

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION NO. _____

Briefing on Multnomah County Downtown Courthouse Options Analysis and Resolution
Establishing Community Participation

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. Oregon Revised Statute § 1.185 requires Multnomah County to “provide suitable and sufficient courtrooms, office and jury rooms for the court, the judges, other officers and employees of the court and juries in attendance upon the court, and provide maintenance and utilities for those courtrooms, offices and jury rooms.”
- b. Since 1968 Multnomah County has studied the Downtown Courthouse examining strategies and potential solutions, initially to improve upon the building, more recently to replace or rebuild it.
- c. In 2010, SERA Architects was tasked to provide a study for proposed construction phasing and planning solutions for the modernization of the courthouse. The study was completed in 2011.
- d. The mission of the current study by Inici Group is to compare SERA Architects’ model for the rehabilitation of the existing courthouse to a newly constructed courthouse in a variety of potential localities comparing construction time, cost and various funding and building options.
- e. It is in the interest of Multnomah County to work with stakeholders, business and community partners to seek public comment on this vital county function before proceeding to the next phase.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:

1. Working with the Department of County Assets and the Communications Office, Commissioners Shiprack and Kafoury will solicit public input on the Inici Report and on the renovation and new construction of the Downtown Courthouse, options for design, site, seismic safety and financing of the project.

2. The Department of County Assets and the Communications Office will report the results and recommendations of this public engagement to the Board no later than November, 2012.

ADOPTED this 14th day of June, 2012

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

Jeff Cogen, Chair

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