

**Testimony by Wilsonville Mayor Tim Knapp
in Support of Amended SB 1521:**



**Proposed Legislation Provides New Funding Option
to Improve Local Transit Services; Encourages
Greater State Support for Local Transit Services**

For Public Hearing Scheduled on Feb. 8, 2016, Before
the Senate Committee on Business and Transportation

To Chair Beyer, Vice-Chair Girod and Members of the Committee:

The City of Wilsonville supports the thrust of SB 1521 and its intention to improve local transit service. Funding improved local transit services that serve all members of the community and commuting employees of businesses is a key priority for local leaders who seek to support improved mobility and transportation options.

Business support for improved transit services for commuting employees is identified as a top priority by Clackamas County employers located in both urban and rural areas of the county. The attached Dec. 2015 *Clackamas County Economic Development Commission (EDC) Final Committee Report to Board of County Commissioners*, Exhibit A, found across all industries surveyed that an “increase in public transit options for workers” was one of three top priorities for Clackamas County businesses. The County Commission went on to recommend that the Board of Commissioners actively “Advocate for additional public transit options, increased service area & region for public transportation.” The City understands that some believe that this new funding option could be considered a “more business friendly” way of funding increased transit services that employers seek. *See Exhibit A, pp. 1,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,15, 18, 19, 20.*

A positive element of the proposed legislation includes a recognition that municipal transit agencies should be treated in an equitable manner when compared to larger transit districts. The City encourages consideration of a potential amendment to address the needs of other public transit providers—cities

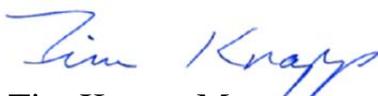
or districts— which could benefit from increased funding opportunities. In other words, why require that a public transit-provider already have a payroll tax in order to make this funding option available? The City suggests that this option be extended to all public transit-providers as one more tool for potential use to improve local transit services.

The proposed legislation is permissive; it does not require that an eligible public transit-provider implement the funding option. The only preemption on the proposed funding option is that the monies are used for transit-related purposes, which is appropriate for a transit tax. At this time, the Wilsonville City Council has not even considered this issue, and would only do so after a thorough review with our resident and business constituents to see if it would make sense in our situation to utilize this funding source to improve the transit services of the City's public-transit provider, South Metro Area Regional Transit (SMART).

Given the permissive nature of the proposed bill, and the potential controversial nature of any tax proposal, we believe that many transit agencies will refer the issue to their voters prior to implementation.

The City of Wilsonville respectfully urges a “Do Pass” vote on an amended version of SB 1521 as noted in this testimony. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Tim Knapp, Mayor
City of Wilsonville

CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Study Session Worksheet

Presentation Date: 12/08/2015 **Approx. Start Time:** 2:30 **Approx. Length:** 1 hr.

Presentation Title: Economic Development Commission 2015 Final Committee Report

Department: Business & Community Services, Gary Barth, Director
Division: Business & Economic Development

Presenters:

Staff: Catherine Grubowski-Johnson, Business and Economic Development Manager

Economic Development Executive Committee:

Robert Campbell, Chair

Richard Goddard, Vice Chair

Other Invitees:

Cindy Hagen, Business and Economic Development Coordinator

Jamie Johnk, Business and Economic Development Coordinator

2015 Economic Development Commission Members

WHAT ACTION ARE YOU REQUESTING FROM THE BOARD?

The purpose of this study session is to present the 2015 Economic Development Commission (EDC) final committee reports for consideration by the Board of County Commissioners and approve the 2016 work plan.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

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- ▶ Trucking & Distribution
- ▶ Advanced Technology - High Tech
- ▶ Health Care
- ▶ Food & Beverage Processing
- ▶ Agriculture & Food Production
- ▶ Nurseries & Greenhouses
- ▶ Software & Media Production

Top Priorities for Businesses as Identified by Businesses:

- 1) Workforce Development
- 2) Access to Capital
- 3) Improved Public Transit

Exhibit A to Testimony by Wilsonville Mayor Tim Knapp in Support of Amended SB 1521

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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (current year and ongoing):
Staff time and program costs (undetermined at this time)

LEGAL/POLICY REQUIREMENTS:

No legal/policy requirements at this time. Policy recommendations in the report are made by the EDC for consideration by the BCC in future programming.

