

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, Oregon
Tuesday, October 6, 2015**

BOARD BRIEFINGS

Chair Deborah Kafoury called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Commissioners Loretta Smith and Diane McKeel. Vice-Chair Jules Bailey and Commissioner Judy Shiprack were excused.

Also attending were Jenny Madkour, County Attorney, and Lynda Grow, Board Clerk.

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B.1 Board Briefing on the Health Department’s Data Policy Brief, “Vital Signs – Legalization of Marijuana: Potential Policy Directions for Public Health.” Presenters: Joanne Fuller, Health Department Director; Dr. Paul Lewis, Tri-County Health Officer & Tricia Tillman, Dir. of Public Health (60 min)

CHAIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS. WE ARE HAVING A BRIEFING THIS MORNING FROM THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT ON VITAL SIGNS, LEGALIZATION OF MARIJUANA, POTENTIAL POLICY DIRECTIONS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH. GOOD MORNING.

MS. FULLER: GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION. JOANNE FULLER, HEALTH DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR. AND I'M HERE TODAY WITH PAUL LEWIS, THE TRI-COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER AND TRICIA TILLMAN, WHO IS THE PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY. AND TODAY IT'S REALLY OUR PLEASURE TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION, AND WE REALLY WANT TO GIVE YOU AN OVERVIEW OF THE POTENTIAL PUBLIC IMPACTS OF LEGALIZATION AND TALK ABOUT SOME POLICY OPTIONS TO MITIGATE NEGATIVE IMPACTS. WE ARE SHARING WITH YOU THE FINDINGS FROM OUR LATEST DATA POLICY BRIEF. WHEN I BECAME THE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR, WE DECIDED TO CONSOLIDATE POLICY ANALYSIS AND BRIEFINGS FOR POLICY MAKERS AND CREATE A SERIES CALLED VITAL SIGNS. THE FIRST ONE WAS ON E-CIGARETTES, THE SECOND ONE WE'RE RELEASING TODAY ON MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION. AND WE WILL BE SUBSEQUENTLY EVERY YEAR WE HOPE RELEASING A COUPLE OF VITAL SIGNS DOCUMENTS ON KEY PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUES TO HELP INFORM YOU AND OTHER POLICY MAKERS IN YOUR DECISION MAKING. SO, I WANT TO THANK BARBARA, JULIA DILLY, BETSY, AND JULIE WHO WORK WITH OUR PROGRAM EVALUATION AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES WHO WERE THE AUTHORS OF THE VITAL SIGNS DOCUMENT, AND DR. LEWIS, FOR HIS WORK IN EDITING AND REVISING THAT DOCUMENT. SO, ONE OF THE THINGS -- WE KNOW THAT THERE ARE A BROAD RANGE OF POLICY ISSUES THAT ARE ENCOMPASSED IN MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION, AND WE WOULD WELCOME CONTINUED

CONVERSATION WITH YOU AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS ABOUT THOSE ISSUES. THAT LANDSCAPE ALSO ENCOMPASSES THE WORK OF OTHER POLICY MAKERS, CITY COUNCIL, LEGISLATURE, PLANNING BOARDS, OTHER JURISDICTIONS. SO, WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO TALK ABOUT TODAY SPECIFICALLY ARE THE PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUES AND THE PUBLIC HEALTH IMPACTS, AND MAKE SURE THAT YOU UNDERSTAND CLEARLY THE ROLE OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY IN TERMS OF AS A -- AS THE BOARD OF PUBLIC HEALTH, AND THEN WE WILL BE IN THE VITAL SIGNS, WE TALK ABOUT OTHER ISSUES, SUCH AS LAND USE OR OTHER PLANNING ISSUES, AND IF YOU WANT TO DISCUSS AND WORK ON THOSE ISSUES IN THE FUTURE, WE WOULD WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE THIS CONVERSATION AND INCLUDE OTHERS IN THAT. I WANT TO BE CLEAR THAT YOU MAY HAVE LOTS OF THOUGHTS ABOUT MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION AND TODAY WE ARE GOING TO TALK SPECIFICALLY ABOUT THE PUBLIC HEALTH REALM. FIRST DR. LEWIS IS GOING TO PROVIDE AN OVERVIEW OF THE LAW, TIMELINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND SUMMARIZE WHAT'S KNOWN AND NOT KNOWN ABOUT THE HEALTH IMPACTS. AND HE IS GOING TO TALK ABOUT THE PUBLIC HEALTH APPROACH AND PRIORITY ISSUES, AND THEN TRISHA IS GOING TO TALK ABOUT THE POLICY OPTIONS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION AND NEXT STEPS. I WILL TURN IT OVER TO THEM.

CHAIR KAFOURY: GOOD MORNING.

DR. LEWIS: THANKS FOR HAVING US HERE. ONE OF THE -- ONE OTHER PERSON I WANTED TO NOTE IS LAUREL WHO HAS ALSO HELPED TRY TO KEEP THIS -- US AWARE OF ALL OF THE MANY THINGS THAT ARE HAPPENING. I'M MAKING THE ANALOGY TO BEING AN AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLER, SO MANY DIFFERENT PIECES GOING ON WITH SO MANY DIFFERENT AGENCIES, SUBCOMMITTEES AND ADVISORY GROUPS. AS YOU CAN SEE, THE LEGISLATURE NOT ONLY ADDRESSED RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA, BUT ALSO MEDICAL MARIJUANA, AND THE TWO CAN CONVERGE AND GET MUDDIED. THEY ARE TWO SEPARATE PROGRAMS. BACKGROUND, MEASURE 91, WHICH PASSED BY APPROXIMATELY 71-29 IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY IN THE FALL OF 2014. AND THE FIRST POINT ACTUALLY I DECIDED IS ACTUALLY THE MOST IMPORTANT ONE, THE MEASURE THAT WAS PASSED WAS FOR USE AMONG ADULTS OVER AGE 21. AND, AGAIN, YOU ARE GOING TO HEAR A RECURRING THEME WITH US ABOUT YOUTH, PRECONCEPTION TO 221, ABOUT CONCERNS WE HAVE THERE. BUT THE LAW PASSED WAS FOR ADULT USE. OLCC WAS GIVEN THE PRIMARY REGULATORY AUTHORITY. THERE WAS A PORTION IN THERE AROUND LOCAL CONTROL, BUT GENERALLY SO-CALLED TIME, PLACE, AND MANNER. AND ALSO OPTIONS TO OPT OUT THROUGH GENERAL ELECTIONS. THE REVENUE PORTION IN THE MEASURE WAS THIS \$35 AN OUNCE OF TAX. THAT'S CHANGED SUBSEQUENTLY. ONE THING THAT HASN'T CHANGED IS THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE TAX, WHERE 40% WENT TO SCHOOLS, 20% MENTAL HEALTH, ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG SERVICES, 15% TO STATE POLICE, 10% TO CITIES, 10% TO COUNTIES AND 5% TO THE OREGON HEALTH AUTHORITY. IN THE SPRING SESSION, THERE WERE FOUR MARIJUANA-RELATED BILLS. THE MAIN ONE WAS THIS ONE, 3400. ONE

PIECE THAT IS RELEVANT TO THE STATE BUT NOT MULTNOMAH COUNTY, IF A COUNTY VOTED AT LEAST 55% NO ON MEASURE 91, ORDINANCES COULD BE PASSED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNING AUTHORITY TO OPT OUT OF RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA, AND THE CONSEQUENCE WAS YOU DIDN'T GET TO SHARE IN THE TAXES. FOR OTHER JURISDICTIONS THAT DIDN'T MEET THAT CRITERIA, THERE COULD BE A MEASURE TO OPT OUT, BUT IT WOULD HAVE TO GO TO THE VOTERS IN AN EVEN-NUMBERED -- FOR PUBLIC VOTE, AND THERE WOULD BE NO TAX SHARING. AN IMPORTANT COMPONENT OF 3400 WAS THE SO-CALLED LUCS, OR LAND USE COMPATIBILITY STATEMENT, LICENSEES OLCC WILL GRANT, LAND USE COMPATIBILITY STATEMENT FROM THE LOCAL JURISDICTION. THIS IS A POTENTIAL TOOL FOR LOCAL JURISDICTIONS TO HAVE SOME CONTROL OVER THE NUMBER, SIZE, AND TYPE OF MARIJUANA BUSINESSES. THE MAIN REVENUE CHANGE THAT WENT AWAY FROM THIS PER-WEIGHT TAX TO BASICALLY A 17% SALES TAX AT RETAIL ON ALL PRODUCTS WITH AN OPTION FOR UP TO A 3% LOCAL TAX. OLCC WAS ALSO GIVEN EXPANDED DUTIES AND A LOT MORE DETAIL. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT SORT OF ONLY POSSIBLE ERA OF BAR CODING IS THE SEED TO SALE TRACKING, IN PRINCIPLE, EACH PLANT IS TRACKED AND YOU KNOW WHERE THINGS COME FROM. THERE IS ALSO A PIECE ABOUT LABORATORY THAT WE WILL GET TO THAT IS PRETTY IMPORTANT, AND AN INCENTIVE FOR MEDICAL GROWERS TO OPT IN TO THE RETAIL SYSTEM. AND THERE IS A SORT OF A GENERAL OVERALL STRATEGY THAT APPEARS BE THERE THAT IT MIGHT BE SIMPLER FOR THE STATE IF THERE WERE ONE MARKET, NOT TWO MARKETS. THERE ARE STILL TWO FOR NOW. THAT WAS A MATTER OF GREAT DEBATE, I BELIEVE, IN JUNE ABOUT THAT. AND FOR NOW, THEY REMAIN SEPARATE. THERE WERE ALSO CHANGES AND BASICALLY SOME TIGHTENING OF THE MEDICAL MARIJUANA PROGRAM.

