



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST NOTICE OF INTENT

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Meeting Date: 6/13/13
Agenda Item #: R.7
Est. Start Time: 10:30 am
Date Submitted: 5/29/13

NOTICE OF INTENT to Apply for the 2015-2018 Statewide Agenda Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Enhance Grant for Title: Improvements to NE 238th Drive and NE Sandy Blvd

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: June 13, 2013 Time Needed: 5 minutes
Department: DCS Division: LU&T
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Presenter Name(s) & Title(s): Joanna Valencia, Senior Transportation Planner

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Request for retroactive approval to apply for a Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Enhance Grant for improvements to NE 238th Drive and NE Sandy Blvd. In the event that the Board does not approve this request, the Transportation Planning program will withdraw the projects from consideration.

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 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) is Oregon's four-year transportation capital improvement program that identifies and schedules development of transportation projects and programs across the state. Projects in the STIP are divided into two primary funding categories; "Fix-It" projects maintain or preserve the existing transportation system, while "Enhance" projects enhance, expand or improve the transportation system. The County is applying for grant funding under the "Enhance" category for improvements on NE 238th and NE Sandy Blvd.

The NE 238th project between Halsey Street and Glisan Street includes the construction of freight and multimodal improvements. This project is requesting \$7,859,340. This will leverage design and engineering funding in the amount of \$1M being sought as part the Regional Economic Opportunity Fund.

The NE Sandy Blvd project includes improvements between the Gresham/Fairview City Limits and NE 210th, and improvements at the intersection at NE Sandy Blvd and NE 230th Ave. The improvements include multimodal components as well as freight improvements. This project is requesting \$1,307,284.

ODOT has \$66.4M for Region 1 available for the 2015-18 grant cycle. The grants require a minimum 10.27% match. As part of the process a 150% list was developed for public input; both projects are candidates on this list. A final 100% list is expected to be finalized by November 2014 by the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC).

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

Land Use and Transportation Planning is seeking funds in the following amounts, and providing a 10.27% match of in-kind services from the Road Fund in Engineering Services and Transportation Planning staff time.

NE 238th Project: bike and pedestrian facilities, freight improvements

Project Total	\$8,769,340
Grant Request	\$7,859,340
Local Match	\$910,000

NE Sandy Blvd Project: bike and pedestrian facilities, freight improvements

Project Total	\$1,526,873
Grant Request	\$1,307,284
Local Match	\$219,590

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 also implements strategies in the Climate Action Plan and supports the Community Wellness and Prevention Program.

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

The projects are included in the County's adopted 2014-2018 Capital Improvement Plan and the adopted Regional Transportation Plan. The projects were endorsed by the East Multnomah County Transportation Committee. The NE 238th project was the top priority project to come out of the recently adopted East Metro Connections Plan, which involved an extensive public outreach process.

Additional public outreach is taking place and is being led by ODOT as part of the STIP project selection process. If grant funds are awarded, the projects will include public outreach to stakeholders and affected communities during project development and construction phases.

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?**
Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT)
- **Specify grant (matching, reporting and other) requirements and goals.**
Required match is 10.27%, which will be provided 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 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) is Oregon's four-year transportation capital improvement program. It is the document that identifies and schedules development of transportation projects and programs across the state. Oregon's STIP covers a four-year construction period, and is updated every two years in accordance with federal requirements. Historically, ODOT has selected transportation projects that were tied to pools of funding dedicated to specific transportation modes or specialty programs. The new STIP development process has been simplified to include two funding categories: "Fix-It" projects maintain or preserve the existing transportation system, while "Enhance" projects enhance, expand or improve the transportation system.
- **What are the estimated filing timelines?**
Grant applications were due (and were submitted) on November 27, 2012. A total of 94 grant applications were submitted. These applications were reviewed to develop a 150% list for the available funding as part of step 1 of the STIP process. ODOT notified the county of the county projects moving forward for step 2 of the STIP process and being placed in the 150% list in March 2013. This APR reflects confirmation and notification of moving forward to step 2 of the STIP process, and is being submitted to coincide with the county moving forward to work with ODOT to meet the step 2 requirements of the STIP. Of the 94 applications submitted in Step 1, 43 applications were placed on the 150% list that was approved by the Region 1 STIP Selection Committee. The Committee will further refine the 150% list and a 100% list is expected to be finalized in Fall 2013. This list will be forwarded to the OTC for their review and approval by November 2014.
- **If a grant, what period does the grant cover?**
The projects will be designed and/or built in 2016-2018.
- **When the grant expires, what are funding plans?**
The grant funds construction of the projects and would complete the projects.
- **Is 100% of the central and departmental indirect recovered? If not, please explain why.**
Yes.

Required Signatures

Elected Official or Department/ Agency Director:	Kim Peoples /s/ _____ (signature)	Date: 5/29/13 _____
Budget Analyst:	Ching Hay /s/ (signature)	Date: 5/29/13 _____