PUBLIC/GOVERNMENTAL PARTICIPATION:
Undetermined at this time

OPTIONS:

1. Accept the EDC 2015 Final Committee Reports
2. Request additional feedback from the EDC on the businesses that were interviewed.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff respectfully recommends that the BCC accept the EDC 2015 Final Committee Reports.

ATTACHMENTS:

Economic Development Commission 2015 Final Committee Report, PowerPoint presentation, and the 2016 Economic Development Commissions work plan.

SUBMITTED BY:

Division Director/Head Approval _____

Department Director/Head Approval _____

County Administrator Approval _____

For information on this issue or copies of attachments, please contact
Clackamas County Economic Development 503-742-4329

2015

**Clackamas County
Economic Development Commission (EDC)
Final Committee Report
to Board of County Commissioners**

December 8th, 2015

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EDC COMMITTEES

Committee #1: Advanced Metals & Manufacturing, High Tech, Health Care

EDC Executive Committee: Wilda Parks
EDC Members: Lynn Wallis, Ken Humberston, Conrad Johnson, Bridget Dazey, Gordon Young, Matt Butts, Zack Henkin
County Staff: Cindy Hagen – Committee Coordinator, Catherine Grubowski-Johnson, Jamie Johnk, Corina Olsen
Guest Speakers: Nathan Marks, Marks Brothers
Joe Shaddix, Shimadzu USA Manufacturing

Committee #2: Software and Media Production, Professional Business Services

EDC Executive Committee: Peter Lund
EDC Members: Norm Solomon, Cheryl McGinnis, Michele Conditt, Matthew Subotnik, Tammy Stempel, Ken McClintock, Mark Meek
County Staff: Jamie Johnk – Committee Coordinator, Catherine Grubowski-Johnson, Cindy Hagen, Corina Olsen
Guest Speakers: Peter Lund, SuperGenius

Committee #3: Trucking & Distribution, Wholesale Trade, Wood Products Manufacturing

EDC Executive Committee: Richard Goddard
EDC Members: Jerry Simnitt, Bill Avison, Rob McEachern, John Drentlaw, Dan Occhipinti, Derek Metson, Dave Nielsen, Robert Fowke, Kevin Kluppenger, Matt Butts
County Staff: Corina Olsen – Committee Coordinator
Catherine Grubowski-Johnson, Cindy Hagen, Jamie Johnk
Guest Speakers: Tom Partin, President of American Forest Resource Council

Committee #4: Agriculture, Food Production, Nurseries & Greenhouses, Food & Beverage

Members: *Participants were members of the Sector Partnership Group managed by the Workforce Investment Council.*

EDC Executive Committee: Rob Campbell
EDC Members: Bridget Dazey
County Staff: Rick Gruen, Sam Wolf
Guest Speakers: Kurt McKnight, Ever Fresh Fruit/Northwest Food Processors Association

KEY FINDINGS

Committee #1: Advanced Manufacturing- Metals and Machinery, Advanced Technology – High-tech, Health Care

Key Findings:

- Desire for increased investment in training for skilled labor (specifically machinists, maintenance workers, and engineers).
- Need for continuous promotion of Enterprise Zones and general business assistance programs.
- Access to capital to facilitate investments in equipment and people.
- Interested in having support in gaining access to continuous improvement resources. (Lean, etc)
- Need for increased awareness of internship opportunities & career pathways leading to certification and/or employment.
- Request for increase in public transit options for workers.
- Need for skilled workers to sustain existing business operations and achieve potential for growth.