DR. LEWIS: THIS ONE IS ACTUALLY REGULATED BY THE OREGON HEALTH AUTHORITY. NOT BY THE OLCC. IT REQUIRES SOME NEW ACCOUNTABILITY ABOUT TRACKING OF WHERE THINGS ARE BEING GROWN, SUBMITTING INFORMATION TO A DATA BASE. ALLOWING LAW ENFORCEMENT TO HAVE ACCESS TO THAT, AND LIMITING THE NUMBER OF PLANTS AT A SINGLE ADDRESS BECAUSE OF CONCERNS THAT IF SOMEONE WAS WHAT'S CALLED A CAREGIVER FOR MANY, MANY PATIENTS, THEY COULD HAVE A VERY, VERY LARGE MARIJUANA GROW, AND ALSO SOME THINGS ABOUT BEING ABLE TO LOSE YOUR LICENSES AND KEEPING THE DISPENSARIES OUT OF RESIDENTIAL AREAS. THIS TIME LINE HERE WHICH HOPEFULLY IS SHOWING UP ON THE SCREEN, SHOWS 2015 AND 2016 AND THE MANY THINGS THAT ARE GOING ON. WHERE WE ARE RIGHT NOW IS THAT OCTOBER 1ST, LAST WEEK, DISPENSARIES THAT OPTED IN AND IT WAS A PRETTY SIMPLE PROCESS, COULD BEGIN RETAIL SALES TO NON-CARD HOLDERS OF LIMITED AMOUNTS OF JUST MARIJUANA PLANT PRODUCTS. IN JANUARY, THE OLCC WILL BEGIN TO ACCEPT APPLICATIONS AND THERE IS AT LEAST FIVE TYPES OF APPLICATIONS THEY WILL ACCEPT. TWO OF THEM ARE PRETTY OBVIOUS, GROWING IT AND SELLING IT. IN BETWEEN, WHOLESALING IT, PROCESSING IT AND LABORATORY TESTING

OF IT. THEY'RE IN THE -- RACING TO GET THE RULES, AT LEAST THE INITIAL RULES IN PLACE FOR THAT. THEN UNCLEAR THAT SOMETIME IN 2016, AND WHAT THEY HAVE BEEN SAYING IS LATE 2016, THAT THOSE RETAIL-ONLY OPERATIONS WILL BEGIN. SO, THE DOCUMENT YOU HAVE, THE VITAL SIGNS DOCUMENT AND I'M REALLY VERY PROUD OF THE TEAM THAT PUT THIS TOGETHER. IT WAS AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF WORK ON A VERY CHALLENGING TOPIC. AND IT IS REALLY INTENDED SO THAT YOU AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY ACTUALLY HAVE SOME INFORMATION THAT WE CAN CONSIDER TO BE UNBIASED. AND THE REASON THAT THAT IS IMPORTANT IS THAT ALMOST EVERYTHING, MOST OF WHAT WE FIND WRITTEN ABOUT MARIJUANA IS WRITTEN EITHER BY THOSE FROM THE DRUG CONTROL SIDE THAT HAVE VERY STRONG FEELINGS ABOUT MARIJUANA USE, OR ADVOCACY SIDE, THINK IT IS LIKE A VITAMIN AND EVERYBODY SHOULD TAKE IT EVERYDAY. AS A RESULT, THE BIAS IS SO ENORMOUS, OFTEN THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE ARTICLE ARE NOT SUPPORTED BY THE MATTER THAT CAME BEFOREHAND. FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEMS DOING RESEARCH ON AN ILLEGAL PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCE. IT IS VERY HARD TO GET CREDIBLE INFORMATION. AND IT IS ALSO GENERALLY UNETHICAL TO DO EXPERIMENTS ON PEOPLE WITH MARIJUANA. THERE ARE SOME EXCEPTIONS TO THAT, BUT IN GENERAL. WE ARE STUCK WITH A LOT OF NOISE, RIGHT. AND IN ALL OF THAT NOISE, THERE IS SOME VALUABLE INFORMATION. THE OTHER REALLY IMPORTANT CAVEAT IS THAT MUCH OF THE INFORMATION THAT WE HAVE IS ABOUT SMOKED MARIJUANA. NOW THERE ARE MANY OTHER WAYS IT USE MARIJUANA. AND IT IS ALSO FROM THE PAST WHEN THE CONCENTRATION OF THE ACTIVE SUBSTANCES IN MARIJUANA WERE LOWER THAN THEY ARE NOW. WE KNOW POTENTIALLY DIFFERENT WAYS OF USING IT AND IN DIFFERENT CONCENTRATIONS. IT JUST MAKES A LOT OF WHAT WE TRY TO FIGURE OUT A BIT HAZY.

DR. LEWIS: NONETHELESS, WE REALLY IDENTIFIED A COUPLE OF AREAS THAT WE THINK REALLY ARE IMPORTANT HEALTH EFFECTS. ONE IS SHORT-TERM ANXIETY. THIS HAS BEEN DONE IN SOME LABORATORY SETTINGS BUT MOSTLY OBSERVE WHEN PEOPLE SHOW UP VERY ANXIOUS AND HAVING PANIC ATTACKS IN ERS AFTER HAVING USED MUCH STRONGER MARIJUANA THAN THEY EXPECTED OR THROUGH INGESTION WHERE IT IS A LITTLE LESS CONTROLLED AND DOESN'T STOP AS QUICKLY AS WITH SMOKED FORMS. IMPAIRMENT HAS BEEN PRETTY EASY TO TEST IN LABORATORY SETTINGS, PEOPLE COME AND SIT AT THE DRIVING SIMULATOR AND THEY DO IT BEFORE AND AFTER THEY SMOKE MARIJUANA. THERE IS NO REQUEST THAT THINGS LIKE REACTION TIME, REFLEXES, MEMORY, ATTENTION, DO DECREASE OBJECTIVELY WHEN PEOPLE HAVE USED MARIJUANA. FROM SURVEYS WE KNOW THAT ABOUT 10% OF REGULAR USERS MEET CRITERIA FOR WHAT'S CALLED DEPENDENCE. THAT IS A LITTLE SUBJECTIVE, BUT SUPPORTING THAT IS THE FACT THAT ABOUT ONE IN SIX REGULAR USERS ARE TRYING TO QUIT. SO, AGAIN, DEPENDENCE DOES DEVELOP. WE DON'T THINK IT IS AS SEVERE AS DEPENDENCE ON TOBACCO OR ALCOHOL, BUT THERE CLEARLY IS A DEPENDENCE WITH REGULAR USE. ALSO THE RISK OF DEPENDENCE APPEARS

HIGHER IN THOSE THAT STARTED IN YOUTH. YOU CAN ARGUE ABOUT IT, THE CHICKEN AND EGG THING, BUT IT DOES RAISE THAT CONCERN AND GETTING BACK TO THE INTENTION OF THE MEASURE WAS FOR ADULT USE. AN IMPORTANT PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUE RELATED TO THE IMPAIRMENT IS DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE. AND THERE IS NOW ENOUGH EXPERIENCE TO STATE FAIRLY CONFIDENTLY THAT THE RISK OF GETTING IN AN ACCIDENT IS TWICE AS HIGH IF YOU HAVE RECENTLY SMOKED MARIJUANA. SHOULDN'T BE A BIG SURPRISE, LIKE ALCOHOL, A SHORT-TERM IMPAIRMENT IN THE SKILLS THAT YOU NEED TO DRIVE A VEHICLE. AND, AGAIN, ANOTHER YOUTH ISSUE IS THE ACCIDENTAL INGESTION, AND, AGAIN, THIS WAS PROBABLY LESS OF AN ISSUE IN THE PAST AND NOW WITH THE LOWER CONCENTRATION, BUT WITH THE MOSTLY SMOKED FORM, BUT WITH THE RISE OF EDIBLES, PEDIATRICIAN, AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE A GREAT CONCERN ABOUT BRIGHTLY COLORED TASTY OBJECTS THAT HAPPEN TO HAVE AN ACTIVE DRUG IN THEM. AND COLORADO IS THE PLACE WE GOT THE MOST INFORMATION FROM, HAS SEEN AN INCREASE IN PEDIATRIC VISITS TO THE EMERGENCY ROOM FOR ACCIDENTAL INGESTION. THE LIST ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE SLIDE LISTS SOME OF THE MANY THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN RAISED AS HEALTH CONCERNS RELATED TO MARIJUANA USE. THIS- SOLID CONCLUSION FOR, BUT THEY ARE AREAS OF ONGOING CONCERN. A COUPLE OF THEM ARE VERY CONTROVERSIAL, LIKE SMOKING MARIJUANA CAUSE MENTAL ILLNESS? WE CONCLUDED THERE WASN'T EVIDENCE STRONG ENOUGH TO SUPPORT THAT AND WHETHER MARIJUANA ACTS AS A GATEWAY DRUG. BOTH OF THESE ARE VERY CHALLENGING TO STUDY BECAUSE OF THE MANY, MANY, MANY OTHER FACTORS THAT LEAD TO THOSE ISSUES AS WELL. AT THE BOTTOM, HOWEVER, WE DO HAVE OUR POINTS ABOUT MATERNAL USE DURING PREGNANCY AND BREAST FEEDING AND BRAIN DEVELOPMENT.

DR. LEWIS: EVEN THOUGH IT IS TOO EARLY TO HAVE STRONG EVIDENCE ON THOSE, WE THINK THOSE ARE SUCH IMPORTANT LIFE-LONG ISSUES THAT THEY'RE WORTH ADDRESSING EVEN IN A SETTING OF INADEQUATE SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION. AND, AGAIN, THAT IS THE SEGUE TO THE SO-CALLED PRECAUTIONARY PRINCIPLE THAT WE OFTEN NEED TO ACT AND MAKE DECISIONS WHEN WE DON'T HAVE DEFINITIVE SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION. THE THINGS ABOUT THE YOUTH USE AND EXPOSURE OF YOUNG CHILDREN WE THINK ARE SO IMPORTANT THAT WE SHOULD DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO LIMIT THOSE EXPOSURES. AND, SO, WE HAVE LISTED HERE THE AREAS WHERE WE THINK THERE ARE AREAS OF PRIORITIES. I MENTIONED THE YOUTH, PREGNANCY, PUBLIC SAFETY, DUI, THINGS AROUND PERSONAL HEALTH, INCLUDING CONCERNS ABOUT CONCENTRATIONS OF FERTILIZERS AND PESTICIDES IN SOME OF THE PRODUCTS. THERE IS ALSO -- WE HAVE HAD A LOT OF DISCUSSIONS ABOUT LONG-TERM EQUITY ISSUES. A LOT OF INEQUITY IN THE PAST RELATED TO PAST MARIJUANA LAWS AND WE WOULD LIKE TO THINK AS FAR AHEAD AS POSSIBLE TO TRY TO AVOID ANY UNINTENDED EQUITY CONSEQUENCES IN THE NEW ERA. I WILL TURN IT OVER TO TRICIA TILLMAN NOW.

