



# MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST NOTICE OF INTENT

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## Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 10/7/2010

Agenda Item #: R-6

Est. Start Time: 9:50 am

**Agenda Title:** NOTICE OF INTENT – Regional Transportation Options Grant

*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.*

<b>Requested Meeting Date:</b>	October 7, 2010	<b>Amount of Time Needed:</b>	5 minutes
<b>Department:</b>	DCS	<b>Division:</b>	LU&T
<b>Contact(s):</b>	Jane McFarland		
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<b>Presenter Name(s) &amp; Title(s):</b>	Jane McFarland, Principal Planner		
<b>I/O Address:</b>	455/1/116		

## General Information

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

Approval to apply for Regional Transportation Options (TRO) grant to increase awareness of bicycling and walking transportation options in East Multnomah County, especially the cities of Fairview, Troutdale and Wood Village.

### 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 Regional Transportation Options program, administered by Metro, provides federal Congestion Management and Air Quality (CMAQ) for projects that carry out strategies to increase the use of travel options for all trips, reduce pollution and improve mobility. Example projects include the BTA Bike Commute Challenge, City of Portland Sunday Parkways, and Community Cycling Center's Diversity Cultures Cycling Pilot Project.

With this grant, we propose to develop and implement a public outreach strategy to encourage safe bicycling, walking and transit use in East Multnomah County communities, particularly in the cities of Fairview, Troutdale and Wood Village. We will build partnerships to provide bicycling and travel safety information materials and community events targeted at non-English speaking/reading residents. One goal of the program is to provide low-cost helmets at promotional events, along with education.

The Transportation and Land Use Program will coordinate with appropriate programs in the Health Department to ensure the RTO-funded efforts compliment existing County public health efforts and utilize expertise in program design.

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

Land Use and Transportation Planning is seeking up to \$50,000 in Regional Transportation Options funds to develop and implement a community-based bicycle and walking promotion program. The County will use its existing dedicated Bicycle Fund to provide a 10.27% match.

**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 supports the Health Equity Initiative.

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

Transportation Planning staff will work with the County Health Department, East County cities' staff and community leaders to design and implement the outreach program.

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## 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?**

Metro

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

Metro, through the Regional Transportation Options Program provides federal highway funds for projects increase travel options, reduce air pollution, and improve mobility. \$533,000 is available regionwide, with funding available for requests ranging from \$25,000 to \$200,000. Grants require a minimum match of 10.27%, which would be provided by the County's dedicated Bicycle Fund. Funds being sought here by the County are for community education and promotion of safer bicycling and walking in East County.

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

The proposal is a one-time request. Subsequent outreach efforts would require funding through future grant cycles.

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

Grant applications due October 15, 2010

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

This request is for program years 2011-12.

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

Upon evaluation of the program, the County may pursue funding for additional promotion through future RTO grant cycles.

- **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:



Date: 9/22/10

Budget Analyst:

Date: