

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

**RESOLUTION NO. 02-024**

Approving Selection of the Construction Alternative for the Broadway Bridge Rehabilitation Project and Broadway Bridge Closure Authorization

**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:**

- a. The Broadway Bridge is one of six Willamette River bridges maintained by Multnomah County and serves as a vital transportation link for the region's economy, cultural resources and neighborhoods.
- b. Structural, mechanical and electrical deficiencies and recommendations for rehabilitation were identified in the Willamette River Bridges 20-Year Capital Improvement Needs Report in 1989.
- c. The Transportation Division has successfully secured Federal and State funding, and the County will contribute our local match, for a total construction budget of \$25.3 million.
- d. The Transportation Division's Bridge Section has begun design of a multi-phase construction project plan to accomplish the repairs and improvements to the Bridge, with construction currently scheduled to begin in April 2003. Engineering staff have developed two alternative construction schedules for consideration:
  - 1) Full Bridge Closure  
This alternative will completely close the bridge to all forms of traffic for the project's duration of 17 to 19 months.
  - 2) Partial Bridge Closure  
This alternative will allow one lane open in each direction and one sidewalk open for pedestrians and bicycles for the project's duration of 19 to 21 months. The Partial closure includes a 60-day full closure to all forms of traffic, and full evening closures Sunday through Thursday night. Truck and bus traffic will not be allowed.
- e. Closure of a County bridge for more than 30 days requires the approval of the Board of County Commissioners.
- f. An extensive public involvement process over the past year resulted in the identification of a number of community concerns by neighborhood organizations, business associations and individual residents. Business groups from the City's downtown Pearl, Old Town, and Rose Quarter districts voiced

concern that a full closure of the bridge would have a negative impact on their enterprises. Neighborhood groups and citizens voiced concern over added congestion, traffic disruptions and commuting delays.

- g. The Board's intent is to balance the diverse needs of neighborhoods, the business community, the traveling public, the regional economy and the environment. The Board's policy objectives are to mitigate negative economic impacts, ensure the safety of workers and bridge users, incorporate sustainability practices, maximize the use of tax dollars, limit disruptions to traffic and extend the lifespan of the bridge.

**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:**

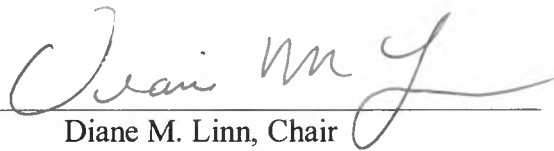
1. The Transportation Division is directed to develop the construction documents for Alternative 2 - Partial Bridge Closure.
2. The Board authorizes the closure of the Broadway Bridge for the appropriate duration during the construction project as described in the Partial Closure alternative.
3. Project goals will include:
  - a) Completion of quality repairs to preserve the Broadway Bridge as a reliable transportation link in the region;
  - b) Compliance with all environmental, contracting and prevailing wage requirements of Federal, State and local laws;
  - c) Elimination of pollution emissions during construction;
  - d) Creation and maintenance of a safe work zone for workers and the traveling public;
  - e) Compliance with the Endangered Species Act;
  - f) Utilization of sustainability practices;
  - g) Encouragement of participation by minority, women and emerging small businesses in the project;
  - h) Communication with local contractors to ensure awareness of this project opportunity;
  - i) Use of the pre-qualification process to identify potential contractors; and

- j) Optimal use of County tax dollars.
4. The Transportation Division shall create a citizens advisory group comprised of representatives from neighborhoods, bike and pedestrian groups, businesses, and environmental organizations during the design and construction of the project. The Division will update the group regularly about the project and consult to mitigate community concerns that may arise.

ADOPTED this 14th day of February, 2002.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

  
Diane M. Linn, Chair

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