



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

(revised 12/31/09)

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Meeting Date: 10/14/2010
 Agenda Item #: R-11
 Est. Start Time: 10:48 AM

Agenda Title: Master Certification Agreement with the Oregon Department of Transportation for Agency Management of Federal Aid Transportation Projects.

Note: If Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation, provide exact title. For all other submissions, provide a clearly written title sufficient to describe the action requested.

Requested Meeting Date:	<u>October 14, 2010</u>	Amount of Time Needed:	<u>10 Minutes</u>
Department:	<u>Community Services</u>	Division:	<u>Road Services</u>
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General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Approval of a Master Certification Agreement (IGA) with the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT).

2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer this action affects and how it impacts the results.

Certification is a program offered within the Oregon Department of Transportation wherein an agency may apply for recognition status that they utilize robust project management and accounting systems that will enable successful completion of federally funded transportation projects. The County has been successfully performing these project management tasks for decades. This formal acknowledgement recognizes that professionalism and proven success. The program also enables the County to utilize our own project management, procurement and accounting systems in lieu of following the ODOT models. This will directly save project time and cost, resulting in a more efficient project delivery model. This master agreement serves as the overarching guideline and must be accompanied by a supplemental project agreement for each federally funded project. A supplemental agreement will be forthcoming as a project moves to implementation. Upon approval of this master agreement, we will engage in 2-4 test projects over the next 2-3 years. Until the test projects are successfully completed, the County will be considered provisionally certified. Successful completion of the test projects will afford "fully certified" status with ODOT and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).

Neutral. No direct fiscal impact from previous project management structure. All costs are related to project and are eligible for reimbursement.

4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.

Full Certification will require documentation by the County Transportation Program of compliance to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Currently, ODOT as the direct recipient of federal funds is now responsible for ensuring Title VI compliance of ODOT practices in the management of County federally funded projects. Under Certification, the County will be the direct recipient of federal funds and will be required to submit a Title VI Compliance Plan (Plan) to ODOT. However, under ODOT's stewardship agreement with the Federal Highway Administration, ODOT will continue to retain Title VI oversight responsibility of County Transportation compliance.

ODOT has revised previous expectations of the scope of the Title VI Compliance Plan and is now limiting the requirement of the Plan to only County Transportation Program projects.

5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.

None for this master agreement. All project related citizen participation will be accomplished as each respective project is initiated.

Required Signature

**Elected Official or
Department/
Agency Director:**



Date: 10/5/10