MS. TILLMAN: GOOD MORNING, CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONERS. I'M TRICIA TILLMAN, PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR. JUST TO UNDERSCORE THE FOCUS THAT WE HAVE IDENTIFIED FOR YOUTH USE AND PREVENTING YOUTH INITIATION OF MARIJUANA, IS THE DATA THAT SHOWS USE OF MARIJUANA, FOR YOUTH UNDER THE AGE OF 21, IS ALL ILLEGAL AND THAT HAS NOT CHANGED. AND, YET, YOU CAN SEE THAT FOR EIGHTH GRADERS IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, IT'S ALMOST 10% AND THAT NUMBER MORE THAN DOUBLES BY THE TIME YOUTH ENTER 11TH GRADE. SO, THERE IS DEFINITELY AN ISSUE AROUND YOUTH ACCESS TO MARIJUANA TODAY, AND WITH ALL OF THE MARKETING THAT'S GOING ON AROUND LEGAL RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA USE, THAT CONCERN CONTINUES TO GROW. AND THEN THE OTHER PART IS TO SHOW THAT IN THE SLIDE, YOUNGER ADULTS USE MARIJUANA TODAY. THIS IS PRE-RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION DATA, BUT ONE IN THREE YOUNG ADULTS USE AND THEN THE 26 AND OLDER. THERE IS STILL HIGHER USE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, ALTHOUGH THAT NUMBER DOES DROP OFF QUITE A BIT. SO, NOW WE WANT TO TURN YOUR ATTENTION TO WHAT DO WE DO NOW? AND WHAT DO WE DO THINKING SPECIFICALLY ABOUT PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE POTENTIAL, UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES OF LEGAL RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA USE. THIS IS A NEW FRONTIER IN PUBLIC HEALTH. WE CAN STILL DRAW FROM OUR EXPERIENCE WITH TOBACCO CONTROL WORK THAT HAS HAPPENED LOCALLY AND NATIONALLY, AS WELL AS ALCOHOL POLICY. FOR EXAMPLE, WE KNOW A LARGE BODY OF -- FROM A LARGE BODY OF RESEARCH THAT WHEN ALCOHOL RETAIL OUTLETS ARE HIGHLY CONCENTRATED IN COMMUNITIES, THAT'S IN -- ASSOCIATED WITH INCREASED ALCOHOL MISUSE, UNINTENTIONAL INJURIES AND CRIME. WE ALSO KNOW FROM DECADES OF EXPERIENCE IN TOBACCO CONTROL HOW DIFFICULT IT IS TO GO BACKWARDS AND UNDO DAMAGE RESULTING FOR LAX AND NONEXISTENT POLICY. THAT PRECAUTIONARY PRINCIPLE COMES FORWARD. WE WILL SUPPORT EFFORTS OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY CITIES IN ADOPTING POLICIES LIKE TIME, PLACE, AND MANNER, THAT DISCOURAGE YOUTH USE, PRO MOMENT HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS, AND REDUCE CRIME. SO, THE CITY OF PORTLAND HAS BEEN WORKING ON TIME, PLACE, AND MANNER REGULATIONS SO FAR AND WE HAVEN'T HEARD AS MUCH FROM OTHER CITIES, BUT ARE AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE SUPPORT IN THOSE AREAS. BUT AN EXAMPLE OF HOW WE HAVE ENGAGED WITH THE CITY IS IN RECOMMENDING PLACE RESTRICTIONS RELATED TO ALCOHOL AND DRUG TREATMENT FACILITIES. SO, RIGHT NOW, THERE ARE REGULATIONS AROUND THE DENSITY OF RETAIL MARIJUANA SITES AND MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES AND SO WE'RE ENCOURAGING THE CITY TO CONSIDER ADDING IN ADDITIONAL THOUGHT AROUND MORE VULNERABLE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY WHO ARE TRYING TO PURSUE A SOBER LIFE-STYLE.

CHAIR KAFOURY: COMMISSIONER MCKEEL, QUESTION OR COMMENT?

COMMISSIONER MCKEEL: I WANTED TO ASK A QUESTION ABOUT THE OTHER CITIES. I KNOW THAT THE OTHER CITIES HAVE BEEN LOOKING AT THIS, I BELIEVE FAIRLY EXTENSIVELY, SO, PERHAPS WE COULD GATHER THAT INFORMATION SO THAT WE KNOW WHEN WE'RE APPROACHING THEM WITH RECOMMENDATIONS WHAT THEY ARE DOING AND THEIR THOUGHTS AROUND THESE RECOMMENDATIONS. I KNOW -- I BELIEVE THEY HAVE BEEN WORKING ON IT.

MS. TILLMAN: THAT WOULD BE GREAT. AND I THINK YOUR LEADERSHIP IS REALLY GOING TO BE KEY TO MAKE SURE THAT WE CONTINUE TO HAVE A HEALTH IN ALL POLICIES APPROACH, ESPECIALLY RELATED TO THIS ISSUE. THE OTHER THING THAT I WOULD MENTION IS THAT DR. LEWIS IS INVOLVED IN THE RULES ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE OLCC. AGAIN, WE WELCOME YOUR INPUT IN ANY OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE RULE-MAKING THAT IS GOING ON THERE. LONGER TERM WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE WORK WILL BE CHALLENGING. AS WE HAVE LOOKED AT WHERE MULTNOMAH COUNTY HAS DIRECT CONTROL OR DIRECT AUTHORITY, IT'S VERY LIMITED. AND MOSTLY LIMITED TO UNINCORPORATED AREAS IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, AND A LOT OF OTHER GOVERNMENTAL JURISDICTIONS HAVE DIRECT AUTHORITY OVER THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LAW. BUT WE REALLY THINK THAT YOUR ROLE AS ADVOCATES WORKING WITH OTHER MUNICIPALITIES AND ACROSS SECTORS IS GOING TO BE CRITICAL MOVING FORWARD. SO, SOME OF THE AREAS THAT ARE VITAL SIGNS RECOMMENDED ARE IN OUR COMMUNICATION, OUR CONVERSATIONS WITH YOU, ARE AROUND INVESTING IN PROVIDER EDUCATION. SO THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM IS LOOKING FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, ADDITIONAL EDUCATION AROUND HOW TO ENGAGE IN CONVERSATIONS WITH THEIR PATIENTS AROUND LEGAL MARIJUANA USE. PUBLIC EDUCATION, HOW DO WE ENGAGE WITH THE GENERAL PUBLIC AROUND WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOUTH ACCESS, FOR PUBLIC SAFETY, MOTOR VEHICLE USE. AGAIN, POLICIES RELATED TO LIMITIN YOUTH ACCESS AND AS PAUL MENTIONED, THE APPEALING PRODUCTS. A LOT OF MARKETING AROUND EDIBLES AND MAKING IT APPEALING TO ADULTS, BUT IT IS ALSO VERY APPEALING TO YOUTH AS WELL. WE NEED TO REALLY THINK ABOUT WHAT ARE THE POLICIES THAT CAN HELP PROMOTE LIMITING YOUTH ACCESS. AND ADDITIONALLY WE'RE HEARING ABOUT IMPLICATIONS FOR THE INDOOR CLEAN AIR ACT AND THE WORK THAT HAPPENED HERE JUST A LITTLE WHILE AGO AROUND E-CIGARETTES. HOW DOES THAT -- HOW DOES THAT MOVE FORWARD IN TERMS OF MARIJUANA USE AND IN MULTIUNIT HOUSING, WHAT DOES THAT LOOK LIKE WHEN YOU START HEARING ABOUT NUISANCES OR THE ODOR IS COMING FROM NEIGHBORS AND MULTIUNIT HOUSING. WE THINK IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT THAT THERE IS AN ORGANIZED APPROACH TO WORKING WITH OTHER SECTORS. SO, SOME OF THE EQUITY CONCERNS THAT HAVE COME FORWARD FROM OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS AND WITHIN THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT ARE AROUND CONCERNS ABOUT POLICE PROFILING. SO, THERE IS THIS AGE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LEGAL TOBACCO USE AND LEGAL

RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA USE. 18 FOR TOBACCO. 21 FOR MARIJUANA. BUT SOMETIMES IT LOOKS THE SAME. SO, DOES THIS OPEN A DOOR FOR POLICE PROFILING AND THAT IS SOMETHING THAT WE REALLY WANT TO PAY ATTENTION TO, AND, AGAIN, THAT'S NOT OUR JURISDICTION, BUT IT IS SOMETHING THAT DOES IMPACT THE HEALTH OF OUR COMMUNITY. SECOND IS HOUSING, BECAUSE A LOT OF OUR SUBSIDIZED HOUSING IS FEDERALLY FUNDED. THERE ARE REGULATIONS AROUND USING MARIJUANA IN THOSE SUBSIDIZED HOUSING SITES, AND, AGAIN, HOW THOSE RULES ARE APPLIED AND ENFORCED COULD HAVE DIFFERENTIAL IMPACT ON PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES. AND THEN THE THIRD AREA THAT WE THINK IS CRITICAL TO LOOK AT IN TERMS OF EQUITY IS AROUND DIFFERENTIAL DISCIPLINE WITHIN SCHOOLS. RECOGNIZING, THERE IS DATA, SIGNIFICANT DATA ON DIFFERENTIAL APPLICATION OF DISCIPLINE WITHIN SCHOOLS. SEEING HOW MARIJUANA DISCIPLINE PLAYS OUT IN THE SCHOOLS IS ALSO SOMETHING THAT WE'RE REALLY INTERESTED IN TARGETING OUR FOCUS ON. AS PAUL MENTIONED, THERE ARE SO MANY GAPS IN THE DATA, AND WE FEEL LIKE IT IS GOING TO TAKE US SOME TIME TO REALLY UNDERSTAND WHAT ARE THE PUBLIC HEALTH IMPLICATIONS? AGAIN, WE START FROM A CAUTIOUS APPROACH, AND THEN LOOK VERY THOROUGHLY AT THE RESEARCH AND DATA MOVING FORWARD TO IDENTIFY WHETHER OR NOT OUR CAUTIONS ARE FOUNDED AND WE NEED TO REALLY DOUBLE-DOWN ON POLICIES, OR WHETHER MAYBE SOME OF THE THINGS THAT WE HAVE BEEN CONCERNED ABOUT AREN'T PLAYING OUT. SO, THE THINGS THAT WE WILL BE TRACKING IN THE FUTURE ARE EMERGENCY ROOM ADMISSIONS. JUST LIKE WE CAN TRACK EMERGENCY ROOM ADMISSIONS FOR A HEAT WAVE, TO IDENTIFY IF THERE ARE TRENDS THERE, WE'RE ALSO LOOKING INTO WHETHER OR HOW WE CAN LOOK AT EMERGENCY ROOM ADMISSIONS RELATED TO MARIJUANA USE. WE WILL BE STARTING TO LOOK AT HOW DO WE GET DATA FROM THE POISON CONTROL CENTER TO SEE ARE OUR CONCERNS ABOUT CHILDREN AND ACCIDENTAL POISONING FROM MARIJUANA PRODUCTS, ARE THOSE FOUNDED? WHAT KIND OF DATA DO WE SEE THERE? AND THEN THE THIRD IS PRAMS DATA, THE PRAMS IS A SURVEY FOR NEW MOTHERS, AT SIX MONTHS AFTER THE BIRTH OF THEIR CHILD, AND IT ASKS QUESTIONS ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCE WITH PREGNANCY AND THE TIME BEYOND PREGNANCY, BUT I DON'T BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS IN THE PRAMS SURVEY AT THIS POINT ON MARIJUANA USE. THERE ARE QUESTIONS ABOUT TOBACCO USE, BUT I DON'T BELIEVE THERE ARE QUESTIONS ABOUT MARIJUANA USE. AND, SO, WE WANT TO EITHER INTRODUCE THOSE QUESTIONS INTO THE SURVEY, OR IF THEY'RE ALREY BEING ASKED, START TO PULL OUT THAT DATA TO LOOK AT HOW MIGHT THAT CORRELATE WITH SOME OF THE BIRTH OUTCOMES THAT WE WOULD BE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT.

