraded as funds were available. As a result, it is currently a hodge podge of different systems which are a mix of analog and digital technology. The system is out of date and difficult to maintain. To bring it up to modern standards of effectiveness and efficiency will require rebuilding, modernizing, and standardizing the various systems

### **Corrections Division Third Priority Package (\$223,220)**

#### **Improvements to the Special Operations Response Team**

Lane County has also fallen behind on our ability to react to emergencies in a Correctional environment using best practices. The Lane County Sheriff's Office Special Operations Response Team (SORT) was formed five years ago and has struggled to become properly outfitted and remain properly trained since that time. The list of equipment and training below would greatly enhance SORT's ability to maintain a high level of safety and security while avoiding unnecessary injuries and liability.

### **Equipment (\$17,660)**

#### **Taser Cam (\$3,200)**

The TaserCam allows for the recording of Taser deployments. This can be an important piece of evidence during both criminal and civil trials.

#### **MSA ESP II Amplifier (\$13,500)**

The MSA ESP II Amplifier allows SORT Operators to verbally communicate even when they have their gas masks on. The importance of this was illustrated during a training exercise in April of 2008, when SORT operators could not be heard as they were attempting to give instructions to people playing the part of inmates.

#### **Camelback Type M mask adapter (\$360)**

Dehydration is a major concern for Special Operations Response Team (SORT) Operators when they are wearing all of their various protective gear. Operators may have their gear on for hours in some cases, including their gas masks. The Camelback type M mask adapter allows Operators to drink without taking off their gas masks.

#### **Binoculars, H2 12x25 water/fog proof (\$600)**

Binoculars are used for reconnaissance prior to sending staff into a potentially hazardous situation.

#### **Taser Training Suit (\$500)**

The Taser Training Suit allows for realistic Taser training scenarios to take place without the targeted staff member being stunned by the weapon.

#### **Training (\$205,560)**

The Lane County Sheriff's Office Special Operations Response Team (SORT) is an important part of Lane County's strategy for maintaining order in the face of civil disturbance, maintaining safety and security during major and minor disturbances in the jail, and assisting during major natural and manmade disasters in the community. Training of the team and maintaining their certifications is critical in order to keep them ready to handle any crisis that may arise and limit Lane County's exposure to liability.

### **Public Works Department**

#### **Lane County Public Works Department-Waste Management Division                      \$19M**

The Short Mountain Landfill has been producing electricity through the combustion of landfill gas since 1992 through a partnership between Lane County and the Emerald People's Utility District (EPUD). Lane County & EPUD are seeking to increase renewable energy generated on site through three projects: (1) Replace one of EPUD's CAT3516 landfill gas combustion engines with a CAT3520 engine which produces nearly twice the amount of electricity for the same amount of landfill gas; (2) construct a 2MW solar array on the south-facing closed landfill surface; (3) construct a pilot-scale anaerobic digester for digestion/energy capture of food waste.

Additionally, Lane County plans to construct two facilities that will utilize the "waste heat" generated as a by-product of landfill gas combustion: (1) a commercial scale greenhouse completely heated and powered by

landfill gas combustion; (2) a leachate evaporator to be used in conjunction with an existing reverse osmosis facility to facilitate on-site treatment of leachate (reducing greenhouse gas emissions associated with current transportation operations and reduction of pollutant loads to the municipal wastewater treatment facility).

- The CAT 3520 upgrade will cost approximately \$2M. Partners are: Lane County, EPUD, and Peterson Machinery Co.
- The 2MW solar array will cost approximately \$14M. Partners are: Lane County, EPUD. Looking for a private solar developer.
- The anaerobic digester will cost approximately \$70K. Partners are not determined. Likely Lane County, EPUD, & City of Eugene.
- The greenhouse will cost approximately \$600K. Partners are Lane County and EPUD. Future partners may include local growers & the University of Oregon.
- The leachate evaporator will cost approximately \$250K. Partners are Lane County and EPUD.

*SDA should be aware that EPUD and Lane County are partners in an intergovernmental agreement which addresses the current methane gas recovery and conversion technologies operated at the landfill. This agreement has been in place for several decades, but is the subject of a great deal of consternation by staff and the Board of County Commissioners. We will need guidance for how to best move this project forward, given the on-going discussions by both EPUD and the BCC to resolve this issue.*

**Lane County Public Works Department-Transportation Planning and Traffic Division \$7.5M**

We have developed a list of projects on Forest Highway Roads under county jurisdiction that will enhance safety, promote continuing use of forest resource areas for recreational and timber harvest uses and which in some cases will enhance fish passage and stream habitat values. Projects are mainly within the coastal zone and provide access to Siuslaw National Forest, except for one which serves as access to Willamette National Forest.

