



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST NOTICE OF INTENT

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Meeting Date: 1/5/12
Agenda Item #: R.3
Est. Start Time: 9:40 am
Date Submitted: 12/27/11

Agenda **NOTICE OF INTENT** Approval to apply for a FHWA Discretionary Grant for N.E.
Title: 223rd Avenue: Sandy Blvd. to 40-Mile Loop Trail Project Development

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: January 5, 2012 **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 FHWA Discretionary Grant under the Transportation, Community, and System Preservation (TCSP) Program to fund project development activities for multi-modal improvements to NE 223rd Avenue between Sandy Blvd. and Chinook Landing Marine Park.

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 TCSP Program is authorized by section 1117 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy For Users (SAFETEA-LU, Pub. L. 109-59), and has been reauthorized and continued through March 31, 2012. The program funds comprehensive initiatives including planning grants, implementation grants, and research to investigate and address the relationships among transportation, community, and system preservation plans and practices and identify private sector-based initiatives to improve those relationships.

The County would use funding from the TCSP Program grant to complete design, survey, engineering and community/stakeholder coordination, including agreements with UPRR, to create “shovel-ready” plans for bike lanes and sidewalk infill on NE 223rd Avenue. These facilities will provide continuous connections to transit on Sandy Blvd. and to two regional parks, the 40-Mile Loop trail, residential areas and employment centers located along 223rd Avenue.

This grant supports Program Offers 91020 – Transportation Planning, 91018 - Transportation Capital, 91013 – Road Services, and 40047 – Community Wellness and Prevention.

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

Land Use and Transportation Planning is seeking \$428,000 in grant funds and would provide a 20% match of \$107,000, including in-kind services from the Road Fund in Engineering Services and Transportation Planning staff time. The matching funds would be made in FY13-14.

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 the Health Equity Initiative.

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. This project was submitted for a 2011 FHWA Discretionary grant, and was ranked in Tier 1 by ODOT staff. The project was recently re-endorsed by the East Multnomah County Transportation Committee on December 5, 2011. We anticipate renewed endorsements and letters of support from the Multnomah County Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, the City of Fairview, Metro and local employers.

The project will have a public outreach component during project development.

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?**
Federal Highways Administration
- **Specify grant (matching, reporting and other) requirements and goals.**
Local match of 20% is required, which will be provided all or in-part through in-kind services of Road Services – Engineering and Transportation Planning staff.
- **Explain grant funding detail – is this a one time only or long term commitment?**
The Transportation, Community, and System Preservation (TCSP) Program is authorized by the USDOT Authorization Bill SAFETEA-LU, and has been reauthorized and continued

through March 31, 2012. Without reauthorization, this will be the last TCSP grant cycle under SAFETEA-LU. The grant award would be one-time funding to complete project development activities, strengthening the project's competitiveness for construction funding from other grant programs.

- **What are the estimated filing timelines?**

Draft applications are due to ODOT on December 14, 2011; applications to FHWA are due on January 6, 2012

- **If a grant, what period does the grant cover?**

Grant must be obligated by September 30, 2012; funds must be expended by September 30, 2015

- **When the grant expires, what are funding plans?**

The County will continue to seek grants for the construction of the project, once the design work is complete. With project development complete, the County will be in a more competitive position for construction funding.

- **Is 100% of the central and departmental indirect recovered? If not, please explain why.**

Yes.

Required Signatures

Elected Official
or Department/
Agency
Director:

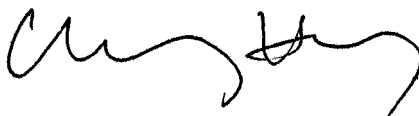


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Director of Dept of Community Services

Budget
Analyst:



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