CHAIR KAFOURY: I THINK THAT WOULD BE VERY IMPORTANT. I KNOW WHEN WE WENT ON A TOUR OF DISPENSARIES, EVEN WITH A ROOMFUL OF PUBLIC HEALTH FOLKS AND ELECTED OFFICIALS, THE OWNER OF THE SHOP WAS TELLING US HOW BENEFICIAL IT IS, THAT THERE WERE STUDIES OUT THERE,

BENEFICIAL FOR THE MOTHERS AND BABIES TO HAVE THE MOTHER USING MARIJUANA DURING PREGNANCY AND WHILE BREAST FEEDING WHICH I THINK SCARED THE PANTS OUT OF EVERYONE THERE AND I THINK THAT IS A REALLY IMPORTANT AREA.

MS. TILLMAN: WHAT IS REALLY IMPORTANT FOR US IN PUBLIC HEALTH, WE BASE OUR RECOMMENDATIONS ON SCIENCE, NOT ON OUR GUT, NOT ON OUR OPINION, BUT ON A REALLY THOROUGH REVIEW OF THE SCIENTIFIC LITERATURE. SO, I'M NOT SURE THAT THAT COMMENT WAS ROOTED IN -- SO, PAUL IS CONTINUING TO WORK WITH THE OLCC RULES ADVISORY COMMITTEE, AND WORKING AROUND ISSUES OF PACKAGING FOR EDIBLES, CONCENTRATION OF PRODUCTS AND DOSING. THOSE AREAS STILL NEED A LOT MORE OF THAT PRECAUTIONARY PRINCIPLE, BECAUSE THE MOMENTUM IS AROUND THIS NEW ECONOMIC ENGINE, AND, SO, SOMETIMES THE PUBLIC HEALTH VOICE GETS A LITTLE LOST IN THAT CONVERSATION. AND WE'RE ALSO WORKING ON AMPLIFYING AND DISTRIBUTING MESSAGES TO PARENTS, FAMILIES, AND PEOPLE WHO CARE FOR YOUTH IN OUR COMMUNITY.

CHAIR KAFOURY: AND I KNOW THAT PEOPLE ARE LOOKING TO US TO GIVE THE PUBLIC HEALTH PERSPECTIVE ON THIS. I KNOW A LOT OF FOLKS THAT I TALK TO ON A REGULAR BASIS FEEL SIMILAR TO HOW I FEEL WHICH AS A PARENT, I'M REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT, AS YOU TALKED ABOUT, HOW THE MARKETING IS GOING TO IMPACT MY KIDS, AND ALL OF THE KIDS IN OUR COMMUNITY. AND I -- IT SEEMS TO ME THAT PEOPLE VOTED IN FAVOR OF -- I WOULD BE INTERESTED TO HEAR POLLING SO WE HAVE SCIENTIFIC DATA TO BACK UP MY GUT, BUT IT SEEMS TO ME THAT PEOPLE WERE INTERESTED IN DECOUPLE ING THE CRIMINALIZATION OF MARIJUANA AND NOT MAKING IT MUCH MORE AVAILABLE OR MORE ATTRACTIVE TO YOUTH IN OUR COMMUNITY.

DR. LEWIS: RIGHT. THAT'S OUR CONCERN AS WELL. SOME CONCLUSIONS AND NEXT STEPS. NEXT MONTH, OUR STAFF WILL BE ATTENDING MARIJUANA IMPLEMENTATION SYMPOSIUM IN DENVER. WE ARE PAYING ATTENTION TO WHAT'S HAPPENING IN COLORADO AND WHAT'S HAPPENING IN WASHINGTON AND STAYING IN CONTACT WITH OTHER STATES THAT HAVE MOVED FORWARD WITH LEGALIZING RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA LESSONS THAT WE HAVE LEARNED. ONE AREA THAT WE ARE FOCUSING ON IS WHAT ARE THE MESSAGES THAT ARE BEING TESTED? AND WHICH ONES ARE EFFECTIVE? WHICH ONES ARE MORE JUST SHARING THE LOSS AND MORE LEGALISTIC VERSUS HOW DO YOU HELP YOUR KIDS NAVIGATE IN THIS NEW ENVIRONMENT? WE WILL CONTINUE TO INFORM THE OLCC AND THE OREGON HEALTH AUTHORITY IN THEIR RULEMAKING AND MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE INVITED TO VARIOUS DISCUSSIONS IN ADDITION TO THE ONES THAT PAUL IS OFFICIALLY SITTING ON. WE SUPPORT THE STATE IN THEIR EDUCATION CAMPAIGN AND OUR INTENT IS TO SUPPLEMENT THEIR MESSAGING AND LOOK AT IF THERE ARE GAPS IN MESSAGES THAT WE KNOW A RELEVANT HERE WITH OUR POPULATION IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, TO FILL IN THOSE GAPS RATHER THAN DUPLICATING.

YOU WILL SEE MORE ABOUT OUR PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN EARLY IN THE NEXT YEAR. WE'RE PREPARING FOR THE NEXT LEGISLATIVE SESSION. THINKING ABOUT ARE THERE ANY TECHNICAL FIXES OR ANY GAPS THAT WEREN'T ADDRESSED IN THE LEGISLATION LAST YEAR THAT NEED TO MOVE FORWARD THIS YEAR. AND WORKING WITH THE STATE TO TRACK INDICATORS OF THE IMPACT OF MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION. SO, WE ARE HERE. WE'RE AVAILABLE TO BRING PUBLIC HEALTH INFORMATION TO OUR PARTNERS IN OTHER CITIES AND WE HAVE HAD CONVERSATIONS WITH HOW DO WE ENGAGE WITH THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS, BECAUSE WE KNOW THEY'RE VERY INTERESTED IN HOW TO ENGAGE THEIR TEACHERS AND FAMILIES AND -- IN THIS CONVERSATION AS WELL.

CHAIR KAFOURY: QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD?

COMMISSIONER SMITH: YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU ALL FOR BRINGING US THIS VERY IMPORTANT PUBLIC POLICY BRIEFING. A COUPLE OF THINGS I WAS THINKING ABOUT, AND THIS CAME FROM MY GUT, TOO, MS. TRICIA. I WAS THINKING WE ARE A DIRECT SERVICE PROVIDER OF HEALTH CARE WITH OUR COUNTY HEALTH CLINICS, AND ARE WE HAVING CONVERSATIONS AROUND QUESTIONS THAT WE ASK FOLKS WHO COME IN TO OUR DOORS? YOU KNOW, ARE YOU CURRENTLY USING MARIJUANA? BECAUSE I WOULD BE CONCERNED ABOUT THE KIND OF CARE THAT THEY WOULD GET IF WE DIDN'T HAVE THAT INFORMATION. IS THAT IMPORTANT FOR US TO KNOW NOW? PARTICULARLY WITH FOLKS WHO ARE PREGNANT, ARE WE CHANGING OUR INTAKE FORMS OR, YOU KNOW, ANY KIND OF CONVERSATION WHEN THEY ARE COMING IN?

DR. LEWIS: AGAIN, I THINK, YOU KNOW, WHEN WE THINK ABOUT THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT NOW, WE HAVE THREE BIG PIECES. THE MENTAL HEALTH, PUBLIC HEALTH, AND CLINICAL SERVICES, AND I CAN SPEAK DEFINITELY TO THIS. I KNOW IN DOCUMENTATION, CONCERNS ON THE PATIENT ABOUT SHARING THE INFORMATION AND CONCERNS ABOUT THE PROVIDERS ABOUT DOCUMENTING THAT KIND OF INFORMATION. BUT I WOULD SAY IT IS A GOOD COMMENT. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE'RE DOING AS THIS LARGE DEPARTMENT INTERNALLY IS TO TRY TO REVIEW AND HARMONIZE OUR OWN POLICIES AROUND MARIJUANA, WHETHER IT IS MEDICAL MARIJUANA, RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA, AND ESPECIALLY THIS AREA AROUND PREGNANCY AND LACTATION.

WE CHANGE THE WAY IN WHICH WE ASK FOR INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT KIND OF CONTRACEPTIVE THAT -- CAN WE -- I'M GOING TO SWITCH THE QUESTION AROUND. CAN WE BEGIN TO ASK THAT ONE QUESTION WHEN PEOPLE COME IN AND ASK THEM HAVE THEY BEEN USING MARIJUANA? SO, IT IS PROBABLY, NO, THAT WE DON'T HAVE THAT QUESTION ON THE INTAKE FORM, RIGHT?