The list includes numerous deep culverts which are currently failing and in need of replacement in the foreseeable future. These are significant in that a failure of one of them could cause a catastrophic failure of the road which would restrict access to the forest lands for a significant period of time until funding could be identified and environmental permitting could be completed.

The spot repair sites consist of embankment failures, shoulder slips and road failures, which if not repaired could develop into major road failures that would take the road out of service until repairs could be made.

*Staff were directed to focus on roads feeding into federal forest transportation networks in the thought that this request would mark to the public lands highway account. Question for SDA is if seeking these funds would jeopardize our annual (grant-based) efforts at seeking these dollars.*

**Lane County Public Works Department-Parks Division \$1.2M**

Camp Lane is one of 73 recreation sites managed by Lane County. It offers camping facilities for groups and organizations. The 15 acres that make up Camp Lane is located in the picturesque Siuslaw National Forest area in the heart of the Coastal Mountains. It is 42 miles west of Eugene and 23 miles east of Florence on Highway 126. Facilities include a historic 60 year old log constructed lodge provides a commercial size kitchen, a dining hall (160 capacity), and a large fireplace. The nearby two story A-frame building has two dormitory style sleeping quarters upstairs which sleep approximately 20-25 people, plus a fireside room, nurse's room, and restrooms. The Adirondaeks are three-sided shelters with portable bed frames and sleep approximately 15-18 people in each of the two shelters. The Treehouses are a unique design of three-bunk cabins built on decking. The Treehouses can accommodate 72 people.

The Parks Division is seeking \$1.2 million for purposes of renovating each of the facilities at Camp Lane, such that the camp could provide services to Lane County residents year round:

- Removal/Replacement of the current tree houses. Design six new "treehouse" structures. The current structures have posed significant problems for councilors and preventative maintenance. The new design will follow traditional bunkhouses which will be oblong in shape, have a front and back door, have bunkbeds lining both sides of the cabin, and better electrical capacity.
- Electrical upgrade, foundation stabilization, winterization, and structural repairs to the main lodge.
- Improvements to the A-Frame structure. Includes new roof and support beam placements to re-establish structural integrity. This building serves as the nursing and councilor quarters.
- Structural improvements to the Adirondacks and purchases of new mattresses, covers, and other supplies for the operation of the camp

### **Lane County Children and Families Department**

The Department is seeking \$400,000 in federal funding to increase the capacity and infrastructure in rural Lane County to serve families with very young children. In 2008 the Commission on Children and Families (CCF) chose the following priority as one of only three included in their Comprehensive Plan required by Oregon Senate Bill 555: "Increase quality child care for 0-3 year olds". As part of their planning process, CCF surveyed Lane County residents and found 62% identified availability of child care as "very important". Recent reports indicate that there has been a 26% drop in child care slots in the last ten years.

At about the same time CCF was developing their plan, the Florence Area Coordinating Council (FACC) adopted bringing a child care center for infants and toddlers to Florence as a priority. Florence has no child care center serving infants and toddlers. To address this need, FACC appointed a subcommittee to work on this important issue and that subcommittee has become Quality Child Care of Florence (QCCF). QCCF includes representatives of the public and private sector, social services, Peace Harbor, Kiwanis, and the community at large. In July 2009 they became a stand alone non-profit. In a survey done by QCCF and area major employers, 65% of employees reported difficulty in finding affordable, quality child care. Thirty eight percent reported a total annual household income of under \$20,000. Only 9% report receiving government child care subsidies because few providers in Florence are set up to allow eligible low income families to access these subsidies. The lack of affordable, quality child care is cited by local businesses including Peace Harbor Medical Center as a major barrier to recruitment and retention of employees.

The Commission is working with Quality Child Care of Florence to support its efforts to purchase and install a custom modular Child Care and Learning Center. The facility would have slots for 25-40 infants, toddlers, and preschoolers. The target population is families who need infant/toddler care in order to work or pursue further education with particular focus on teen parents, tribal families, and low income families. QCCF has raised 45% of the funds to purchase and install the center and 84% of the funds for furniture and equipment to open their doors. Earmarked funds would be used to purchase and install the facility, purchase the remainder of the furniture and equipment, and provide minimal startup funding until parent fees and child care subsidies can cover the center's operating costs. Owning the facility will help the make child care more affordable for families and will be a critical factor in sustaining the center.

## Health and Human Services

### **Community Health Centers of Lane County**

**\$800K**

Community Health Centers of Lane County has been requested by Cottage Grove citizen groups, the local hospital, the private practice physician group, and mental health providers to establish a satellite branch of the Federally Qualified Health Center in the Cottage Grove community. Cottage Grove is located 18 miles from the nearest Community Health Center location, with a 2009 population of 18,835. 36% are at or below 200% of Federal Poverty, and 48% of children receive free or reduced lunches. Cottage Grove is located in a medically underserved area.

