Memorandum Date: October 12, 2009 Work Session Date: October 27, 2009 T. 9.a.

TO:

Board of County Commissioners

DEPARTMENT:

Public Works

PRESENTED BY:

Celia Barry, Transportation Planning

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AGENDA ITEM TITLE:

DISCUSSION/PROVIDING DIRECTION REGARDING PUBLISHING A NOTICE ·

AND SETTING A HEARING FOR A NEW TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

DEVELOPMENT CHARGE AND AN UPDATED PARKS SYSTEM

DEVELOPMENT CHARGE

I. MOTION

Move to provide direction to staff to publish a 90-day notice and set a public hearing for a new transportation system development charge (SDC) and an updated parks system development charge, using a phased, two-year implementation approach on the transportation system development charge.

Also, direct staff to schedule a Regional SDC discussion with Eugene and Springfield on the next available Joint Elected Officials (JEO) meeting agenda in early 2010.

II. AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Public Works has been working with consultant FCS Group to establish rates for a new transportation system development charge (SDC) and an updated parks SDC. The consultant will provide a brief refresher on SDC basics and then describe the methodology and outcomes of the study.

III. BACKGROUND/IMPLICATIONS OF ACTION

A. Board Action and Other History

The Lane County Parks and Recreation System Development Charges Methodology Report and the SDC Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), dated September 4, 2001, were adopted by the Board of County Commissioners on March 13, 2002.

The current Parks SDC methodology was created and implemented by the Board after a public hearing in 2004. ORS requires a periodic review of the Parks SDC every five years.

Lane County Parks and Recreation System Development Charges (SDC) are collected to fund a portion of park capital improvements in response to new development and the subsequent increase in demand for park facilities and services. Guidance for the collection and use of SDCs is articulated in *Lane Code* 4.600 through 4.670. Projects eligible for SDC funds are listed in the Parks and Recreation CIP.

Board discussions and direction to proceed with the transportation SDC and parks SDC update study occurred in 2006-2007 at Finance and Audit Committee. FCS Group was hired in August 2008.

The Board held a work session on May 20, 2009 to obtain a status report on the SDCs study. At that meeting staff was asked to contact Eugene and Springfield to explore SDC options. Since then County staff did meet with City staff in Transportation and Parks. In addition, Transportation Planning staff teamed with the consultant to refine the SDC study data and methodology, to come up with SDC rates.

B. Policy Issues

Transportation System Plan (TSP) policy 22-a states:

The dedication of adequate right-of-way and construction of road improvements may be required to serve traffic that will be generated due to the development.

Policy 23-b states:

Identify and consider additional potential funding sources and strategies, such as a local option gas tax or vehicle registration fee, in the event of loss or reduction of existing funding sources.

The parks SDC review and update is a provision of the current plan and presents no policy issue for the Board.

C. Board Goals

Two goals from the Strategic Plan, page 13 are related to the transportation SDC:

- Contribute to appropriate community development in the areas of transportation and telecommunications infrastructure, housing, growth management, and land development.
- Protect the public's assets by maintaining, replacing or upgrading the County's investments in systems and capital infrastructure.

County strategy and goals pertaining to the Parks SDC:

- County list of strategies from the Strategic Plan D-D2 *Identify and recover user fees and charges*.
- Strategic Plan Goal 7 Protect the public assets by maintaining, replacing or upgrading the county's investments in systems and capital infrastructure.

D. <u>Financial and/or Resource Considerations</u>

The parks SDC rate is currently \$404. The study resulted in a decreased rate of \$378 because the number of developed and undeveloped park acres has been more accurately calculated since the SDC was last put in place. At the new rate it would bring in an estimated \$45,000 in parks SDC revenues annually. Transportation SDC rates are discussed in the analysis section.

A significant factor in the level of revenue that could be generated from a County SDC is whether Eugene and Springfield collaborate with the County in implementing it inside their respective city limits. This is discussed further in the Analysis section below.