Recommendations for action and/or support:

- Support workforce recruitment and training initiatives and increase resources in order to enhance local business competitiveness.
- Support business assistance programs around access to capital.
- Advocate for additional public transit options.

Comment from Committee: While we recognize that the businesses interviewed this year reported that transportation & public transit in Clackamas County is adequate, challenges still remain as referenced in the EDC 2014 Annual Report.

Committee #2: Software and Media, Professional Business Services

Key Findings:

The Software & Media and Professional Business Services industry sectors are continuing to grow in Clackamas County – key findings for this growth include:

- Increased project availability (pipeline).
- Industry specialization, collaborations and partnership.
- Industry incentive programs.

While there has been growth in both sectors the businesses have identified the following barriers to their continued growth:

- Need for skilled workforce.
- Access to capital.
- Increase public transportation options for workforce.

Industry sectors performance can be impacted by the following:

- Prevailing market conditions.
- Transportation options available to workforce.
- Legislative changes to existing industry incentive programs.

Recommendations for action and/or support:

Based on our committee’s work, we encourage BCC to support the following policies:

Transportation:

- Increased infrastructure and capacity for I-5, I-205.
- Increased Public Transportation infrastructure, including:
 - Increased “express” commuter service between Orange Line terminus, Downtown Oregon City, and CCC.
 - Long Term – Extending the Orange Line to Oregon City.

Workforce:

- Support for Workforce Training programs, including:
 - Oregon Media Institute (working title) legislative funding.
 - Focus on connecting Clackamas companies with available Workforce programs.

Incentive Support:

- Modifications to the Oregon Production Investment Fund, including:
 - \$4.5mm increase in the overall fund.
 - Amending the existing program to support Video Game and Post Production companies in the greater OPIF fund.

Committee #3: Trucking & Distribution, Wholesale Trade, Wood Product Manufacturing

Key Findings:

Need for adequate roads & public transportation

- Companies in the county see the Sunrise Corridor project as something that will alleviate the significant traffic issue on Highway 212 and would like to see more projects like that in the area.
- The closure of Terminal 6 at the Port of Portland has caused an increase in freight costs by 10-15% for businesses.
- There is a lack of available transportation for 3rd shift workers.

Finding skilled workforce

- Companies are facing severe difficulty finding drivers. The market for drivers is extremely competitive so companies are forced to pay them higher wages in order to attract them.
- Not only drivers but qualified/skilled employees in general.

Permit Process in Clackamas County

Companies are concerned with some of the red tape and inconsistencies with the application of code and clarity of requirements.

Recommendations for action and/or support:

- Advocate for additional public transit options that can serve 3rd shift workers.
- Continue efforts for further road improvement and additional roads to help alleviate congestion.
- Advocate for funding of local high schools to keep vocational and other programs open also, add computerized manufacturing programs to high schools.
- Continued awareness for the barriers of mandated Legislative Rules and Regulations i.e. minimum wage, marijuana legalization, and sick leave.
- Explore the County's permitting process and compare against other County's permitting process in the area and work towards a solution to remove the barriers that companies face when working with the permitting office.

Committee #4: Agriculture & Food Production, Food & Beverage Processing, Nurseries and Greenhouses

Key Findings:

- Partners are communicating and collaborating more.
- Increased demand for local and regional food is poised to increase, more institutional buyers already purchasing local food.
- Development of training systems and talent pool is crucial – currently, the timeline for bringing skilled workers onto the jobsite is taking too long, and businesses are losing money by not having enough able workers.
- More labor specific info is available for the industry to study trends and adjust for the needs of the market.
- Limited space for expansion – industry is poised to have substantial growth in the coming years, and there are just not enough shovel-ready sites in the region.
- Request for increase in public transit options for workers.

Recommendations for action and/or support:

- Support business assistance programs around access to capital.
- Advocate for additional public transit options, and increased service area & region for public transportation.
- Support workforce training initiatives and resources to increase the competitiveness of local businesses.



