

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION NO. 05-164

Authorizing Commissioner Maria Rojo de Steffey to Negotiate on Behalf of Multnomah County with the Oregon Department of Transportation through its Oregon Innovative Partnerships Program for the Sellwood Bridge Renovation/ Replacement Project

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. The Sellwood Bridge was built in 1925 and is one of the busiest two-lane bridges in the State of Oregon.
- b. From both a traffic and an engineering perspective, the Sellwood Bridge in its current condition cannot meet the transportation needs of the community it serves.
- c. Many parts of the structure are in an advanced state of deterioration.
- d. Large cracks were discovered in the concrete approach spans in 2003 and were reinforced with several sets of steel plates
- e. The bridge has a structural sufficiency rating of 2 out of 100 possible points – with 100 representing a bridge in excellent condition.
- f. The load limits on the bridge have been restricted to 10 tons and these limits prevent large commercial trucks, Tri-Met buses and most fire trucks from crossing the bridge.
- g. The existing Sellwood Bridge is in need of renovation or replacement.
- h. The Board of County Commissioners has been briefed about the Oregon Innovative Partnerships Program (OIPP) operated under the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) as authorized under ORS 367.800 et seq.
- i. Multnomah County has received an unsolicited bid proposal from Bechtel Infrastructure Corporation for a Public-Private Partnership for rapid replacement of the Sellwood Bridge.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:

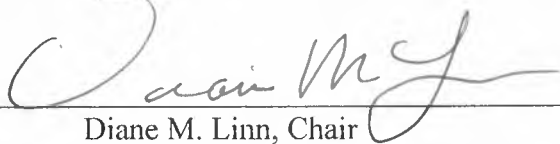
1. The County shall pursue with ODOT, through the OIPP, the options available to undertake a construction project to replace or renovate the Sellwood Bridge (the Project).
2. The Board will not entertain the unsolicited bid proposal from Bechtel Infrastructure Corporation for the Project.

3. Commissioner Maria Rojo de Steffey is authorized to negotiate a proposed agreement under OIPP on behalf of the County with ODOT.
4. Any proposed agreement shall be subject to Board approval.

ADOPTED this 22nd day of September 2005.




BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Diane M. Linn, Chair

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