



# MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

(Revised: 6/9/2014)

## Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 1/28/16  
Agenda Item #: R.4  
Est. Start Time: 10:50 am approx.  
Date Submitted: 1/20/16

**Agenda Title:** Resolution Authorizing Execution of Three Agreements Relating to Access and Parking at the St. Johns Library

*Note: Title should not be more than 2 lines but sufficient to describe the action requested. Title on APR must match title on Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation.*

## Requested

Meeting Date: January 28, 2016 Time Needed: 10 Minutes

Department: Library District Division: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact(s): Becky Cobb, Jed Tomkins

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## Presenter

Name(s) & Title(s): Becky Cobb, Library District Deputy Director and Jed Tomkins, Assistant County Attorney

## General Information

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

Authorize the Chair of the Multnomah County Library District Board to execute three agreements with St. John – 3 LLC (or successor) that, together, address access and parking at St. Johns Library both during and after construction of the Union at St. Johns, a residential and commercial mixed-use development project.

### 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.

A historic Carnegie library, St. Johns Library has served as an important community asset since 1913. The City of Portland vacated North Kellogg Street between the Library and what was then Messiah Lutheran Church (Church) in the early 1990's, transferring 30 feet of ownership to the library and the church as a result. In January 1997, Multnomah County and Messiah Lutheran Church entered into 25-year reciprocal easements with the other party's 30 feet of property ownership to provide access to parking for members of the public and parishioners, respectively. Due to the complementary uses of the two facilities, the easements effectively supported ingress, egress, parking and freight delivery over the last 19 years. The Messiah Lutheran Church property was sold in 2015 to a developer. The easement rights remained with the property. Purchaser of the property is planning to develop a four-story, 106-unit apartment complex and 22,600 square feet of creative/office space. In order to protect the Library's property rights including ingress, egress and parking during and after construction, the County/Library and Developer are entering into

agreements for the construction phase, ongoing operation and extension of the existing easements.

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

No fiscal impact expected.

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

St. Johns Library seeks to execute three agreements designed to maintain existing access and off-street parking during the pending construction period and thereafter.

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

The Library and the County submitted public comment as part of the city's public land use review process for the Union at St. Johns development project. Multnomah County is working with City of Portland Bureau of Development Services, Portland Public Schools and Developer in reaching an agreement on the access and off-street parking issues raised by the Library and County.

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**Required Signature**

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**Elected  
Official or  
Department  
Director:**

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**Date:**

1/20/16

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