EDC

BUSINESS OUTREACH REPORT

Company Contacted: _____
EDC Representative: _____
Company Representative(s): _____
Date Contacted: _____

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. What is working well in your industry?

2. Are there any barriers that you are facing?

3. What do you consider will have the biggest effect on your business performance in the next 12 months?

4. Are there types of activities, programs, or policies that the County can explore that would be of assistance to your industry?

JOB GROWTH

1. Over the next 2 years do you expect your workforce to increase, decrease or stay the same?

2. Are there any challenges to finding qualified individuals to fill open positions?

TRANSPORTATION

1. Is the transportation system in Clackamas County adequate to move your goods to market?

2. Is your business adequately served by public transit?

FUTURE BUSINESS GROWTH

1. Are you considering relocating or expanding your business in the next two years?

2. What trade organizations or business affiliations are you a member of?

ASSISTANCE

1. Would you like to be contact by Clackamas County Economic Development Team?

2015 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ROSTER

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chair

Robert Campbell, Clackamas Small Business Center

Immediate Past Chair

Kenneth McClintock, Edward Jones

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Richard Goddard, Portland General Electric

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Zack Henkin, Drive Oregon

Kenneth Humberston, Clackamas Regional Water Supply

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Robert McEachern, Capacity Commercial

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Mark Meek, Markram Properties

Derek Metson, Greenbox Architecture

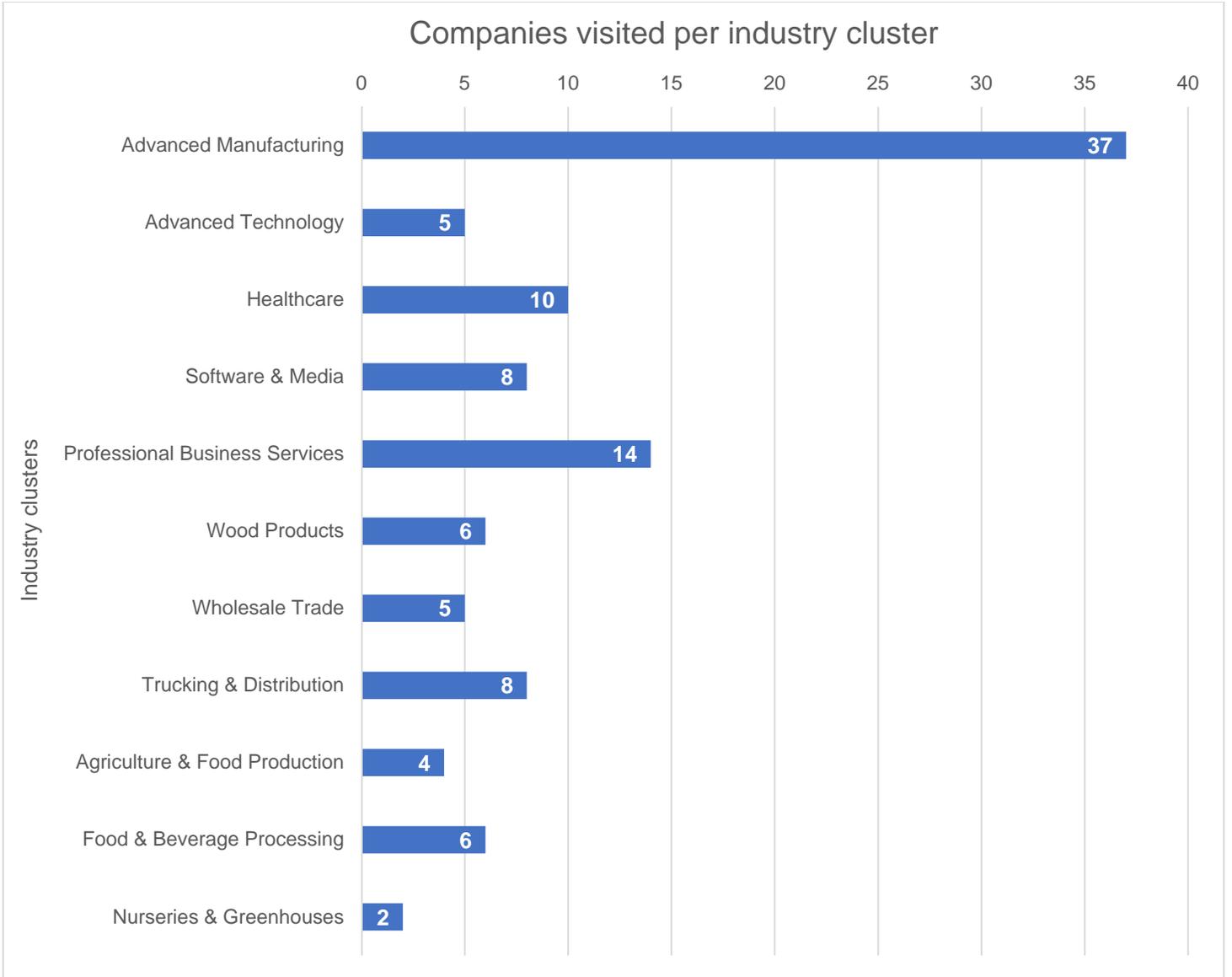
David Nielsen, Home Builders Association

