



# MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

(Revised: Feb. 2017)

APPROVED: MULTNOMAH COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
AGENDA # R.1 DATE 6/28/18  
TAJA NELSON, ASST. BOARD CLERK

### Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 6/28/2018  
Agenda Item #: R.1  
Est. Start Time: 9:40 a.m.  
Date Submitted: 6/7/2018

Agenda Title: Ordinance Amending MCC §§ 11.250-11.256 Relating to Vehicle Registration Fee

### Requested

Meeting Date: June 28, 2018 Time Needed: 5 minutes

Department: Community Services Division: Transportation

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Presenters: Ian Cannon, Courtney Lords

### General Information

**1. What action are you requesting from the Board?**

Approval of Ordinance Amending MCC §§ 11.250-11.256 Relating to Vehicle Registration Fee.

**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.**

This ordinance does not change the amount of the County's Vehicle Registration Fee or the vehicles that are subject to the fee. The fee will remain at \$19 per subject vehicle per year.

This ordinance will allow funds collected from the existing County Vehicle Registration Fee to be used to pay for repairing, planning, designing, replacing, acquiring necessary property for, engineering, constructing, payment of debt service and costs related to bonds or other obligations for such purpose of a bridge that crosses the Willamette River in the City of Portland or the approaches to the bridge. This allows the use of these funds on any of the County's Willamette River Bridges in the City of Portland, instead of just being used for the Sellwood Bridge.

County taxes and other revenues have not been sufficient to provide funding for maintenance and replacement of the bridges Multnomah County is obligated to maintain, and in particular, have not been sufficient for maintaining and/or replacing the bridges over the Willamette River within the City of Portland.

The County's 2015 Willamette River Capital Improvement Plan identified approximately \$1.3 billion of needs in the next twenty years. Providing a seismically resilient Burnside

Bridge crossing of the Willamette River is a high priority in the Capital Improvement Plan. The County has been working on a Feasibility Study for the seismic rehabilitation or replacement of the Burnside Bridge since autumn of 2016.

The County will use a portion of the revenue from the existing County Vehicle Registration Fee to fund the environmental review phase of the Earthquake Ready Burnside Bridge project. The remainder of the funds will be used to repay bonds for the Sellwood Bridge Replacement Project.

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

Revenues from the County's Vehicle Registration Fee have exceeded original projections. Current and future revenues are anticipated to provide sufficient funding to repay bonds for the Sellwood Bridge Replacement project on schedule and provide funding for other high priority Willamette River Bridge projects. The intent is to use the additional revenue for the Earthquake Ready Burnside Bridge project.

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

In 2009, the Oregon State Legislature adopted Oregon Laws Chapter 865 (2009), codified in ORS 801.041 (hereafter, "Authorizing Legislation"), authorizing counties with a population of 350,000 or more to enact an ordinance establishing vehicle registration fees.

On October 22, 2009, the Board adopted Ordinance No. 1148 establishing a vehicle registration fee to provide a dedicated revenue source for the replacement of the Sellwood Bridge in Multnomah County.

In 2018, the Oregon State Legislature adopted Oregon Laws Chapter 24 (2018), allowing counties with a population greater than 650,000 to use county vehicle registration fees for bridges over the Willamette River in the City of Portland without having to distribute fees to cities within the county.

The County now wishes to amend MCC §§ 11.250-11.256 to be consistent with the broad authority granted to the County in the Authorizing Legislation and amend the code to cover all bridges over the Willamette River in the City of Portland consistent with Oregon Laws Chapter 24 (2018).

It is necessary to amend MCC §§ 11.250-11.256 to conform to state law.

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

The County conducted outreach at the Oregon Legislature. In addition, the County has engaged in a vigorous program associated with the Earthquake Ready Burnside Bridge Project that has included 11 committee meetings, 43 individual briefings, and an online open house with over 1,800 views.

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Required Signature

**Elected  
Official or  
Department  
Director:**

Kim Peoples /s/

**Date:** June 7, 2018