



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Meeting Date: 12/6/12
Agenda Item #: R.1
Est. Start Time: 9:30 am
Date Submitted: 11/28/12

Agenda Title: Briefing on Multnomah County Downtown Courthouse Community Outreach and Resolution Authorizing Partnership with the State of Oregon and Partnerships BC to Provide a Project Screening Report

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: December 6, 2012
Time Needed: 45 minutes
Department: Non-Departmental
Division: Districts 1 & 3
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General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

The Board will be briefed on the community outreach conducted over the last four months, including two community meetings and an online survey. The Board will be asked to authorize the next step in the Downtown Courthouse project – an agreement with the State of Oregon and Partnerships BC to provide a project screening report to determine if the project is best implemented through traditional financing or performance-based partnerships.

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.

On June 14, 2012, the Board of County Commissioners passed Resolution 2012-078 directing the Department of County Assets and the Communications office to gather public input on the Downtown Courthouse project. Since that time, we created a [website](#), an informational video, conducted two community meetings and launched an online survey, collecting input from over 800 people. This briefing will provide a summary of that feedback.

In addition, we will request the Board authorize the next step in the Downtown Courthouse Project. The proposed next step is to partner with the State of Oregon and Partnerships

BC to create a screening report to determine if the Downtown Courthouse Project is best implemented through traditional financing or performance-based partnerships.

As part of a sweeping effort to address critical infrastructure planning and investment in Oregon, Governor Kitzhaber jointly created the [West Coast Infrastructure Exchange](#) with the States of Washington, California and the Province of British Columbia, Canada. He signed [Executive Order No. 12-17](#) to outline the process for infrastructure planning and investment and engaged the services of Partnerships BC to build state expertise in innovative infrastructure performance partnerships.

The first evaluation step is a screening report to be conducted by Partnerships BC. This will take 4-6 weeks and will evaluate the Courthouse project against criteria that help determine whether a project is a good candidate to be analyzed by the County for use of a performance-based, life-cycle contracting method that is designed to bring improved value. At the end of this screening report, the State and Partnerships BC will brief the Board of County Commissioners on the recommendations of the screening report. We anticipate scheduling the briefing by mid-February.

The Board vote today will authorize the Department of County Assets to work with the State of Oregon and Partnerships BC to produce a project screening report.

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

There is no fiscal impact. The cost of the screening report is estimated at \$5,000 - \$7,000 to be paid by a grant. If the screening report shows that the project is likely to obtain higher value through this innovation, the State will propose that we move forward with a business case analysis. Board approval will be sought prior to moving on to the business case analysis.

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

[Executive Order No.12-17](#) adopted on November 13, 2012, authorizes all future state funded infrastructure projects of \$20 million or more to go through this screening process.

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

Community meetings in October and November included involvement by the State Courts, Multnomah Bar Association, and the Portland Business Alliance. Over 70 people attended the two community meetings. The online survey was taken by 734 people. Of those, over half added additional comments beyond the questions that were asked.

Required Signature

**Elected
Official or
Department
Director:**



Date: 9/28/12