E. Analysis

Transportation SDC

As a reminder, SDCs are regulated by Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 223.297-314. Transportation SDCs can be a reimbursement fee, an improvement fee, or a combination of both. A reimbursement fee charges individual developments (by building permit) based upon the relative service that development receives from unused capacity in the existing road system, while an improvement fee collects the fee for future road improvements necessary to serve the development, based upon its impacts relative to the value of a future project list. SDCs can be collected upon building permit application or at another time, such as upon approval for occupancy. The latter approach was recently implemented in Springfield for 1-2 family dwellings in order to address private economic hardship brought about by the recession.

<u>Methodology</u> - Reimbursement Fee

In order to calculate the SDC reimbursement fee, based on the value of unused capacity in the existing County road system, County staff first established the value and capacity of each road segment in the County. The project team then established the value of capacity expected to be used by growth in the study period (2009-2029), and converted that value to a rate per vehicle mile traveled (VMT). The per VMT reimbursement fee was used to develop a schedule of charges by land use.

Methodology - Improvement Fee

Using a number of sources including the County Transportation System Plan (TSP), County staff and the consultant compiled a comprehensive list of needed capital projects as a starting point to develop the SDC improvement fee. The project team identified the portion of each project that will add system capacity for future users. The improvement fee was calculated by dividing the sum of these capacity-increasing project costs by expected trip growth. The per peak-hour trip improvement fee was used to develop a schedule of charges by land use.

FCS Group's presentation at your work session will provide further methodology detail. The presentation is in an Attachment to your memo.

Eugene-Springfield Contacts

At the Board's direction, staff met with colleagues in Eugene and Springfield to seek feedback on the possibility of charging county SDCs inside Eugene and Springfield's urban growth boundaries (ugb). As you know there are many miles of county roads within cities. City transportation staff could potentially see a benefit for city residents provided there was certainty that revenues would be spent on projects within the cities.

In considering City comments, county staff explored additional options with our consultant. We held very preliminary discussions with city staff regarding a regional SDC. This could include a regional project list funded by city and regional (county) SDCs. The combined City and Regional rate charged to residents within a defined area, such as within the

Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization boundary, or the Eugene-Springfield Metropolitan Area General Plan boundary, would fund projects within this area. The county's rural SDC would be charged on new development outside the Regional boundary.

This kind of a approach could also potentially benefit off-road and recreational priorities. For instance, the Rivers to Ridges Strategy envisions a green and blue "necklace" connecting open spaces around the metropolitan area. A regional SDC could be used to fund these connections. Both parks and transportation SDC's could be considered as a source of revenue for this concept.

By statute, improvement fees can be used only on the capacity-increasing portion of projects. Reimbursement fee proceeds can be used to make up the difference. The reimbursement fee can be used on both capacity-increasing and non-capacity increasing project portions.

Many county facilities within cities lack sidewalks and bicycle facilities, and currently the county does not have the means to improve these facilities. In times of constrained revenues, urban modernization projects compete poorly with preservation projects, because the County's adopted financial priorities are to preserve the existing system. At the same time Eugene and Springfield are unwilling to take operational jurisdiction of county roads within cities unless they are upgraded. This is especially true now that the county has stopped sharing Secure Rural Schools revenues with the cities. It makes sense for cities to operate and maintain streets that serve city residents. To the extent the county can facilitate this transfer by collaborating with the cities through a regional SDC, the county could maximize the efficient use of County Road Fund maintenance dollars while providing a benefit to city residents in improved streets with sidewalks and bicycle facilities.

In October 2007 Board Chair Stewart contacted the Eugene and Springfield mayors regarding four issues of County interest. One was a request that the cities authorize Lane County to collect parks and transportation SDCs within cities. This Board item could resurrect that discussion at a future Joint Elected Official meeting.

The table below shows potential Transportation SDC rates depending if Eugene and Springfield participated in a Regional SDC. Shown are the current rates charged by the Cities of Eugene and Springfield for a typical detached single family dwelling, and the potential county rates, as shown in the Attachment on slides 15, 19, and 20.

