



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST NOTICE OF INTENT

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Meeting Date: 101311
Agenda Item #: R.7
Est. Start Time: 10:05 am
Date Submitted: 9/27/11

**NOTICE OF INTENT ODOT Flexible Funds Grant to engineer and
Agenda construct active transportation facilities on Arata Road (Wood Village
Title: Blvd. to 238th Ave.)**

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: October 13, 2011 **Time Needed:** 5 minutes
Department: DCS **Division:** LU&T
Contact(s): Jane McFarland
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Presenter Name(s) & Title(s): Jane McFarland, Principal Planner

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Approval to apply for an ODOT Flexible Funds local assistance grant to engineer and construct active transportation facilities on Arata Road (Wood Village Blvd. to 238th Ave.)

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.

The Oregon Transportation Commission has established a Flexible Funds Grant Program with \$21 million in funding available for eligible projects for the 2011 grant cycle. Grant awards will range from \$50,000 to \$2.1M. The grants require a minimum 10.27% match. The program will focus on funding multimodal and non-highway transportation projects, programs and services. The grants will support planning, research and project development of transit, bicycle and pedestrian projects, and transportation demand management programs.

The Land Use and Transportation Program is requesting \$2.1M in ODOT Flexible Funds to augment the anticipated \$1.6M Regional Flexible Funds allocation to active transportation improvements on Arata Road in Fairview and Wood Village. The Metro allocation provides funding for an initial phase of bicycle and pedestrian improvements in this corridor. The ODOT Flexible Funds would allow the County to complete Preliminary Engineering for the whole corridor and construct additional segments of sidewalk and bike lanes.

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

Land Use and Transportation Planning is seeking \$2.1M in ODOT Flexible Funds, available in Federal FY 2013. The LU&T Program will provide a minimum of 10.27% match of in-kind services from the Road Fund in Engineering Services and Transportation Planning budgeted staff.

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

This effort is consistent with the County's Comprehensive Framework Plan goal to promote and enhance a balanced transportation system that increases public safety and protects livable communities. It is also implements strategies in the Climate Action Plan and supports the Community Wellness and Prevention Program, and Healthy Communities by Design.

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

The project is included in the County's adopted 2010-14 Capital Improvement Plan and the adopted Regional Transportation Plan. The project was selected by the East Multnomah County Transportation Committee (EMCTC) for Regional Flexible Funds, and it has been endorsed by the Multnomah County Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

The Flexible Funds project selection process involved coordination with both local and regional agencies. A public meeting to review candidate projects was held on June 6, 2011 by EMCTC. At its August 15th meeting, EMCTC received public comments and reviewed public letters of support for the candidate projects before taking action to advance Arata Road as the Multnomah County candidate project for Active Transportation flexible funding. Based on the timing of the public process for the Regional Flexible Funds and discussions with the City of Wood Village and Fairview staff, funding for Arata Road is a priority for ODOT Flexible Funds.

Grant Application/Notice of Intent

If the request is a Grant Application or Notice of Intent, please answer all of the following in detail:

- **Who is the granting agency?**
ODOT
- **Specify grant (matching, reporting and other) requirements and goals.**

Required match is 10.27%, which will be provided through in-kind services of Road Services – Engineering and Transportation Planning staff. The funds will be available in federal fiscal year 2013.

- **Explain grant funding detail – is this a one time only or long term commitment?**
This is a one-time grant specifically to assist with local projects advancing Active Transportation priorities.
- **What are the estimated filing timelines?**
Applications are due to ODOT on October 20, 2011
- **If a grant, what period does the grant cover?**
Funds would be available in federal FY 2013 and must be used by December 31, 2014
- **When the grant expires, what are funding plans?**
N/A
- **Is 100% of the central and departmental indirect recovered? If not, please explain why.**
Yes

Required Signatures

Elected Official
or Department/
Agency Director:



Date:

Name/Title:

(signature)
Director of the Department of Community
Services