

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON  
RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

Adopting the Purpose and Need Statement and Range of Alternatives for the Earthquake Ready Burnside Bridge Project.

**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:**

- a. Multnomah County owns and maintains the Burnside Bridge, a 92 year old structure that is nearing the end of its service life and was not designed to withstand a major earthquake.
- b. In March 1996, Metro designated Burnside Street a primary East-West emergency transportation route” thereby establishing the Burnside corridor as a regional “lifeline” route.
- c. In April 2015, Multnomah County adopted the Willamette River Bridges Capital Improvement Plan, whereby the Burnside Bridge Seismic Feasibility Study was listed as the highest priority project in the 2015-2019 timeframe.
- d. In September 2016, Multnomah County began work on the Burnside Seismic Feasibility Study whose purpose is to create a seismically resilient Burnside Bridge that will remain fully operational and accessible for vehicles and other modes of transportation immediately following a major Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake.
- e. A seismically resilient Burnside Bridge will support the region’s ability to provide rapid and reliable emergency response, rescue and evacuation after a major earthquake, as well as enable post-earthquake economic recovery.
- f. In May 2017, Multnomah County convened a Policy Group (PG) made up of elected and appointed representatives of jurisdictions and agencies with an interest in the Burnside Bridge.
- g. In April 2017, a Stakeholder Representative Group (SRG) of 16 citizens was formed to provide input and feedback on the Feasibility Study process. This group met four times.
- h. In October 2018, a Community Task Force (CTF) of 21 citizens was formed as part of the Environmental Review Phase.
- i. The PG has met four times during the current public process to review the work of the Feasibility Study. The PG consists of:
  - Co-chair, Multnomah County Chair Deborah Kafoury
  - Co-chair, Multnomah County Commissioner Jessica Vega Pederson
  - Tom Hughes, Metro Council President
  - Doug Kelsey, TriMet
  - Kimberly Branam, Prosper Portland
  - Rian Windsheimer, Oregon Department of Transportation (Region 1)

- Commissioner Dan Saltzman, City of Portland
  - Councilor Karylenn Echols, City of Gresham
  - Councilor Cate Arnold, City of Beaverton
  - Commissioner Paul Savas, Clackamas County
  - Commissioner Roy Rogers, Washington County
  - Phil Ditzler, Federal Highway Administration (Oregon)
  - U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley's Office
  - U.S. Senator Ron Wyden's Office
  - U.S. Representative Earl Blumenauer's Office
  - U.S. Representative Suzanne Bonamici's Office
  - Oregon State Senator Kathleen Taylor (District 21)
  - Oregon State Representative Barbara Smith Warner (District 45)
  - State of Oregon Governor Kate Brown's Office
- j. On October 30th, 2018, the PG recommended that the Board adopt the Purpose and Need Statement in Exhibit A and advance for further study in the environmental review phase:
- a No-Build alternative, and
  - the four Build alternatives described in Exhibit B.

**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:**

1. The work of the Stakeholder Representative Group and the Community Task Force is appreciated. The Board thanks them for their service to the public.
2. The work of the Policy Group is appreciated. The Board thanks them for their service to the public.
3. To adopt the Purpose and Need Statement in Exhibit A.
4. To advance the No-Build and four Build alternatives in Exhibit B.

**ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.**

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

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Deborah Kafoury, Chair

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