	City and Regional SDC Rate within (as	Rural SDC Rate Development Outs Eugene-Sprin	ide all Cities and
	yet undefined) Metropolitan Area	If Eugene- Springfield participate	If Eugene- Springfield do not participate
Eugene	\$1,621		
Springfield	\$2,250		
Regional/Lane County Reimbursement Fee* Improvement Fee* Total	\$2,967 <u>\$ 223</u> \$3,190	\$ 2,967 <u>\$ 223</u> \$3,190	\$2,967 <u>\$ 214</u> \$3,181

* Slide 15 shows the \$2,967 Reimbursement fee SDC rate for a single family dwelling. For the Improvement fee SDC rate, Slide 19 shows per peak hour trip fees with and without Eugene-Springfield participation (\$221 and \$212, respectively). These fees, multiplied by adjusted trips per single family dwelling (1.01) give the Improvement fee SDC rates of \$223 and \$214, shown in the table.

If Eugene and Springfield decline to charge a regional or county SDC within their city limits, the amount of revenue generated from the county SDC, and the corresponding ability of the county to construct needed Metro Area projects, would be substantially reduced. In 2008 the following single family dwelling (SFD) and manufactured home (MH) permit activity took place, and associated revenue were a County transportation SDC in place:

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	SFD/MH Permits	if Eugene- Springfield participate	If Eugene- Springfield do not participate
Eugene	194	\$ 618,860	
Springfield	126	\$ 401,940	
Lane County	287	\$ 915,530	\$ 912,947
Totals	607	\$1,936,330	\$ 912,947

Parks SDC:

Staff worked with FCS Group to provide a review and update of the current Parks SDC.

Board directed staff to meet with Eugene and Springfield city park staff and discuss possible future collaboration on a parks SDC. Specifically, if a benefit could be identified in having the county parks SDC collected within the city limits of Eugene and Springfield. Staff met with both Eugene and Springfield. Both meetings were positive and genuine thought went into future collaboration. Springfield staff felt we would need to identify the benefit for the citizens before moving forward. Eugene staff was open to the concept and offered many scenarios that could be explored.

Both city park staffs were welcoming of the concept and demonstrated a willingness to participate in future discussions however both were cautiously optimistic about the concept of future SDC collaboration.

F. Alternatives/Options

- 1. Do not move forward with a transportation SDC or updated parks SDC at this time.
- 2. Direct staff to publish a 90-day notice and set a hearing on the \$3,190/\$3,181 transportation SDC rates, and an updated parks SDC rate.
- 3. Direct staff to publish a 90-day notice and set a hearing on a phased rate approach for the transportation SDC, and an updated parks SDC rate. For the transportation SDC phased approach, a typical approach in other jurisdictions has been to implement the transportation SDC over a 2-year period in 3 steps, beginning at one-third of the full rate, or \$1,063.33/1,060.33.

Other options determined by the Board.

V. <u>TIMING/IMPLEMENTATION</u>

The notice must be published 90-days prior to the public hearing. Typically a week's notice to the newspaper is necessary, so a notice could be published in the first week of November and a hearing held in the second or third week of January.

VI. RECOMMENDATION

Option 3. For the transportation SDC, FCS Group indicate that a phased approach over a two year period has been a typical approach in other jurisdictions, and that there has been community acceptance of this approach.

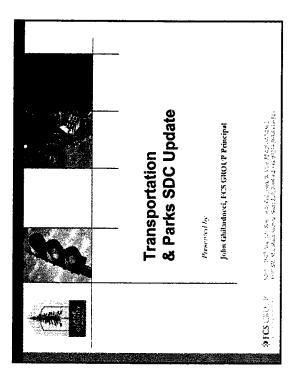
VII. FOLLOW-UP

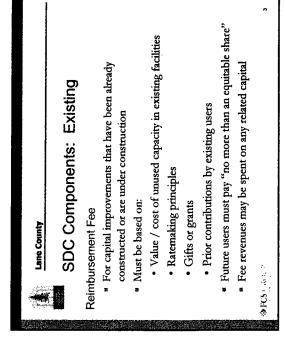
Under either option 2 or 3, contact with the Homebuilders Association is appropriate, as is work at the staff level to engage Eugene and Springfield in additional discussion about a Regional SDC approach.

