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TO: LANE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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TITLE: WORKSESSION/DISCUSSION IN THE MATTER OF INITIATING REVISION OF
LANE CODE CHAPTER 16.245, THE COMMERCIAL AIRPORT SAFETY
COMBINING ZONE TEXT AND DIAGRAM TO COMPLETE IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE EUGENE AIRPORT MASTER PLAN .

I. MOTION

This is a discussion item, no motion is expected.

II. ISSUE OR PROBLEM

Should the Board of Commissioners initiate revisions to Lane Code Chapter 16.245, the Airport Safety Combining Zone, to complete the 2000 update to the Eugene Airport Master Plan?

III. DISCUSSION

The Eugene Airport has submitted an application to update Lane Code Chapter 16.245, the Commercial Airport Safety Combining Zone text and diagram. The purpose of this Code update is to recognize the necessary safety zone that covers the airspace above the new coordinates of the extended runway. The runway coordinates determine the safety approach surfaces for which the FAA requirements limit structure height, lights, glare, radio interference, smoke, dust and other hazards to flight safety. The safety zone extends in a three dimensional cone from the surface of the earth that encompasses space that extends for quite a distance from the airport.

The Eugene Airport Master Plan Update (Airport Master Plan) was adopted by the Metro jurisdictions in 2000. The Airport Master Plan is a refinement to the Metro Plan that is functionally specific to the provisions of commercial and general aviation, and airport related commercial and industrial services associated with the Eugene Airport. The Airport Master Plan geographically focuses on existing and future airport needs by establishing a boundary encompassing existing and future airport property, while also considering potential impacts (e.g. sound levels and airport safety zones) that extend beyond the Plan boundaries.

The Lane Code Chapter 16 provisions for the Commercial Airport Safety Combining Zone implement the Eugene/Springfield Metro Plan for the Eugene Airport since it is located outside the Urban Growth Boundary but inside the Metro Plan. Because the proposed amendment does not amend the Metro Plan, the Board of Commissioners are the decision makers. Referral will be sent to Eugene and Springfield as a courtesy so that they may participate in the process by commenting, but the decision will be made by the Board of Commissioners.

III. RECOMMENDATION

The request combines a zone change with amendments to LC16.245. Staff recommends initiating the process by scheduling a public hearing before the Planning Commission to consider this amendment to Lane Code to implement the Commercial Airport Safety Combining Zone, consistent with procedures outlined in LC 16.252 (3) (b).

IV. ATTACHMENTS

No Attachments. Hardcopies of the application request letter and draft code updates were previously provided to the Board on August 10, 2006.