



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Meeting Date:	<u>2/7/17</u>
Agenda Item #:	<u>B.2</u>
Est. Start Time:	<u>11:00 am</u>
Date Submitted:	<u>2/2/17</u>

Agenda Title: **Informational Board Briefing on air toxics**

Note: Title should not be more than 2 lines but be sufficient to describe the action requested.

Requested Meeting Date:	<u>February 7, 2017</u>	Time Needed:	<u>1 hr</u>
Department:	<u>Non-D / Health Dept.</u>	Division:	<u>Environmental Health & Sust</u>
Contact(s):	<u>John Wasiutynski</u>		
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Presenter Name(s) & Title(s):			
<u>John Wasiutynski, Director; Matt Hoffman, Senior Program Specialist; Mary Peveto, Executive Director Neighbors for Clean Air.</u>			

General Information

1. What are you requesting from the Board?

This is intended as an information briefing to provide background and context to Board members on the impacts of air pollution on the health of Multnomah County residents. The presentation will also provide context on how air pollution is regulated and ongoing efforts to address air pollution issues.

2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer(s) this action affects and how it impacts the results.

Multnomah County, despite a reputation as a green and healthy place to live, has issues with air pollution. This became very clear in 2016 when air quality monitoring revealed air toxic "hot-spots" adjacent to two art glass manufacturing facilities in the heart of Portland. Although this issue was a shock to many residents, issues with air quality have long been known to Multnomah County staff. County staff worked with the Department of Environmental Quality analysis of Portland Area air toxics, a process known as "Portland Air Toxics Solutions." The study conducted by DEQ to inform the PATS process revealed numerous air pollutants, known as air toxics, which exceeded safety benchmarks set by the state. Notable among those pollutants was diesel particulate matter, which is a known carcinogen. Multnomah County has the highest exposure concentration of diesel PM in the state, and is among the highest in the country.

This presentation will explore the types and sources of air pollution that are the greatest threat to public health in Multnomah County. It will also highlight solutions that are, or could be, pursued at the state and local level to better protect public health and the environment. The board will hear from experts in the Department of Health, Office of Sustainability, and Department of Environmental Quality.

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

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

This is a briefing that will touch on potential regulatory action that could be taken up by the board at a future date.

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

Multnomah County Health Department, Environmental Health has been at the forefront in addressing the public's concerns with air pollution. The County Environmental Health team has hosted public forums and participated in numerous formal and informal events with community members to hear their concerns and provide relevant science based information to the public. The Health Department continues to play an active role in regulatory reform efforts and local actions to curb emissions of air pollution that is harmful to public health.

The Office of Sustainability has a long history of working on air quality issues. The Office has a long standing advisory subcommittee dedicated to the issue of air quality. In addition the Office continues to assist in regulatory reform efforts and policy making at the state and local level that address air quality issues.

Required Signature

Elected Official

or Department/

Agency Director:

John Wasiutynski /s/

2/2/17

Date:

Note: Please submit electronically. Insert names of your approvers followed by /s/ - we no longer use actual signatures. Please insert date approved for submittal.