



# MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST NOTICE OF INTENT

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## Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 7/22/2010  
Agenda Item #: R-12  
Est. Start Time: 11:05 am

**Agenda Title:** NOTICE OF INTENT To apply for \$40 million from the TIGER II grant program for the Sellwood Bridge.

*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:** July 22, 2010      **Amount of Time Needed:** 5 minutes  
**Department:** Community Services      **Division:** LUT Planning  
**Contact(s):** Karen Schilling  
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**Presenter(s):** Karen Schilling

## General Information

### 1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Approval to apply for \$40 million in TIGER II funds for the Sellwood Bridge replacement.

### 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 County is preparing to replace the 85-year old Sellwood Bridge with a new bridge built to modern standards with capacity for motor vehicles, transit, bicycles and pedestrians. We expect to receive a Record of Decision (ROD) in the summer of 2010. The estimated cost for the bridge replacement is \$330 million. Working with our regional partners, the funding plan includes contributions from the following sources:

Multnomah County: \$127 million

City of Portland: \$100 million

Clackamas County: \$22 million

State of Oregon: \$30 million

Previously secured funds: \$11 million

Federal Authorization: requested \$40 million

If awarded up to \$40 million through the TIGER II grant program, the county could reduce the request for Transportation Authorization funding by an equivalent amount. The Sellwood Bridge project meets the criteria for TIGER II funds including improving the condition of existing transportation facilities and systems, economic competitiveness, livability, environmental sustainability, and safety. In addition, the projects are required to have a 20% local match and can increase their overall competitiveness by demonstrating significant non-Federal contributions. Projects are considered more favorable also by the partnerships demonstrated in the financing package. The project is multi-modal (vehicles, bikes, pedestrians, and streetcar-ready) making it more competitive as well.

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

This funding source is a grant, not a loan, so it will not have an impact on the Transportation Fund in the long run. By securing these funds, it will make it possible to construct the Sellwood Bridge on schedule.

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

NA

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

Numerous public meetings have been held as part of developing the Environmental Impact Statement for the Sellwood Bridge. A new Community Advisory Committee has been established to assist with the selection of the bridge type.

# ATTACHMENT A

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## Grant Application/Notice of Intent

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

- **Who is the granting agency?**

US Department of Transportation

- **Specify grant (matching, reporting and other) requirements and goals.**

The goals of TIGER II are Long-term Outcomes, Job Creation and Economic Stimulus, Innovation, and Partnership. The criteria for Long-term Outcomes include State of Good Repair (improving the condition of existing facilities), Economic Competitiveness, Livability, Environmental Sustainability, and Safety. There is a 20% matching requirement but priority must be given to projects for which Federal funding is required to complete an overall financing package.

- **Explain grant funding detail – is this a one time only or long term commitment?**

This is a one-time grant request for capital construction of the Sellwood Bridge. Awards will be made after September 15, 2010.

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

Pre-applications are required by July 26 and applications due August 23, 2010.

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

The grant funds must be obligated by September 30, 2012. The County expects to start construction in 2012 and complete it by 2016.

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

This funding is not for on-going operations.

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

Yes.

**ATTACHMENT B**

**Required Signatures**

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



for



**Date:** 7/7/2010

**Budget Analyst:**

**Date:**