



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Meeting Date: _____
Agenda Item #: _____
Est. Start Time: _____
Date Submitted: _____

Agenda Title: Authorization #4 to begin Negotiations to Acquire Real Property Interests for the Purpose of Constructing a new Sellwood Bridge and Removing the Existing Bridge

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 2, 2011
Amount of Time Needed: 10 minutes
Department: Community Services
Division: LUT/Bridge Section
Contact(s): Ian Cannon
Phone: (503) 310-4610 **Ext.** _____ **Bldg #246/Sellwood Proj Office**
Presenter Name(s) & Title(s): Ian Cannon, Program Manager, Sellwood Bridge Project

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

We are requesting that the Board of County Commissioners approve the resolution authorizing the Department of Community Services to begin negotiations for the purchase of real property associated with the removal of the existing Sellwood Bridge and construction and installation of a new Sellwood Bridge.

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 primary purpose of the Sellwood Bridge Project is to construct a new bridge to provide safe and efficient access for people, goods, and service vehicles across the Willamette River. After 80 years, the existing bridge has reached the end of its useful service life. The bridge is a vital regional transit link along the County's southern boundary serving citizens from Lake Oswego, Sellwood, Milwaukie, Portland, and other towns within Multnomah and Clackamas Counties. The project is located approximately 4.25 miles south of downtown Portland OR, immediately west of Sellwood and carries SE Tacoma Street across the Willamette River where it connects to State Route 43. The existing structure has developed cracks in its concrete approach spans, resulting in progressive reductions to the weight limits that can be safely transported across the structure.

Negotiations to purchase the impacted properties at fair market value will be made in good faith.

Due to the size of the project and the nature of the design process to be used, the properties to be acquired have been divided into packages. The impacted property included in this fourth package for acquisition includes the south parking lot of Freeman Motors and land owned by the Willamette Shore Line Consortium along the Willamette Shore Trolley right-of-way.

Other packages will be presented to the Board as the design progresses.

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

The construction cost for this project is estimated at \$290 million. Sufficient funds have been secured to proceed with final design and right-of-way acquisitions.

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

The County will strictly follow the rules, policies, and procedures of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, ORS Chapter 35, and the "State Right of Way Manual."

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

The Sellwood Project has had an extensive public outreach program. The County conducted 33 public meetings to solicit public concerns before starting the planning process. During the planning process, a Community Task Force held 25 meetings that were open to the public and had public comment periods. At six major decision points during the planning phase, a public open house was held and a web-based survey was taken.

In 2010, during the Pre-Design Phase, a Community Advisory Committee (CAC) was appointed, with 17 community members representing various stakeholder groups. The CAC held 12 open public meetings. A public open house and online survey were also held to gather public input.

The project also has a Public Stakeholder Committee (PSC) consisting of elected officials from Multnomah County, Clackamas County, Metro, Portland, Milwaukie, the Oregon House of Representatives, Oregon Senate, and the office of U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley. Officials from the Oregon Department of Transportation, TriMet, and the Federal Highway Administration are included on the PSC. The Sellwood Project has involved numerous local, state, and federal regulatory agencies. The public and agency involvement will continue throughout the design and construction phases of the project.

Required Signature

Elected Official or
Department/
Agency Director: _____

Date: _____