Community Health Centers of Lane County will begin initial planning for a new satellite in late 2011 and seeks to establish a site in Cottage Grove in 2012. Community Health Centers of Lane County will apply for funding from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) in 2011. Funding provided through HRSA will pay for the renovation and equipment costs for the new facility. CHCLC is requesting \$800,000 funding for the purchase and renovation of a clinic facility in Cottage Grove.

### **Public Health Services**

Lane County's Department of Health and Human Services seeks \$600,000 to address Lane County's unacceptably high rate of fetal-infant mortality. The goals of the initiative are to reduce fetal and infant mortality by identifying contributing factors and seek to reverse this disturbing trend through implementation of a comprehensive Nurse Family Partnership and its protocol-driven best practices. *This project has been in place for four consecutive United Front trips. Question to SDA is whether or not it should continue. Staff in Public Health Services are also interested in opportunities to pursue funding for chronic disease prevention. They also state that it is their understanding that accreditation for public health agencies may be in the near future, such that it would be a pre-requisite for federal fund applications. Gaining accreditation will be an expensive endeavor in and of itself, and if federal assistance is available for this, we would be very interested in knowing about it*

## Lane County Sheriff's Office, District Attorney, and Oregon State Police Collaboration (aka Southern Willamette Public Safety Partnership)

### **Morgue/Forensics Facility**

The 2009 Oregon Legislature created a task force on cost-effective and efficient government in order to provide a greater examination of ways that local and state governments could collaborate. One of the sub-committees of this task force focused on public safety. Attendees recognized the value of a collaborative venture to create a new multi-purpose law enforcement facility in or near the Eugene-Springfield metro area. At the time of our meeting it was contemplated that the facility would house the OSP (Oregon State Police) patrol facility, a Lane County patrol facility, expanded OSP forensic capacity and a Lane County morgue. The impetus for the collaboration includes all of the following considerations:

- The OSP Springfield forensic lab was originally designed to house 3 analysts/scientists in 1985; there are currently 27 analysts working in that original space, a space which is now grossly inadequate and inconsistent with best practices.
- OSP forensic services wishes to expand DNA capability to achieve redundant capacity outside the Portland metro area, so additional analysts would be brought to Lane County.
- The Springfield OSP lab/patrol facility is on its second and last five year lease extension under the original agreement with ODOT, the owner of the property. (It is unknown whether ODOT is willing to rewrite/redesign the current lease structure.)
- The Lane County Medical Examiner's office, a division of the DA's office, needs a new morgue, as the existing morgue lease is inadequate and temporary and, a stand-alone morgue would be more expensive to build and secure.
- Many efficiencies are achieved by co-locating forensic services, a morgue, and patrol facilities. (Facility security, evidence transfer, shared training/conference/locker facilities/Sally-port, etc.)
- The State Medical Examiner's long term vision provides for a system of regional morgues, each serving multiple counties and co-located with other State Police facilities (like Portland.). A Morgue attached to a law enforcement facility in the Eugene-Springfield area would provide a logical second step towards that objective.

### **Facility needs:**

- OSP Forensics needs approximately 25,000 square feet.
- OSP patrol requires 10,000 square feet (includes Criminal and Fish & Wildlife units.)
- Lane County morgue needs approximately 5,000 square feet.
- Lane County Sheriff's office would need approximately 10,000 square feet. (A very rough estimate/assumption based on the fact that LCSO has been reduced to roughly the same patrol presence as OSP in Lane County.)
- Convenient, unrestricted access to I-5
- Ample secure impound/storage space.

We have identified several potential locations for construction of a new 40,000 to 50,000 square foot facility, but no cost analysis has been performed, and no inquiry has been made into the availability of federal grant funding or other financing

*Lane County staff and OSP staff have begun discussions with Oregon's federal lobbyist to determine a process for a joint earmark request for this facility. At this time, with the race for Oregon's Governor still undecided, there will be some uncertainty as to how this project evolves.*

## Lane County Small Cities

### Junction City

- Seeks to move rail line that travels through downtown core to a more northern location. Possible partnership with PNW.

### Veneta

- Seeks additional funding for construction of potable water pipeline from Eugene.
- Seeks funding for NEPA and construction for Hwy 126 between Greenhill Rd and Territorial Hwy.

### Cottage Grove

- Seeks wastewater reclamation and reuse system to irrigate parks in Cottage Grove. \$1.38 M.

### Florence

- Seeks \$1.0 M to finalize \$5.4 M funding package to open a municipal yard debris and sewage solids composting facility that will create 52 jobs in Florence.

## Policy Issues

### Secure Rural Schools

- Inclusion in the President's FY 2012 budget will hopefully be accomplished. Urging members to ensure it stays in the budget will be the priority, as well as passage of authorizing legislation.

