



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Meeting Date: 9/26/13
Agenda Item #: R.1
Est. Start Time: 9:30 am
Date Submitted: 9/12/13

Agenda Title: **Resolution Endorsing the Southwest Corridor Plan and Shared Investment Strategy**

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: September 26, 2013 **Time Needed:** 30 minutes

Department: Community Services **Division:** LUT Planning

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Presenter

Name(s) &

Title(s): Malu Wilkinson, Metro Planner, and Metro Councilor Bob Stacey

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Resolution endorsing the Southwest Corridor Plan and Shared Investment Strategy.

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 Southwest Corridor is the region's top priority for consideration of a high capacity transit investment based on the 2009 Regional High Capacity Transit System Plan. Staff from the cities (Beaverton, Durham, King City, Lake Oswego, Portland, Sherwood, Tigard and Tualatin) and counties (Washington and Multnomah) along with TriMet, ODOT and Metro have been involved in a comprehensive study to align local, regional and state policies and investments. The Southwest Steering Committee adopted a charter agreeing to use a collaborative approach to develop the Plan.

The SW Corridor includes 11% of the metropolitan population and 26% of the tri-county jobs and is expected to grow significantly in the coming decades. Worsening traffic will limit job growth and make it harder for residents to get around. In addition to roadway and bike and pedestrian investments, a new bus rapid transit or light rail line will provide better access to jobs in the corridor and encourage development. Project partners have defined a set of potential investments that support land use, transportation, and community-building goals in the corridor to implement the Southwest Corridor vision.

Recommendations from the study (Attachment A) include the following: 1) invest in roadways and active transportation, 2) invest in parks, trails and nature, 3) consider new

regulations and policies, and develop incentives to build private investment consistent with community vision, 4) develop a collaborative funding strategy for the SW Corridor Plan and 5) invest in transit. The last recommendation to invest in transit includes direction to partner staff to study high capacity transit options in more detail. This includes two potential modes: light rail and bus rapid transit; for the bus rapid transit option, between 50-100% of the alignment is in exclusive right-of-way; and a line that connects Portland to downtown Tualatin, via Tigard.

Moving forward, projects in this corridor with identified funding will advance in development and implementation. Partners will continue to seek funding for other priority projects that are supportive of the community land use visions. The study will continue to refine the potential for high capacity transit alternatives for consideration in a Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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

Planning staff has been involved in the study; their time is budgeted in the annual budget.

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

No legal or policy issues. Multnomah County does not have transportation or land use authority in the SW Corridor area.

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

Citizen input is taken at each of the Steering Committee meetings. Numerous outreach activities were conducted over the past year in the corridor.

Required Signature

**Elected
Official or
Department**

Director: Kim Peoples

Date: 9/12/13

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