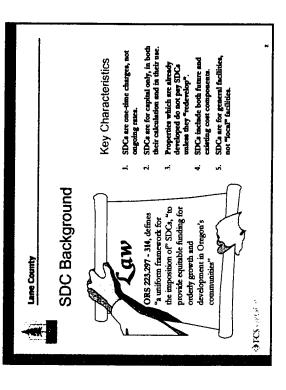
The Board can also discuss this item with Eugene and Springfield at a Joint Elected Official (JEO) meeting. The December JEO is booked. Scheduling this item for a February or March JEO would allow the Board to hold a public hearing on the item first.

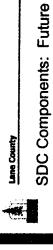
VII. ATTACHMENTS

FCS Group Presentation





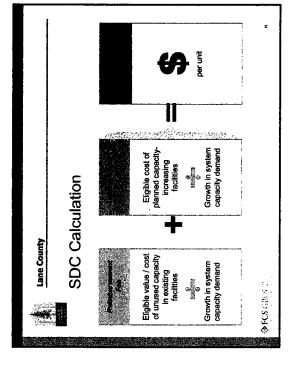


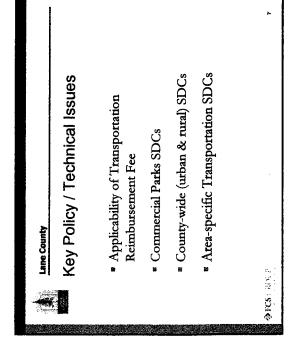


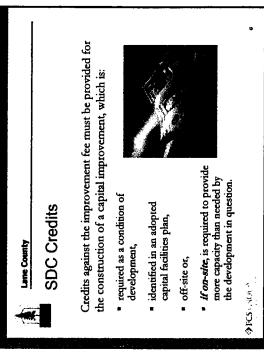
Improvement Fee

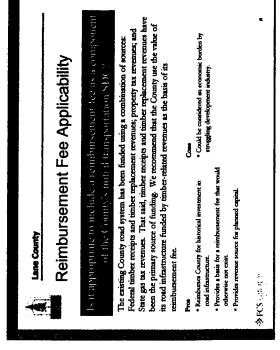
- * For capital improvements to be constructed
- Must demonstrate consideration of:
 Adopted list of capital improvements
- Capacity-increasing costs only
- Increased capacity must be for future users
 Calculate to recover growth-related costs
- Fee revenues may be spent on growth-related capital costs only

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Commercial Parks SDCs

residential development -- not commercial. Is there a valid basis for cratting a parks SDC that would apply to commercial development

Capacity to meet commercial demand in its next park plan. This would strengthen / make explicit the nexus between a commercial parks charge and the need for park employment centers. We suggest that the County address the need for park system Commercial parks SDCs are becoming more common in the State of Oregon, particularly for parks systems that are heavily impacted by tourism and / or are system capacity for commercial development.

- Would defer installation of commercial SDC until
- Commercial development likely impacts County parks, yet would not immediately be charged

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clear nexus documented.

Would not burden next-term planned commercial

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Area-Specific Transportation SDCs

Does it make sense, due to expected levels of development and varying infrastructure needs, to charge SDCs that vary by geographic area within the rural Counts?

common level of service provided and to be provided, supports the implementation of a The generally rural character of the service area, with regard to the SDCs, and the uniform charge throughout the rural County.

Pros (of area-specific approach)

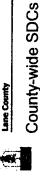
Cons (of sres-specific approach)

More difficult to understand and administer.

Does not support unified County vision.

- May appear more equipable to charge different frest in different mess no cross-County subsidies.
 Makeup of "nust" County may change over time.

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The County constructs capacity in its parks & transportation systems that serves both rural and urban growth. Would it be appropriate to develop a County SDC that could be apilied in niral and urban areas

collaboration of the cities within which such a charge would apply. As the permitting agencies, the cities could not be required to collect such a charge. It is also important to note that the chies construct capacity that serves County growth just as the County We recommend that the County proceed with such an approach only with the constructs capacity that serves city growth.

