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## Memorandum

To: The Lane County Board of Commissioners

From: Amber Fossen

Date: 7/10/07

Re: 2007 Listening Tour outreach plan

The Board of Lane County Commissioners has directed Public Information and Intergovernmental Relations staff to prepare a 2007 Listening Tour outreach plan based on feedback from the Board. The attached document provides an outline for all five meetings set in each Commissioners' district.

The Listening Tour is an opportunity for community members to have a conversation with their Commissioners about the state of Lane County Government and what community members believe County government should be in the years to come.

Information provided by the community during the 2007 Listening Tour will be conveyed to the Board and Budget Committee for the mid-year budget review, along with information derived from employee focus groups, community focus groups and telephone polling of County residents.

## Tentative Schedule for 2007 Listening Tour:

South Eugene – July 24 West Lane – July 28 North Eugene – August 1 South Lane – August 15 East Lane - TBA

We look forward to your feedback.

## 2007 Listening Tour: Straight Talk With Our Community

The Board of Lane County Commissioners has scheduled five community meetings throughout Lane County to listen to community members on the future of Lane County Government.

► Listening to the community is essential to developing a plan that addresses the County's budget shortfalls and sustains programs dedicated to the health, safety, and well-being of the community ◀

**What:** 5 Town Hall meetings, one in each Commissioner's district (Florence, Bethel, Springfield, North Eugene, Cottage Grove)

Who: Community members, all five Commissioners, other elected officials

Purpose: Listen to community members

When: July - August 2007; late afternoon/early evening; 2 hours total

Where: Community venues large enough to accommodate 80-100 people

## Agenda:

- Introductions
- How did we get here? Commissioners Stewart, Sorenson, Dwyer, Green and Fleenor
  - Changes in revenue base
  - > Changes in expenditure
  - Citizen input
  - Review funding outlook past June 2008
  - Review County's Strategic Plan and County Goals as basis for prioritizing services and making reductions
- Interactive conversations
- Closing/Survey
- 30-minute "follow-up" session opportunity for face-to-face informal conversations with Commissioners/refreshments from DYS Culinary Arts Program

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