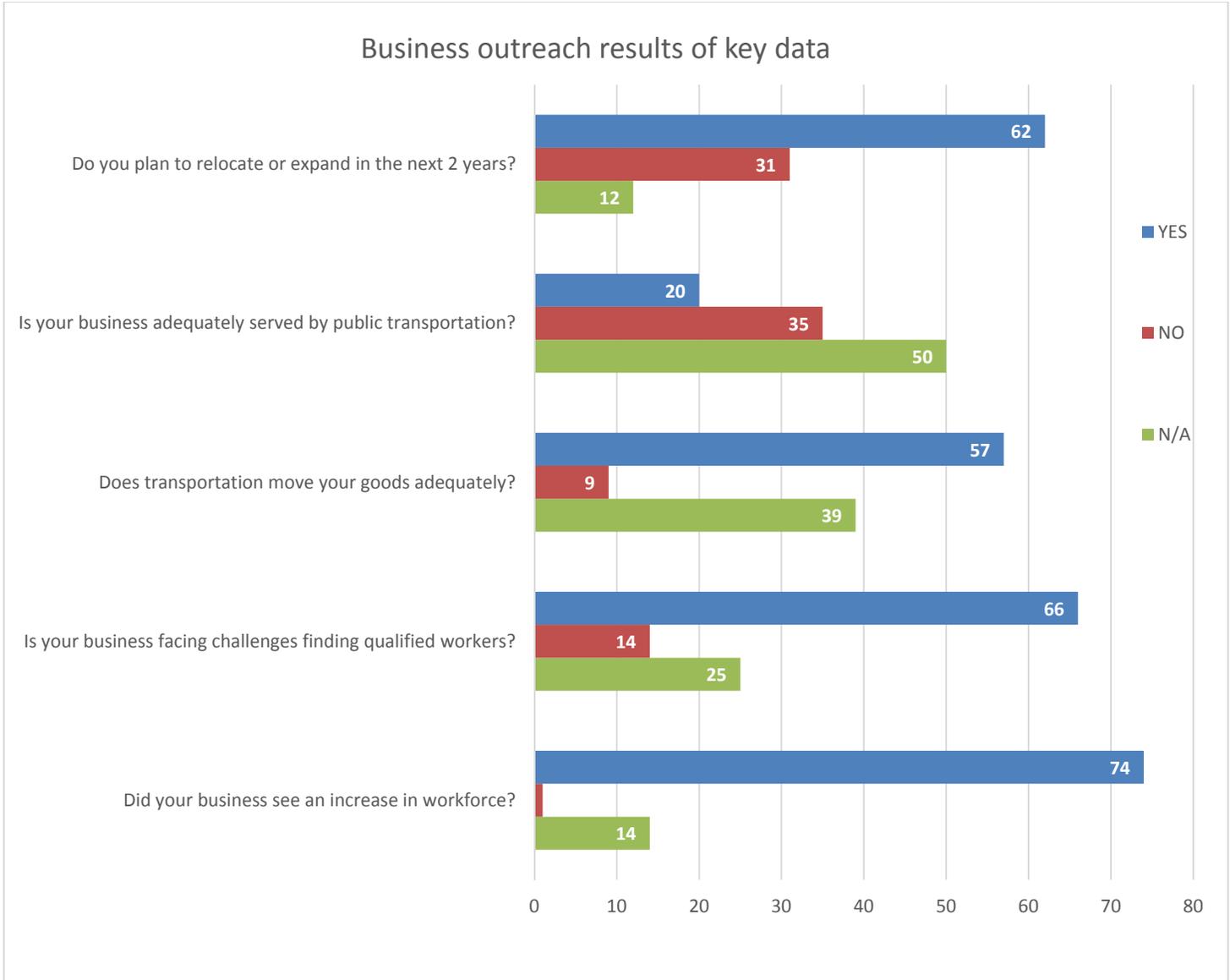
Jerry Simnitt, Simnitt Nursery

Tammy Stempel, Adapt Engineering, Inc.

Matthew Subotnick, Self Employed

Gordon Young, Vector Control District







Economic Development Commission (EDC)

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Findings and Recommendations

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Committee #1

Key Findings

- Increased investment in training for existing workforce
- Promote Enterprise Zones and general business assistance programs
- Access to capital
- Support continuous improvement resources
 - Example: Lean manufacturing process improvement
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- Increase in public transit options
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Committee #4

*Food & Beverage Processing
Agriculture & Food Production
Nurseries & Greenhouses*

Committee Members:

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Kurt McKnight, NW Food Processors Association