I DON'T KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT. I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S ON THE INTAKE FORM.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: I'M THINKING, CAN WE ASK THAT QUESTION? IF WE'RE TALKING ABOUT PREGNANT WOMEN, MAYBE THERE IS SOME INFORMATION THAT THEY NEED TO KNOW IN TERMS OF THE RISKS THAT MAY HAPPEN TO THEIR -- THEM OR THEIR UNBORN CHILD. I WAS THINKING ABOUT THAT WHEN YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT EMERGENCY RISKS. SECOND PIECE, AND THIS MAY BE FOR OUR COO. IS MARISSA HERE? WONDERING IF WE'RE HAVING CONVERSATIONS WITH OUR MEDICAL PARTNERS, KAISER AND MODA, BECAUSE I WOULD HATE FOR SOME OF OUR 6,000 EMPLOYEES GO IN TO GET CARE AND GET A NOTE LATER THAT SAYS WELL, YOU'RE USING MARIJUANA, SO WE'RE NOT GOING TO PAY FOR X, Y, Z.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: YEAH, YOU COME INTO THE EMERGENCY ROOM. WE NEED TO BEGIN TO HAVE THOSE CONVERSATIONS, TOO, SO THAT THEY WILL NOT BLOCK OUR FOLKS FROM GETTING THE NEEDED MEDICAL CARE OR HAVING ACCESS TO MEDICAL CARE AROUND THIS PARTICULAR ISSUE.

MS. FULLER: COMMISSIONER, I WILL CHECK BACK WITH OUR PROVIDERS TO MAKE SURE THAT INTERNALLY WE UNDERSTAND WHAT WE'RE DOING AND WE HAVE CLEAR PRACTICE. AND THEN, YOU KNOW, MARISSA AND CENTRAL HR --

COMMISSIONER SMITH: I DON'T MEAN TO GIVE YOU WORK, MARISSA.

CHAIR KAFOURY: QUESTION OR COMMENTS?

COMMISSIONER MCKEEL: I DO HAVE A QUESTION. YOU SAID YOU WERE WORKING A LOT WITH COLORADO, WHAT THEY'RE DOING AROUND THIS ISSUE. DID I GET THAT RIGHT?

MS. FULLER: RIGHT, I MEAN, IT IS THE LABORATORY OF DEMOCRACY, I MEAN, WASHINGTON AND COLORADO ARE -- THEY'RE NOT AS FAR AHEAD AS YOU WOULD THINK BECAUSE THEY HAD QUITE DELAYED ROLL-OUT, NO PUN INTENDED, COMPARED WITH OREGON. I MEAN, AGAIN, THE OCTOBER 1ST EARLY START, I BELIEVE WAS AN ATTEMPT TO NOT HAVE AN AWKWARD GAP BETWEEN FORMAL LEGALIZATION AND A LEGAL WAY TO PURCHASE MARIJUANA. AGAIN, THERE IS THIS -- THEY ARE HOLDING A SYMPOSIUM IN DENVER AND WE ARE GOING THERE TO TRY TO GET SOME ANSWERS. WHAT HAVE THE REGULATORY ISSUES BEEN? WHAT HAVE BEEN THE LIVEABILITY COMPLAINTS? WE TALKED ABOUT LAND USE IN SEMIRURAL AREAS, ETC.

COMMISSIONER MCKEEL: I WAS JUST THINKING ABOUT WASHINGTON, AND WE TALKED ABOUT THIS YESTERDAY. WE WERE AT A CONFERENCE IN KEEN COUNTY LAST WEEK, AND ONE OF THEIR TOURS WAS AROUND THE MARIJUANA

ISSUE, AND SOME OF OUR STAFF WENT ON THOSE TOURS. AND SO, THERE MIGHT BE SOME REALLY GOOD INFORMATION THAT THEY HAVE OR CONTACTS THERE, TOO, IN KING COUNTY THAT WE COULD WORK WITH. AND SECONDLY, I KNOW THIS IS PUBLIC HEALTH, BUT YOU DID BRING UP THE LAND USE, AND THAT'S A VERY IMPORTANT PIECE. AND I KNOW ADAM AND THE WHOLE LAND USE DEPARTMENT IS WORKING ON THAT. BUT I DON'T WANT TO PIECE TO GET LOST BECAUSE PROBABLY BECAUSE I DO REPRESENT A LARGER UNINCORPORATED AREA AND THERE ARE QUESTIONS ALREADY AND I WANT TO BE SURE THAT WE'RE TIMELY WITH THOSE BRIEFINGS AS WELL.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: MADAM CHAIR, I HAVE ONE LAST QUESTION. IN TERMS OF TIME, PLACE, AND MANNER POLICIES -- IF I HEARD YOU CORRECTLY, IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, WE HAVE ABOUT FIVE DIFFERENT CITIES. ARE YOU SAYING THAT THEY COULD HAVE DIFFERENT TIME, PLACE, AND MANNER? PORTLAND COULD BE DIFFERENT FROM GRESHAM. DO WE AS MULTNOMAH COUNTY HAVE THE ABILITY TO MAKE EVERYTHING CONSISTENT THAT WHATEVER HAPPENS IN PORTLAND, IS HAPPENING IN GRESHAM?

COMMISSIONER, I BELIEVE WE DO NOT.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: OKAY. THAT'S SCARY.

COMMISSIONER MCKEEL: THANK YOU FOR A FOLLOW-UP. THAT'S WHY I ASKED FOR THE INFORMATION -- BECAUSE I KNOW THE OTHER CITIES ARE LOOKING AT IT AND SO JUST GATHERING THAT INFORMATION AROUND THAT.

MS. FULLER: I THINK WE HAVE AN EXAMPLE WITH GRESHAM, SOME WITH A BETTER MEMORY THAN ME -- BUT I BELIEVE THEY VOTED 3-2 TO NOT DO THE EARLY START WITH THE EXISTING MEDICAL DISPENSARY. I THINK YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT, THERE MAY BE A BIT OF A PATCHWORK WITHIN THE COUNTIES.

MS. TILLMAN: AND FROM COUNTY TO COUNTY THERE WILL BE DIFFERENCES, TOO. WE KNOW SOME NEIGHBORING COUNTIES ARE LOOKING AT SETBACKS FROM PARKS AND LIBRARIES AND CHILD CARE PROVIDERS WHICH THEN STARTS TO LIMIT THE AVAILABILITY OF THE RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: COULD WE CHANGE KIND OF LAWS TO -- AS A PUBLIC HEALTH AUTHORITY SO THAT EVERYBODY IS DOING THE SAME THING WITHIN MULTNOMAH COUNTY?

MS. TILLMAN: WE COULD TRY. IT WOULD NEED TO BE A LEGISLATIVE FIX, YOU KNOW, IN THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION. I THINK THAT IT IS UNLIKELY THAT THERE WOULD BE STATEWIDE SUPPORT FOR IT. THERE HAS BEEN, YOU KNOW, A LOT OF COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE WANTED TO CONTROL THEIR BOUNDARIES, AND SO I THINK IT MIGHT BE CHALLENGING TO GET STATEWIDE SUPPORT FOR IT.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: US AS THE PUBLIC HEALTH AUTHORITY FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, COULD WE DO THAT?

MS. FULLER: MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THE STATE WOULD HAVE TO CREATE THAT AUTHORITY FOR THE COUNTY TO HAVE IT. YES.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: OKAY. I SEE. THANK YOU.

CHAIR KAFOURY: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THIS HAS BEEN REALLY INFORMATIVE. AND I ALSO WANT TO -- I APPRECIATE DR. LEWIS, YOU BRINGING UP THE EXTENSIVE LOBBYING EFFORTS THAT ARE GOING ON BEHALF OF THE INDUSTRY, AND IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT THAT WE AS ELECTIVE OFFICIALS CAN HELP IN MAKING OUR VOICE EQUALLY AS LOUD, IF POSSIBLE. AND I KNOW THAT THERE ARE GOVERNMENT RELATION STAFF IS KEEPING AN EYE ON THIS. BUT AS THE RULES ARE BEING WRITTEN AND AS THE PRESSURE ON OUR REGULATORY AGENCIES IS GOING TO BE TO DO LESS, IT IS GOING TO BE IMPORTANT FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH VOICE TO BE AT THE TABLE.

MS. FULLER: YES. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WE WANT TO CONTINUE TO WORK WITH YOU TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU CAN FULLY OCCUPY THE ROLE OF BEING ADVOCATES FOR GOOD PUBLIC HEALTH PRACTICES EVEN IN AREAS WHERE YOU DON'T HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO KIND OF ENACT THE POLICY OR THE RULES. WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER ON THIS. THANK YOU.

CHAIR KAFOURY: THANK YOU.

B.2 Board Briefing on Sellwood Bridge Project. Presenters: Ian Cannon, Sellwood Program Manager and Mike Baker, David Evans & Assoc., Owner's Representative and Peggy Kendellen, RACC (30 min)

NOW WE HAVE ANOTHER BRIEFING SCHEDULED. AS OUR PUBLIC HEALTH FOLKS LEAVE, WE WILL HAVE THE SELLWOOD BRIDGE PROJECT TEAM COME ON UP. GOOD MORNING.

GOOD MORNING, I'M MIKE BAKER, OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE ON THE PROJECT.

IAN CANNON, MULTNOMAH COUNTY SELLWOOD BRIDGE PROGRAM MANAGER.

I AM PEGGY KENDELLEN FROM THE REGIONAL ARTS AND CULTURE COUNCIL.

CHAIR KAFOURY: WHO IS DRIVING?