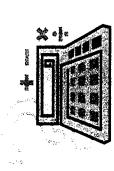
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Resulting fee may be too low if cities do not

SDC Calculation Summaries

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SDC Attachment



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Transportation Reimbursement Fee

Summary of Methodology

- 1. Staff compiled list of County road segments
- Estimated the value of unused capacity for each segment (if any)
- Estimated value of unused capacity to be used by growth in the next 20 years (through 2029) in vehicle miles traveled (VMT)
- Checked to ensure total value did not exceed timber receipt-funded infrastructure
- Calculated fee per VMT

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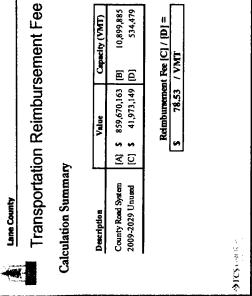
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Transportation Reimbursement Fee

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210	Single Family Detached	37.78	•	78.53	S	2,967	20
220	Apartment	26.25	*	78.53	v	2,062	ΩΩ
220	Elementary School	2.04	6	78.53	69	<u>2</u>	graden
88	Chards	26.97	•	78.53	Q9	2,118	5
820	Shopping Center	93.99	4	78.53	••	7,381	2
820	Supermedica	217.00	s	78.53	4	17,041	<u>#</u>
831	Convenience Market 24 hr	477.25	*7	78.53	•	37,479	K
931	Quality Restaurant	198.87	4	78.53	•	15,617	ż
934	East Food (w. Drive-Thru)	499.46	*	78.53	u	39,223	2
210	General Office bridding	46.08	49	78.53	•	3,618	KS
9	General Light Industrial	29.17	~	78.53	•	1,291	5
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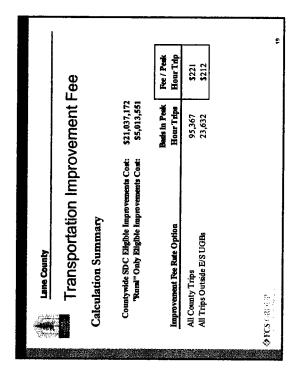
Transportation Improvement Fee

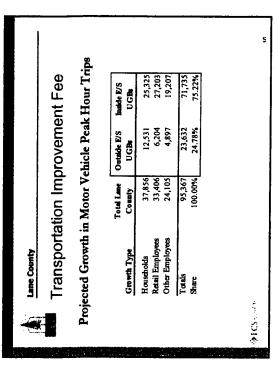
Summary of Methodology

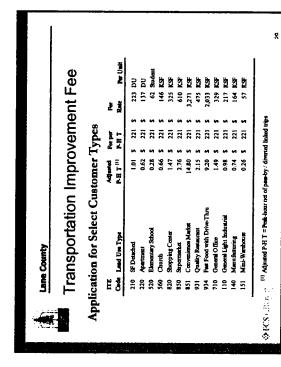
- 1. Staff / DKS Associates compiled comprehensive list of planned transportation improvements
- Estimated the portion of each project that is expected to add capacity for future users
- Analyze / Estimate trip growth during study period
 - 4. Calculate fee per peak-hour trip

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ü	LCTSP - Rumal	S	131,707,328	5.1%	S	6,665,853
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_	LCTSP - Cottage Grove	Ś	7,654,755	10.5%	49	805,189
۵	LCTSP - Florence	S	9,022,780	9.1%	69	825,095
	LCTSP - Junction City	S	10,566,092	11.0%	69	1,158,682
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ł		l۳	\$ 216,598,253	9.1%	۱,	9.7% \$ 21,037,172









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Parks Improvement Fee

- Summary of Methodology
- Classified (A, B, C, D) and inventory existing parks
 Calculated existing levels of service (LOS) for parks by
- . Calculated additional parks needed to provide existing LOS to future users (growth)
- LOS to tuture users (growm)
 Developed LOS-based capital improvement plan (CIP)
 - 5. Calculated park improvement fee per capita unit cost
- 6. Converted per capita fee to per dwelling unit fee

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Parks Improvement Fee

LOS-Based CIP Summary

	Project Type	- [ğ	% SDC
	Undeveloped Park Site Acquisition	s	4,290,000	100%
	Cless A Parks Development	s	3,168,000	300%
	Class B Parks Development	S	484,000	100%
	Class C Parks Development	S	463,400	100%
	Specialty Facility Development	ø	2,925,000	100%
		~	\$ 11,330,400	100%
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