

**Minutes for the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, Oregon
Tuesday, February 21, 2012**

BOARD BRIEFINGS

Vice-Chair Loretta Smith called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. with Commissioners Deborah Kafoury, Judy Shiprack and Diane McKeel present. Chair Jeff Cogen was excused.

Also attending was Lynda Grow, Board Clerk.

B.1 Transportation Revenue Update Briefing. Presenters: Jerry Elliott and Karen Schilling.

Vice-Chair Smith welcomed everyone for attending. Mr. Elliott made opening remarks. He said that this briefing will examine potential revenue sources that the County could consider to help reduce the annual need, as requested in a budget note from FY 2012. He said nothing will be done without getting the Board's direction on how to proceed.

Ms. Schilling said Multnomah County has been operating without adequate revenues to meet the demands of preserving and maintaining an aging transportation system and to construct needed improvements over the past decade. Over the next 20 years the combined road and bridge shortfall is \$1.2B. Adjusted for projected revenues over the same time period, the resulting gap in transportation funding for the County is \$973M. She talked about how it is cheaper to keep the roads maintained than defer maintenance and replace the roads later.

The annual shortfall for the Willamette River Bridges, excluding the replacement of the Sellwood Bridge is \$26.3M million. The annual shortfall for the nearly 300 miles of roadways in the County is \$37.9 million. The total annual need is \$64.2M for roads and bridges. With annual projected revenues of \$15.5M, the resulting gap in annual funding for roads and bridges is \$48.7M.

She discussed the shared revenue IGAs with Portland and Gresham. She said that because of the agreements, they get the bulk of the money raised under these categories.

She reviewed the potential revenue sources and those recommended for further consideration, including Local Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF), County Tax, Transportation Utility Fee (TUF), Rental Car Tax and the total revenue generated and sharing that would occur from these increases. The Board asked questions about the impacts of these recommendations. Ms. Schilling reviewed the revenue matrix of Transportation funding with the Board. She reviewed the priorities from the public, including emergency response, snow removal, etc.

The Board recommended another briefing, to include the City of Portland. They asked for a comprehensive review of the needs for bridges, maintenance for roads, revenues received over the last 3-5 years, federal monies received but previously earmarked, Federal dollars to Metro allocations and a break out of County payments on the IGAs. Ms. Schilling said they are returning to the Board with a briefing on Capital in two months and could incorporate these requests into that briefing.

Vice-Chair Smith and the Commissioners thanked them for their presentation.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

The minutes reflect the actions of the Board. For more detail, you are welcome to view the presentation material and/or video at: http://multnomah.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=3

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