MR. BAKER: RIGHT. AS WE COME BEFORE YOU EVERY OTHER MONTH, OUR

NORMAL AGENDA, COVER OUR PROJECT DASHBOARD, FOLLOWED BY OUR EQUITY FOCUS DASHBOARD, FOLLOWED BY A VERY GRAPHICAL CONSTRUCTION UPDATE AND PROGRESS, INCLUDING A LOOK AHEAD AND FINALLY REMARKS BY PEGGY ABOUT THE FABULOUS PUBLIC ART THAT IS BEING INCORPORATED INTO OUR PROJECT. WITH THAT, LET'S GET GOING. PROJECT MANAGEMENT DASHBOARD. BEGIN WITH STAKEHOLDER ISSUE, LOWER LEFT BOX ON THE SCREEN. WE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY, IAN AND I YESTERDAY, TO COHOST WITH CHAIR KAFOURY YESTERDAY A PROJECT TOUR AND BRIEFING OF SOME OF OUR KEY PROJECT PARTNERS, INCLUDING OREGON'S FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATIVE ADMINISTRATION DIVISION MANAGER, MATT GARRETT, ODOT DIRECTOR, COUPLE OF MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AND VARIOUS STAFF MEMBERS. AND SUFFICE IT TO SAY THERE WERE SEVERAL COMMENTS MADE AS WE WALKED ACROSS THE TOP OF THE BRIDGE AND REBAR THAT IS OUT THERE WAITING TO HAVE CONCRETE PLACED ON IT. AND WALKED OUT ON THE WORK BRIDGE, LOOKING UP AT THE ARCHES, QUITE A FEW STATEMENTS OF AMAZEMENT, AND ALSO THE COMPLEXITY AND SCALE OF WHAT WE ARE ACCOMPLISHING ON THE PROJECT SITE AND APPRECIATION OFFERED TO THE COUNTY FOR LEADING THE PROJECT. WITH COMPLEXITY, AS WE ALL KNOW, COMES THE NEED FOR STRONG MANAGEMENT OF COST AND SCHEDULE PRESSURES. DECEMBER OF 2014, WE IDENTIFIED SOME POTENTIAL PROJECT GROWTH AND BUDGET AND ESTABLISHED A RAISE OF 307.5 TO \$317.5 MILLION AS THE PROJECTED COST RANGE. WITH ALL KNOWN QUANTIFIABLE CHANGES AT THIS POINT, WE ARE STILL WITHIN THAT RANGE. BUT ADMITTEDLY BUMPING UP AGAINST UPPER END OF THAT RANGE. WE WILL CONTINUE TO MANAGE A CHANGE AGGRESSIVELY, AND CONTINUE TO REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD EACH TIME WE COME ABOUT WHERE WE'RE AT WITH PROJECT BUDGET.

MR. BAKER: OUR PROJECT HAS BEEN AND REMAINS IN THE HEADLINES FROM TIME TO TIME. A COUPLE OF -- RANGING FROM ONGOING ISSUES WITH TRAFFIC, OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY IN PROVIDING STAFF BUDGET FOR THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROJECT, SEISMIC WORK AND SO FORTH. WE HAD A VERY GOOD ARTICLE A COUPLE OF MONTHS BACK ABOUT SOME OF THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT THE SELLWOOD HAS PROVIDED FOR APPRENTICES TO BEGIN AND MAKE WAY TO THEIR JOURNEY STATUS THROUGH OPPORTUNITIES THAT THE PROJECT HAS PROVIDED. GENERALLY GOOD NEWS COVERED BY THE MEDIA. FROM A CONSTRUCTION STANDPOINT, OUT THERE YESTERDAY WHEN WE TOURED PREPARING FOR MAJOR CONCRETE PLACEMENT, CONTINUING A LOT OF WORK IN THE INTERCHANGE AREA, GETTING READY FOR A NEXT TRAFFIC STAGE PHASING CHANGE, AND WORK GOING ON IN EVERY CORNER OF THE PROJECT. FROM A DIVERSITY STANDPOINT, THE PRIME CONTRACTOR HAS ISSUED 239 SUB-CONTRACTS ON THIS PROJECT. STAGGERING NUMBER OF THAT, 122 OF THE SUBCONTRACTS AWARDED TO THE MWESB FIRMS, TOTALING JUST UNDER \$39 MILLION. I EXPECT THE NEXT MONTH OR TWO WE WILL CROSS THE \$40 MILLION THRESHOLD AND CLIMBING EVENTUALLY SOMEWHERE CLOSE TO \$42 MILLION. OF THAT \$39 MILLION, A

LITTLE OVER HALF OF THAT TO MWESB FIRMS, OUR WORK FORCE PARTICIPATION STAYS STRONG. 20% TARGET FOR MINORITY PARTICIPATION, WE CONTINUE TO HOLD AT 28%, EXCEEDING THAT GOAL. FEMALE PARTICIPATION HAS PROVEN HARDER TO GET BACK UP TO THE TARGET OF 14%, AND WE ARE HOLDING AT 13. CONTINUES TO WORK CLOSELY WITH ALL OF THE SUBCONTRACTORS TO REMIND THEM TO BE LOOKING AT THEIR FOR THE NEXT OF MANY MONTHS, WE CONTINUE TO STAY ABOVE OUR 20% TARGET FOR EACH OF THE TRADES AND OUR APPRENTICESHIP GOAL. SO, AGAIN, CREDIT THERE TO OUR PRIME CONTRACTOR AND THE WORK THAT THEY DO, NOT ONLY THEMSELVES, BUT WITH ALL OF THE SUBCONTRACTORS TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL OF THE BUSINESSES WORKING ON THE PROJECT UNDERSTAND THE COUNTY'S VALUE OF APPRENTICESHIP AND FOLLOWING THROUGH WITH GETTING APPRENTICES OUT TO THE PROJECT ON A REGULAR BASIS. SO, RIGHT NOW, ACTUALLY AS OF THE END OF AUGUST, THESE NUMBERS ARE -- A COUPLE OF DAYS AWAY FROM HAVING THE UPDATED NUMBERS FOR SEPTEMBER. ABOUT 84% COMPLETE ON CONSTRUCTION. WE ANTICIPATE HAVING TRAFFIC ON THE NEW SPAN RIGHT AROUND THE BREAK BETWEEN WINTER AND SPRING. SO, MARCHISH OF 2016. AND THEN COMPLETING THE REST OF THE PROJECT BY NOVEMBER OF 2016. THIS GRAPHIC JUST SHOWS WHERE WE WERE IN TERMS OF NUMBERS. PAID TO DATE AS OF THE END OF AUGUST, ALMOST \$185 MILLION IN CONSTRUCTION.

MR. CANON: SO, WE'RE GETTING A LOT OF WORK DONE AND NOW MOST OF THAT WORK IS SHOWING UP IN THE BRIDGE AND INTERCHANGE SPOT AND THEN, YEAH. SO, THIS IMAGE COURTESY OF THE OREGON DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THEIR PHOTOGRAPHER AND HELICOPTER, JUST GIVES AN OVERVIEW OF THE SITE. WORK HAS BEEN ACTIVE FROM THE TOP RIGHT-HAND CORNER AT THE INTH AND TACOMA, AND ON THE MAIN SPANS OF THE BRIDGE, YOU CAN SEE A LOT OF WORK TAKING PLACE THERE. WE HAVE BEEN VERY ACTIVE ON THE WEST APPROACH. AND WITH THE HIGHWAY ON THE WEST SIDE, A LOT OF CHANGE HAS BEEN OCCURRING, AND ALSO BOTH -- IN BOTH DIRECTIONS OFF THE SLIDE ON THE RIGHT-HAND SIDE DOWN IN POWERS MARINE PARK AND THEN LEFT-HAND SIDE UP TOWARDS MCADAM BAY HOMES AND FREEMAN MOTORS AND THE TRAIL UP TO THE NORTH. SO, AS MIKE MENTIONED, WORK GOING ON ALL OVER THE PLACE MAKING FOR A VERY BUSY JOB SITE. WE CAN SEE HERE KIND OF A LITTLE BIT MORE OF A CLOSER-UP VIEW OF THE INTERSECTION. THE RAMPS, RAMP FROM OREGON 43 NORTHBOUND UP ON TO THE BRIDGE IS STRUCTURALLY COMPLETE. I THINK THERE IS A LITTLE BIT OF FORK GOING ON THE PARAPITS, AND RAMP ON THE NORTH SIDE, ROADWAY -- WE'RE WORKING ON THE BARRIERS OF EACH SIDE OF THAT. ON THE MAIN SPAN, YOU CAN SEE THE FRAMEWORK FOR THE DECK IS MOSTLY IN PLACE THERE. AND A LITTLE HINT OF A SHADOW ON THE FRAMEWORK IS THE BEGINNINGS OF THE REBAR GOING IN. A COUPLE MORE IMAGES OF THAT WORK. THIS IS DOWN AT THE VERY SOUTH EXTENT OF OUR WORK AREA IN POWERS MARINE PARK WHERE WE HAVE BEEN CREATING ADDITIONAL RIPARIAN AREA, REGRADING THE SLOPE AND THE CHANNEL AND ADDING

DEBRIS TO PROVIDE MORE HABITAT IF THE RIVER COMES UP A FEW FEET, IT WILL BE RIPARIAN HABITAT. THIS IS MORE TOWARD THE NORTH END OF THE PROJECT. THIS IS STANDING ON THE SIDEWALK OF MCADAM BOULEVARD. LOOKING TO THE EAST AT BASICALLY THE DRIVEWAY THAT NOW IS IN SERVICE FOR THE MCADAM BAY RESIDENTS AND THEN TO THE LEFT ON THAT IMAGE, THE DRIVEWAY INTO THE FREEMAN MOTORS BUSINESS. THAT IS ALSO IN SERVICE. DOWN THE DRIVEWAY AND LOOKING UP TOWARDS WHERE THE MCADAM BAY DRIVEWAY USED TO BE, WHERE THIS NEW DRIVEWAY WILL TIE IN TO THE EXISTING, THOSE RESIDENTS CURRENTLY THEY HAVE A SHORT STRIP OF GRAVEL THAT THEY'RE DRIVING ON WHILE WE GET THE OLD DRIVEWAY OUT OF THE WAY. AND WE REALLY ACTUALLY APPRECIATE GREATLY THE PATIENCE OF THE RESIDENTS THERE. IT'S -- WE APPRECIATE THAT WE'RE INCONVENIENCING THEM QUITE A BIT WITH THEIR WORK AND THEY HAVE BEEN GREAT TO WORK WITH. THIS IS AT THE VERY FAR NORTH END OF THE PROJECT. BEHIND THE ORANGE BARREL AND THE LITTLE BIT OF FENCE, YOU CAN SEE THROUGH IS MILES PLACE. AND IF I WERE TO TURN AROUND FROM WHERE I WAS STANDING WHEN THIS PHOTOGRAPH WAS TAKEN, WE WOULD BE LOOKING SOUTH TOWARD THE BRIDGE AND ON THE TRAIL. SO, THIS WILL BE WHERE THE MULTIPURPOSE TRAIL TIES IN WITH MILES PLACE AND THEN LEADS TOWARDS THE BRIDGE. THIS IS KIND OF LOOKING FROM ON THE BRIDGE UP IN THAT DIRECTION. YOU CAN SEE THE TRAIL COMING TOWARDS YOU. MOSTLY DOWN THE CENTER OF THE PICTURE. AND THEN BETWEEN THE RAMPS AND THE TRAIL WHERE THOSE PICK-UPS ARE PARKED WILL EVENTUALLY BE THE TROLLY, AND POTENTIALLY IF THERE IS EVER MOVEMENT ON A STREETCAR, THERE WOULD BE ROOM THERE FOR TWO TRACKS FOR A STREETCAR. THIS IMAGE JUST GIVES A LITTLE MORE OF AN OVERVIEW THERE. WE HAVE GOT THE RAMP COMING OFF OF THE BRIDGE ON THE LEFT-HAND SIDE AND THEN A SWITCH BACK FOR BIKES AND PEDESTRIANS COMING DOWN AND JOINING UP WITH THE PATH. A LITTLE CLOSER VIEW, WE HAVE ACTUALLY HAD CYCLISTS AND PEDESTRIANS ON THIS PATH AND USING THE RAMP RECENTLY WHILE WE HAVE BEEN DOING PAVING WORK UP ON OREGON 43.