Julia Metz, Clackamas Workforce



Committee #4

Key Findings

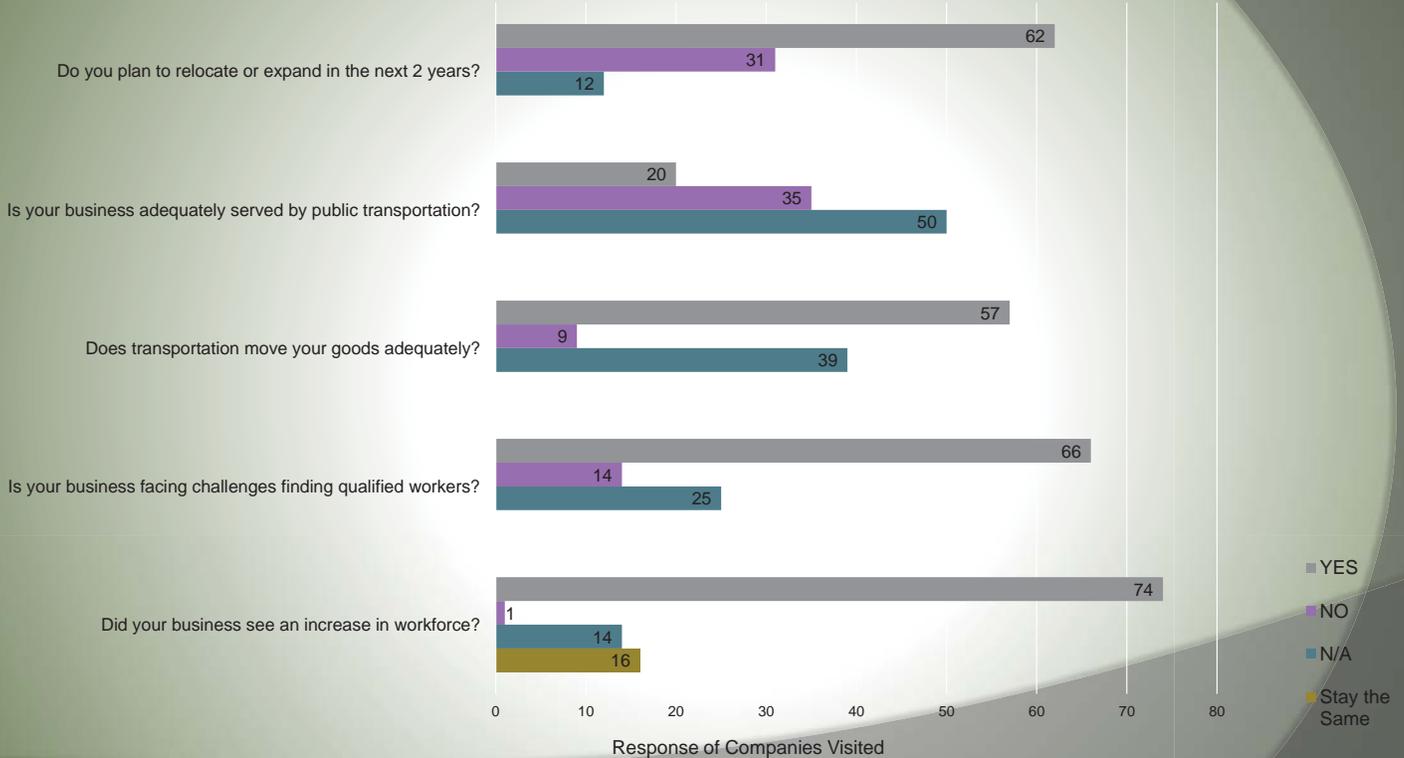
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- Need for skilled workers
