



# MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

(Revised: 6/9/2014)

## Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 2/9/17  
Agenda Item #: B.2  
Est. Start Time: 10:00 a.m. approx.  
Date Submitted: 1/30/17

**Agenda Title:** **Board Briefing on Capital Construction Audits**

*Note: Title should not be more than 2 lines but be sufficient to describe the action requested.*

**Requested** February 9, 2017 **Time Needed:** 30 minutes  
**Department:** Non Department **Division:** Auditor's Office  
**Contact(s):** Fran Davison  
**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Ext.** \_\_\_\_\_ **I/O Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Presenter Name(s) & Title(s):** Steve March Multnomah County Auditor and staff auditors

## General Information

- 1. What action are you requesting from the Board?**  
Board Briefing.
- 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.**

These two audits cover the planning efforts for the two large construction projects The Health Department Headquarters and the Multnomah County Central Courthouse. The projects have a combined budget of nearly \$400 million and represent two very prominent projects pursued by the County. We focused on two areas that pose significant risks to construction projects of this size: project governance and decision making and the process used to decide on the project scope that best meet objectives.

The County appears to be moving in the right direction in terms of strategic capital planning in an era of tight funding and a long list of capital needs. We support the efforts to develop a transparent and consistent process for prioritizing capital spending where none existed before (see our 2015 audit, Capital Financing & Planning). Moreover, whether incorporated into existing County procedures or included in new guidelines, the County needs to foster consistency in project management by building project management best practices into its administrative procedures.

We would like to thank the projects' staffs, the staff of Facilities and Property Management, and the Strategic Capital Planning Committee and staff for their ongoing

assistance and cooperation. Success of these and future capital building projects will depend on the cooperation and collaboration of all of those involved.

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

N/A

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

N/A

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

N/A

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**Required Signature**

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**Elected  
Official or  
Department  
Director:**

Steve March /s/

**Date:**

Jan. 30, 2017