MR. CANON: JUST A FEW DAYS AGO, AND NOW WE SWITCHED THEM BACK OFF OF THIS FACILITY, BACK UP ON TO THE OLDER HIGHWAY SO THAT THAT WILL ALLOW US TO GET IN AND DO MORE WORK DOWN HERE. ONE OF THE CHALLENGES OF THIS PROJECT HAS BEEN TRYING TO CONSTRUCT IT IN A VERY SMALL AREA, MOVING PEOPLE BACK AND FORTH WHILE KEEPING TRAFFIC AND BIKES AND PEDESTRIANS FLOWING THE WHOLE TIME AND KEEPING EVERYBODY SAFE. THIS IS LOOKING DOWN THAT NORTH RAMP. SO, IF YOU WERE COMING OFF OF THE BRIDGE TO HEAD NORTH ON TO OREGON 43, YOU WOULD DRIVE DOWN HERE AND YOU CAN SEE KIND OF IN THE DISTANCE THAT THE ROADWAY NOW FOR COMING OFF OF THE RAMP IS PAVED. AND A LITTLE CLOSER VIEW AND ALSO STRIPED. BUT THIS IS A TEMPORARY STRIPING CONFIGURATION. I WILL DESCRIBE A LITTLE MORE ABOUT THAT IN A COUPLE OF SLIDES. BUT WE'RE GETTING THIS ROADWAY BUILT.

MR. CANON: ON THE RIGHT WHERE THE WHITE CAR IS PARKED WILL IN THE FUTURE BE A PULL-OUT FOR A BUS. BUSES COMING ACROSS THE BRIDGE OR U OREGON 43 WILL HAVE A PLACE TO PULL OUT OF TRAFFIC AND STOP FOR PEOPLE TO GET ON AND OFF SAFELY. THIS SHOWS OREGON 43 GOING UNDERNEATH THE NEW WEST APPROACH STRUCTURE. THE WIDTH OF THE PAVEMENT HERE ISN'T QUITE THE FULL WIDTH IT IS GOING TO BE BECAUSE WE STILL HAVE WORK. AS YOU CAN SEE, A RETAINING WALL ON THE RIGHT-HAND SIDE THAT'S ALL TIMBERS RIGHT NOW. THAT HAS YET TO HAVE THE FACING ON IT AND AS YOU COME TOWARDS THE PHOTOGRAPHER, MORE WORK AROUND THAT WALL TO GO ON. SO WE'RE GOING TO HAVE ONE LANE OF TRAFFIC GOING THROUGH THERE FOR THE NEXT LITTLE BIT. AND THIS IS LOOKING FROM OREGON 43 NORTH ON TO THE BRIDGE. UP THE RAMP, IF YOU WERE GOING TO GO ON TO THE BRIDGE. AND ANOTHER VIEW OF THAT SAME STRUCTURE. IN NOVEMBER, WE'RE GOING TO BE CHANGING THE TRAFFIC AROUND AT THE INTERCHANGE TO ALLOW US TO DO WORK ON THE RETAINING WALL I JUST MENTIONED AND ALSO DO WORK ON THE RAMP, AND MORE OF THE PAVING OF OREGON 43. SO THE CONFIGURATION IS GOING TO CHANGE. WHEREAS RIGHT NOW, ALL OF THE NORTH/SOUTH TRAFFIC IS ON THE LEFT HAND LANES. IN THE STARTING -- STARTING IN NOVEMBER AND THE TIME IS A LITTLE FLEXIBLE RIGHT NOW. WE HAVEN'T NAILED DOWN THE EXACT DAY THE TRAFFIC CHANGE WILL TAKE PLACE. EARLY TO MID-NOVEMBER, WE WILL BE MOVING IT. SO THERE WILL BE JUST ONE SOUTHBOUND LANE THAT TURNS UP ON TO THE BRIDGE. WE WILL STILL BE ON THOSE RAMPS AT THE LEFT SIDE. THE SOUTHBOUND THROUGH TRAFFIC WILL ACTUALLY GO ON THE NEW OREGON 43 ALIGNMENT UNDERNEATH THE STRUCTURE. ONE LANE HEADING SOUTH UNDERNEATH. IF YOU WANT TO GO -- IF YOU ARE COMING NORTH ON OREGON 43, YOU WILL ACTUALLY COME UP ON TO THE NEW RAMPS, AND COME UP AND EITHER TURN RIGHT ON TO THE BRIDGE OR GO STRAIGHT THROUGH ON TO THE NORTH SIDE AND THEN JOINING BACK UP WITH THE HIGHWAY. AND IF YOU'RE COMING ACROSS THE BRIDGE, THEN YOU CAN TURN RIGHT TO GO ON TO THE OREGON 43 NORTHBOUND.

MR. CANON: SO, WE WILL CONTINUE TO NOT HAVE THE ABILITY TO GO WESTBOUND ON THE BRIDGE AND HEAD SOUTH. PEOPLE WILL CONTINUE TO USE THE DETOUR ROUTE THEY HAVE BEEN USING IF THEY NEED TO MAKE THAT MOVEMENT. GO UP TO TAYLOR'S FERRY AND USE THE LOOP THAT WE HAVE CONSTRUCTED THERE. THERE WILL BE A SIGNAL IN PLACE UP THERE TO CONTROL THE TRAFFIC MOVEMENTS. AND WHAT I'M NOT SHOWING ON THIS IMAGE IS ANY OF THE FACILITIES FOR THE BICYCLISTS AND PEDESTRIANS, BUT WE WILL HAVE FULL ACCESS FOR THOSE ALSO. AND THEN WE'RE STILL PUTTING TRAFFIC TO THE DETOUR BRIDGE. THE ULTIMATE CONFIGURATION OF THE INTERCHANGE, WHEN WE GET THE TRAFFIC ON THE NEW BRIDGE, WHICH, OF COURSE WON'T BE UNTIL AFTER THERE IS CONCRETE ON THERE, WILL HAVE ONE LANE HEADING WESTBOUND ON THE BRIDGE THAT SPLITS INTO TWO LANES. ONE OF THOSE LANES WILL BE ABLE TO GO, THE LEFT-HAND LANE WILL BE ABLE TO GO STRAIGHT INTO THE CEMETERY, OR LEFT ON SOUTH OREGON

43 OR THE RIGHT-HAND LANE WILL TURN RIGHT TO GO NORTHB OREGON 43 WILL ONE LANE SOUTH FOR THROUGH TRAFFIC. IF Y ARE HEADING NORTHBOUND ON OREGON 43, AND YOU WANT TO TURN ON TO THE BRIDGE, YOU WILL COME UP THE RAMP, AND THEN TURN RIGHT ON TO THE BRIDGE. IF YOU'RE HEADING SOUTHBOUND ON OREGON 43, AND YOU WANT TO GET ON TO THE BRIDGE, THERE WILL BE A -- THE RIGHT-HAND LANE WILL BE AN EXIT FROM OREGON 43. THERE WILL BE A RAMP THAT HAS TWO LANES ON IT. SO THERE IS ADEQUATE STORAGE LEADING INTO THE SIGNAL. AND THOSE TWO LANES WILL BE ABLE TO TURN LEFT ON TO THE BRIDGE, AND THEN ONCE ON THE BRIDGE, THOSE TWO LANES WILL MERGE INTO ONE. AND ONCE AGAIN, I'M NOT SHOWING ANY OF THE BIKE AND PED FACILITIES ON THIS GRAPHIC. SO, I THINK WHAT'S COMING UP NEXT, IF OUR TECHNOLOGY IS WORKING FOR US, IS A LITTLE VIDEO OF HOW THE TRAFFIC WILL FLOW THROUGH THAT SIGNAL AND IN THE FINAL CONFIGURATION. IT SHOWS THAT WE HAVE MODELLED THE TRAFFIC TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE MERGE ON THE BRIDGE AND TRAFFIC COMING THROUGH THE SIGNAL. SO, LET'S SEE IF TECHNOLOGY WORKS FOR US. NO, THAT'S NOT WHAT IT IS. DID THAT NOT COME ACROSS? I DON'T THINK I GOT THE VIDEO.

CHAIR KAFOURY: WE LIKE TO LOOK AT THE ARCHES.

MR. CANON: OKAY. SO I WILL MOVE ON.

CHAIR KAFOURY: WE LIKE THE ARCHES.