- Access to better labor specific information for industry
- Limited space for expansion
- **Need for better public transit**

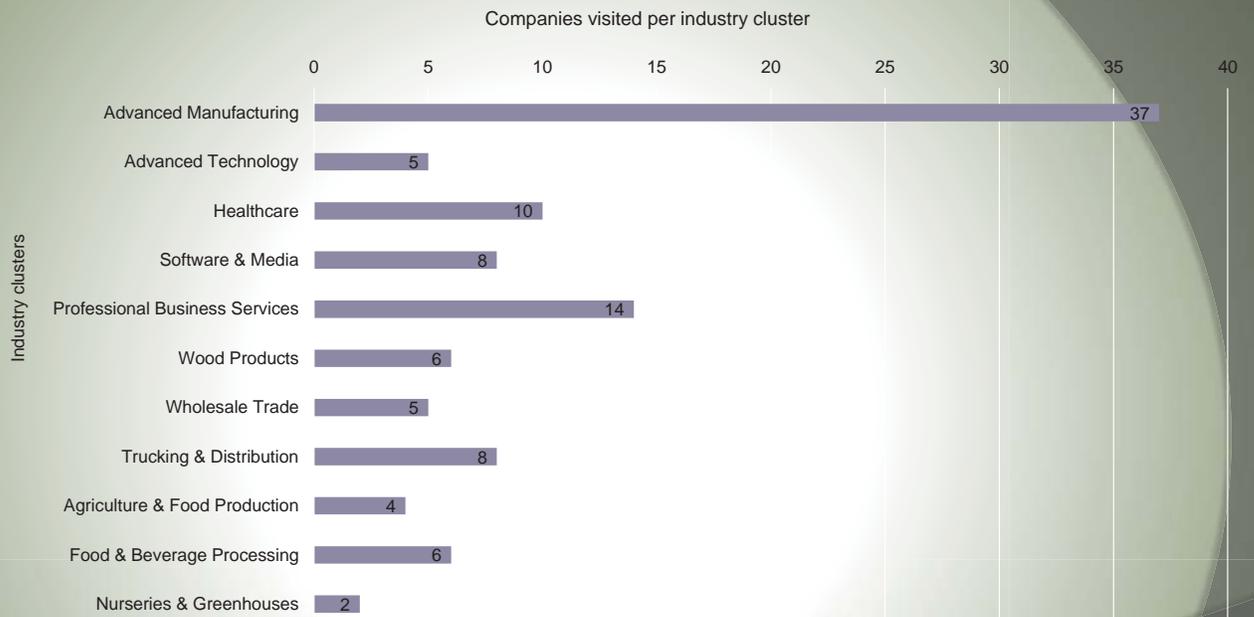
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Recommendations