### Blue Green Algae

- Cyano-bacterial blooms are becoming more and more common in Lane County's waters. These blooms have the potential to be toxic and Oregon's Department of Health will issue a closure notice when monitoring (often done by USFS or USCOE) indicates a bloom is present. At issue is that there is little understanding of these blooms, and while NOAA has funded studies for blooms in the marine environment, USEPA is seen as being a less than willing partner in ensuring that funding is available for studying blooms in fresh water. Given the dramatic economic impact to Lane County (especially City of Lowell, Oakridge, and certain Lane County Parks Division) we ask that Congress pass the Freshwater Harmful Algal Bloom Research and Control Act (FHAB Act).

### Coos Bay Rail Link

- The Coos Bay Rail Link has benefitted from a number of federal actions that will allow the Port of Coos Bay to own and operate a rail line that begins in Vaughn, in Western Lane County. However, to continue to transfer freight into Eugene from Vaughn will require arrangements with both the CORP and the UP, commonly referred to as a "steel barrier".

### Willamette River Nature Conservancy

- Exact scope of restoration projects are unclear at this time, but this involves the recent transfer of the "Wildish" property adjacent to Mount Pisgah to the Nature Conservancy, with assistance from the Bonneville Power Administration.

### Veneta Water

- Veneta has been successful in securing a Rural Development loan for \$13M for construction related to a drinking water pipeline extending from Eugene to serve city residents. At issue is that the construction related costs will double existing water fees in Veneta. Veneta seeks assistance in having the interest rate established by Department of Agriculture lowered, which over the course of this loan will save Veneta residents millions of dollars, and would engender much-needed community support for this project.

## Transportation Bill Reauthorization

- **Territorial Highway (\$30M)** Lane County Commissioners gave approval to pursue discussions on an exchange of Territorial Highway with Lane County's Delta Highway, in November 2008. Since then the County has worked on the challenge of making this an equitable transfer, with Delta Highway being 2 miles in length and in superior condition, and Territorial being 40 miles in length and needing significant work to meet basic County collector road standards.. The County is working with ODOT staff to pinpoint maintenance cost savings to ODOT from the exchange, and to leverage STIP monies for a local match for the earmark. By the end of the year we anticipate having additional details about available STIP monies, the exchange, and written support from ODOT Region 2.
- **Computer Aided Dispatch ( \$4.5M)** Public safety and communication intersect with transposition infrastructure when it comes to communications hardware and software. In Lane County communications and data storage efforts are regional in nature. The system utilized by our Central Lane 911 center call takers that integrates into local public safety dispatch centers, called "computer aided dispatch", will begin to be unsupported by the vendor (Motorola) beginning in 2013. These kinds of systems cost approximately \$4M and unfortunately, don't appear to have a very long usable life. Our current system for example is about 6 years old now, and when Motorola stops providing support will be 8 years old for a product that initially was supposed to have a shelf life of five years. The computer aided dispatch system directly communicates transportation emergency information to patrol cars. These systems have an overlay for the transportation network, they can suggest the quickest way for any given patrol car to a road related incident, and in fact are the portal through which we communicate through the interoperability network. *SDA staff should be aware that Lane County and Eugene have been in direct communications with Allison Dane on this project, seeking advice as to whether it may qualify as a t-bill project.*

## **2009 (FY 10) Funded Appropriations Status**

- **Public Safety Technology.** Eugene and Lane County received \$650,000 in the omnibus spending bill passed by Congress in January, 2010 to purchase equipment to assist our public safety agencies. Due to the ways this mark was written and submitted to the Congressional offices, Eugene was awarded funding through COPS and Lane County was awarded funding through OJP. Eugene and Lane County developed an intergovernmental agreement that was signed by both agencies, and both agencies submitted their respective applications to the federal agencies for funding authorization.
- **Offender Treatment and Transition.** Lane County received \$500,000 in the omnibus spending bill passed by Congress in January, 2010 to implement a pilot evidence-based treatment program for selected prisoners within the Lane County Jail. Treatments will address both criminogenic needs and substance abuse issues. Successful participants will transition to outpatient treatment and support in the community along with intensive supervision. This funding came through BJA. Lane County will begin to implement this project in July, 2011.

## **Draft Agency Meeting Requests**

Dept of Agriculture: Veneta interest rate?

Dept of Labor: Youth Build Grant?

Dept of Interior: SRS funding, 2012 budget? (this meeting is now scheduled for 12/7/10)

Dept of Justice OJP: OSP partnership project?

## **Project Prioritization (per request from SDA)**

- 1.) Teen Courts (if not funded in FY 2011)
- 2.) Healthy Babies Initiative (unless not recommended by SDA)
- 3.) Sheriff Dept Technology Requests (need dollar recommendation from SDA)
- 4.) Hwy 126W funding
- 5.) FQHC in Cottage Grove
- 6.) Florence composting project