



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

(Revised: 6/9/2014)

APPROVED: MULTNOMAH COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA # R-3 DATE 7/16/15
MARINA BAKER, ASST BOARD CLERK

Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 7/16/15
Agenda Item #: R.3
Est. Start Time: 10:10 am
Date Submitted: 6/22/15

Agenda Title: Cooperative Planning Agreement for the Regional Over-Dimensional Truck Route Study

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: July 9, 2015 Time Needed: 10 minutes

Department: DCS Division: Land Use & Transportation Planning

Contact(s): Joanna Valencia, Senior Transportation Planner

Phone: 503-988-0219 Ext. 80219 I/O Address: 455/116

Presenter

Name(s) &

Title(s): Joanna Valencia, Senior Transportation Planner

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Approval of the Cooperative / Planning Agreement for the Regional Over-Dimensional Truck Route Study.

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 Regional Over-Dimensional Truck Route Study is a planning process that will be led by Metro and the City of Portland's Bureau of Transportation to complete a comprehensive assessment of the over-dimensional truck routes and current permitting practices throughout the region. Multnomah County issues permits for truck movement that exceeds the weight and size limitations on the roads within the County's jurisdiction. For this reason, Multnomah County has been invited to be a member of this project's Project Management Team, providing Transportation Planning staff time to regular project management meetings.

Truck operators obtain over-dimensional variance permits from the State of Oregon when their vehicle exceeds the legal limitations for weight and size. The permits provide routing plans and restrictions on travel. In addition to the state permit, Oregon Revised Statute 818 grants authority to counties and cities to permit the movement of over-dimensional vehicles within their jurisdiction. Multnomah County issues its own respective permits with unique

travel restrictions, as do the other project partners for this study. The result is that frequently an over-dimensional vehicle has to obtain multiple permits for the same movement.

A primary outcome of this study will be a seamless over-dimensional vehicle route system, as well as policy guidance for how the Metro region can implement a more comprehensive and consistent approach for routing over-dimensional vehicles.

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

There is no fiscal impact. The Transportation Planning Division work plan includes staff time to participate in regional transportation planning projects.

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

Participating in the Regional Over-Dimensional Truck Route Study is consistent with Multnomah County's Comprehensive Framework Plan policies to support the planning of trafficways to support freight movement and economic development, as well as to coordinate with regional partners on transportation projects that affect multiple transportation jurisdictions (Policy 34: Trafficways).

Based on the study's final findings, the study may recommend amendments to local and regional transportation plans including the County's Capital Improvement Plan. The County is not committing to making amendments based on the findings; however County staff will consider these recommendations during future Capital Improvement Plan updates.

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

This project will be led by staff from Metro and the City of Portland, with the Oregon Department of Transportation, Washington County, and Clackamas County participating on the Project Management Team.

The project will convene a Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC) made up of technical agency staff as well as representatives from the over-dimensional hauling industry. Members for the SAC have not yet been identified. The project will also include interviews with key freight industry stakeholders, as well as public workshops that will inform the key issues to be studied.

Required Signature

**Elected
Official or
Department
Director:**

Kim Peoples /s/

Date: June 22, 2015

Note: Please submit electronically. Insert names of your approvers followed by /s/ - we no longer use actual signatures. Please insert date approved.