- Support business assistance programs around access to capital, land and new technologies
- Advocate for additional public transit options, increased service area & region for public transportation
- Support workforce training initiatives and resources to increase the competitiveness of local businesses

Business outreach results of key data





Proposed

THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
EDC
ANNUAL WORKPLAN

2016



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (EDC) ANNUAL WORKPLAN

Regular Meeting Schedule:

January – October 2016

Monthly General Meeting

EDC will consider issues brought to them from the Board of County Commissioners. Topics may include issues the BCC is considering in areas of transportation, infrastructure, workforce, etc. such as regional sewer infrastructure and impacts on county economic development potential. The EDC may have speakers attend meetings to address issues.

Monthly Breakout Committees (immediately following General Meeting)

The EDC will form committees to learn about and engage in understanding industries in Clackamas County through participation in and meeting with trade associations or organizations. The EDC members will compile feedback and present a final report to the BCC in December 2016.

EDC Members may attend meetings of organizations and/or direct meetings with representatives outside of the regular EDC meeting schedule.

SUPPORTING NEW TECHNOLOGY IN INDUSTRIES

The EDC, working through the management of the County's Economic Development Division, will explore, learn, and support the efforts of Industry Organizations in focusing on New Technologies that are advancing industries. The EDC will develop recommendations to the BCC in support of opportunities to grow industries in Clackamas County

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Breakout Committees Goals

EDC members will serve on a committee and meet monthly during the second half of the regularly scheduled EDC meeting.

COMMITTEE 1

Organizations: Manufacturing 21
Pacific Northwest Defense Coalition (PNDC)
New Technologies: Joint Replacements, 3D Printing, Manufacturing Securities
Clusters supported: *Advanced Manufacturing - Metals & Machinery*
Advance Technology - Hi Tech

COMMITTEE 2

Organizations: Pacific Northwest Manufacturing Partnership (PNMP)
American Forest Resource Council
New Technologies : Cross Laminated Timber (CLT)
Clusters Supported: *Wood Products Manufacturing*

COMMITTEE 3

Organizations: Technology Association of Oregon (TAO)
Oregon Games Organization (OGO)
New Technologies: Hololens – Augmented Reality
Clusters supported: *Software and Media Production*
Business and Professional Services

COMMITTEE 4

Organizations: Northwest Food Processors
Oregon Nursery Association
New Technologies: Food Safety and Security, Technology
Clusters Supported: *Agriculture & Food Production*
Food & Beverage
Nurseries & Greenhouses



Committees

Members will organize an outreach program for their industries.

Methods of outreach could include:

- Direct one-on-one visits with Association Leaders
- Host an EDC meeting with Association Leaders as guest speakers
- EDC Member(s) attend Association meeting

Selecting Associations:

Economic Development staff will provide a list of Associations/Organizations along with contact information.

Method of Outreach

Committees will analyze the feedback they receive from outreach and participation in Associations/Organizations and report back to the EDC.

The EDC will present a final report to the Board of County Commissioners summarizing recommendations on how the BCC can support innovations and new technologies in cluster development.



Committee Reports