



# MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

(revised 12/31/09)

## Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 9/22/11  
Agenda Item #: UC-1  
Est. Start Time: 9:45 am  
Date Submitted: 9/21/11

**Agenda Title:** **RESOLUTION Authorizing the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners to Sign the Declaration of Cooperation to Form the Portland Sustainable Communities Consortium**

*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: September 22, 2011 Amount of Time Needed: 10 minutes  
Department: Non-departmental Division: Commissioner Kafoury  
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Presenter(s): Andy Cotugno, Metro; Beckie Lee

## General Information

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

Approval of resolution authorizing the Chair to sign the Declaration of Cooperation to form the Portland Regional Sustainable Communities Consortium.

### 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.

This vote today gives the Chair the Authority to sign the attached Declaration of Cooperation, which signals the formation of the Portland Region Sustainable Communities Consortium. This is a consortium of public and community-based stakeholders for the purpose of working together to seek a grant under the US Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) "Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program" to support development and implementation of tools and strategies addressing housing needs and access to opportunity for all citizens of the Portland metropolitan region.

Metro is the lead applicant on the grant. The Declaration of Cooperation signals the partners intent to achieve the following outcomes:

1. Involve governments, housing authorities, community-based organizations, foundations and the private sector in collaboratively and inclusively developing an integrated regional evaluation of access to opportunity. This will ensure an increased understanding of how actions and investments of each organization contributes to the overall community.
2. Develop programs and resources to expand the capacity and capability of community based organizations to effectively participate in decision-making.
3. Develop a coordinated regional and local approach to determining the housing needs of the changing demographics of the region, the extent to which public and philanthropic programs and the market sector are meeting those needs, and developing a toolbox of best practices to address the unmet needs.
4. Link plans and programs to meet affordable housing needs in the region to ensure access to opportunity through available and planned public services and infrastructure, such as employment opportunities, health care, transportation, education, and recreation.
5. Review the adequacy and availability of public services to *existing* market or assisted low-cost housing in the region, and help local governments evaluate the equity of access to opportunity through current public service distribution in the region.
6. Pilot implementation of these strategies through a focus on several target areas and development of programs to better integrate affordable housing assistance with workforce training and access to transportation options.

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

The County will provide an in-kind match of staff time from a number of different departments, including Mary Li in Community Services, Kari Lyons Eubanks in Environmental Health, and staff from the Offices of Commissioner Kafoury and Commissioner McKeel. The total estimated value of that staff time is \$91,200 over a two year period.

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

No legal issues involved; supports policies previously set by the Board.

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

The consortium involves over 20 local governments and non-profit organizations. Metro is the lead agency on the grant application.

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## Required Signature

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Elected Official or  
Department/  
Agency Director:



Date: Sept. 21, 2011