MR. CANON: THE VIDEO WAS IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION RECEIVED FROM COMMISSIONER SMITH AT THE LAST BRIEFING. PERHAPS WE CAN SHOW YOU THAT ONE-ON-ONE. SO, THIS SHOWS THE ARCHES, AND KIND OF SEE WHERE THE EDGE OF THE ROADWAY DECK IS GOING TO BE. ONE OF THE THINGS IF WE LOOK CLOSELY, SAY WHERE THE CLOSER RIVER PIER IS NEXT TO THE CRANE, THERE IS A BULB OUT IN THE EDGE OF THE DECK WHERE THE BELVIDERE IS GOING TO BE AND THOSE FEATURES ARE ALL STARTING THIS IS JUST AN OVERVIEW SHOWING WHERE THE WORK IS. IN THIS IMAGE, THE SPAN ON THE RIGHT-HAND SIDE, ALL OF THE FRAMEWORK IS IN FOR THE DECK AND MOST OF THE REBAR. THE LAST PLACE WHERE IT IS GOING IN IS ON THE CENTER SPAN OF THE BRIDGE. AND WE'RE MAKING GOOD PROGRESS WITH THAT ON THE LEFT-HAND SPAN. JUST A DIFFERENT VIEW. AND JUST ACRES, MILES, TONS, WHATEVER, WHATEVER WORD YOU WANT TO USE, A BUNCH OF REBAR GOING IN UP ON THE DECK THERE. WE'RE ANTICIPATING OUR FIRST DECK FLOOR TO BE ABOUT A WEEK AND A HALF FROM NOW. TARGETING A WEEK FROM FRIDAY. IT COULD MOVE A FEW DAYS OUT FROM THERE, BUT WE'RE VERY EXCITED THAT -- ABOUT THAT COMING UP. ON THE WEST END, NOT ACTUALLY TOO MUCH WORK IN THE MIDDLE OF THE PICTURE, BUT THE LEFT-HAND SIDE OF THE PICTURE WHERE WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THE INTERSECTION AT SIXTH AND TACOMA --

CHAIR KAFOURY: EAST END, YOU SAID WEST END.

MR. CANON: THAT IS THE EAST END. YES, I'M SORRY. WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THE INTERSECTION. GOT ALL FOUR CORNERS BUILT OUT, THE FOUNDATIONS FOR THE NEW SIGNAL POLES ARE IN. ALL THE CONDUIT UNDERNEATH THE ROADWAY IS IN. THOSE SIGNAL POLES WILL BE COMING IN IN THE NEXT MONTH OR TWO. AND BEING INSTALLED, BUT THE SIGNAL WON'T GO LIVE UNTIL CLOSE TO THE END OF THE PROJECT. AND, LET'S SEE. SO, LOOKING FORWARD, CONTINUE TO WORK ON MCADAM WAY DRIVEWAY AND POWERS MARINE PARK. CONTINUE TO BUILD OUT OREGON 43. FINISH UP THE RAMPS MOSTLY WITH THE BARRIERS ON EACH SIDE. AND THEN THE WORK OVER THE NEXT PROBABLY THREE TO FOUR MONTHS IS GOING TO BE GETTING THAT MAIN BRIDGE DECK POURED. WE WILL BE DOING THE CONTRACTOR SEQUENCE CURRENTLY SHOWS 11 POURS FOR THE DECK ON ABOUT A WEEKLY BASIS AS WE MOVE FORWARD. AND AS I MENTIONED, THE POLES AT SIXTH AND TACOMA, CONTINUING WITH THE MAIN BRIDGE DECK. MAIN SPANS OPEN TO TRAFFIC MARCH, APRIL TIME FRAME OF NEXT YEAR. AND THEN AFTER THAT, EAST APPROACH, NORTH HALF FILLING IN THAT GAP. FINISHING THE MULTIPURPOSE PATH. BRIDGE TO THE SOUTH. SO THEY CAN CONNECT TO THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE BRIDGE INTO THE MULTIUSE PATH, LANDSCAPING AND GETTING THE OLD BRIDGE OUT OF THE WAY WITH COMPLETION IN THE FALL OF NEXT YEAR, LATE FALL OF NEXT YEAR. PEGGY.

MS. KENDELLEN: SO, MADAM CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS, I'M HERE TO REPORT ON PROGRESS WITH THE PERCENT FOR ART PROJECT. BACK IN MAY OF 2012, DESIGN STUDIO BASED IN BOSTON WAS UNANIMOUSLY SELECTED BY A SELECTION PANEL FOR A PERSON FOR ART PROJECT FUNDED BY THE BUREAU OF TRANSPORTATION. SO, IT'S BRIEFLY THE PROJECT WILL INCLUDE 23 SCULPTURES THAT WILL BE ON EITHER SIDE OF TACOMA, EAST TACOMA BOULEVARD AND OVER THE LAST YEAR OR MORE, WE HAVE BEEN WORKING IN PERMANENTLY CITING WHERE THESE WILL WORK WITH THE LIGHT POLES, WITH THE UTILITIES AND THINGS LIKE THAT. SO, RIGHT NOW, IT IS 23 SCULPTURES THAT WILL BE INSTALLED IN NEXT SPRING.

I THINK THERE IS A CLOSE-UP OF THE PAVING IN ONE OF THE -- THE PAVING WAS INSTALLED A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO, AND THOSE ROUND CIRCLES ARE THE FOOTINGS FOR EACH OF THE SCULPTURES. AND THEY LINE UP WITH THE PAVING EXTENSIONS ON THE SIDEWALK. EACH SCULPTURE WILL WEIGH ABOUT 2,500 POUNDS. AND IN MID-SEPTEMBER, BRIAN, HERE IN THIS PICTURE, HE IS FROM THE ARTIST'S STUDIO. HE CAME AND A GROUP OF US VISITED THE FABRICATORS SHOP IN NORTH PLAINS. AND JUST GO TO THE -- WE WILL COME BACK TO THIS. SO, IN CENTER, THERE IS JIM SCHMITT, THE ARTIST AND OWNER OF THE SHOP. AND SAMANTHA IS THE -- IS HIS FABRICATOR AND PATINA EXPERT. WHAT IS BETWEEN THEM IS A HALF-SCALE MODEL PROTOTYPE OF THE SCULPTURE BASED ON HOW IT WAS DESIGNED ON PAPER. THIS IS A GREAT

LEARNING EXPERIENCE FOR EVERYBODY. BECAUSE WE DECIDED WE WERE GOING TO TAKE AN IMPROVED DIRECTION ON THE PROJECT. ORIGINALLY YOU WILL SEE THE HORIZONTAL METAL BANDS THAT WERE ATTACHED TO AN INTERIOR 5-8TH INCH STAINLESS STEEL PLATE AND BOLTED TO THAT. SO THE BOLTS BECOME VERY VISIBLE AND THE WHOLE PIECE BECOMES VERY INDUSTRIAL-LOOKING AND NOT WHAT THE ARTIST'S INTENT WAS WHICH WAS TO REFLECT THE STRATA, GEOLOGICAL STRATA OF THE RIVER. WE ABANDONED THIS APPROACH UNANIMOUSLY. AND DECIDED RATHER THAN ATTACHING PLATES TO THE EXTERIORS, TO THE INTERIOR, WE WOULD ACTUALLY USE THE INTERIOR AS THE SCULPTURE ITSELF AND WE ARE WORKING ON DOING APPLYING A PATINA. ON THE RIGHT, AND THEN IT WOULD GO -- AND THEN THE MIDDLE PIECE, AND THE TOP -- THE PIECE ON THE LEFT WOULD BE AT THE VERY TOP. AND YOU WOULDN'T HAVE THESE HOLES IN IT. SO, RIGHT NOW, WITH THE FABRICATORS CREATING THE ENTIRE RANGE OF COLORS THAT IS GOING TO BE APPROVED BY THE ARTIST, AND LAST WEEK HE WROTE IN AN EMAIL THAT SAID THAT THE SAMPLES LOOK VERY RICH AND I'M VERY EXCITED ABOUT IT. AND I THINK EVERYONE ON YOUR TEAM WILL BE VERY HAPPY. AND WE'RE VERY THRILLED TO BE WORKING WITH JIM SCHMITT, WHO HAS DONE A LOT OF FABRICATION FOR TRIMET'S PUBLIC ART AT THEIR NEW ORANGE LINE. AND BEING AN ARTIST HIMSELF, HE IS VERY SENSITIVE TO WHAT THE ARTIST INTENT WILL BE AND HE HAS BEEN WORKING REALLY HARD TO GET THIS TO WORK AS ORIGINALLY INTENDED. IS THERE A NEXT ONE?

MS. KENDELLEN: THIS SHOWS THE CURRENT IDYLIC OUTLOOK OF THE STREET. AND, SO, EACH OF THOSE PIECES, WHILE THEY LOOK VERY -- THEY'RE GOING TO BE TURNING. THEY'RE ALMOST LIKE AN ORIGAMI-SHAPED FORM THAT THEY EACH -- THEY ROTATE AS YOU GO -- AS YOU PASS THEM, VERY SUBTLE. AND WE'RE GOING TO BE IN CONSULTATION WITH AN ART CONSERVATOR, CLEAR PROTECTIVE COATING, AND ADDED LAYER OF WAX WILL BE APPLIED TO EACH SCULPTURE TO PROTECT THE PATINA AND ARTWORK FROM ANY GRAFFITI DAMAGE. AND I THINK THAT'S IT. ANY QUESTIONS?

CHAIR KAFOURY: QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD?

COMMISSIONER SMITH: YES, I HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT THE ART. WHAT IS THE LIFE SPAN, PREDICTED LIFE SPAN OF THE ART?

WELL, THIS IS ALL STEEL. SO I WOULD SAY 50 YEARS, MINE, IT IS HARD -- IT IS LONG TERM. LET'S JUST PUT IT THAT WAY.

IT LOOKS VERY COOL.

CHAIR KAFOURY: THANK YOU FOR COMING THIS MORNING. I HAD TO -- A COUPLE OF COMMENTS FROM THE TOUR YESTERDAY. I WANTED TO THANK IAN FOR DOING A FINE JOB OF AFTER PRESENTING TO THIS ILLUSTRIOUS GROUP OF HEAD OF ODOT, FHWA, TRANSPORTATION COMMISSIONERS, YOU REMINDED THEM THAT WHILE THE SELLWOOD IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT AND NEAR AND DEAR TO MY HEART, WE HAVE MANY OTHER BRIDGES THAT ALSO NEED ASSISTANCE. AND WENT THROUGH A BIT OF OUR CIP OF WHAT IT WAS GOING TO COST AND RAISED THE CONTINUED CONVERSATION. SO, I REALLY APPRECIATED THAT. THAT WAS A SMART MOVE ON YOUR PART. AND THE -- ONE OF THE FELLOWS FROM FHWA SAID THAT BECAUSE THE SELLWOOD PROJECT HAS GONE SO WELL AND THEY'RE FEELING REALLY CONFIDENT ABOUT THE WORK THAT WE HAVE DONE, HE THINKS IT PUTS A BETTER LIGHT ON OUR FUTURE REQUESTS FOR FUNDING OR OTHER BRIDGES. I THOUGHT THAT WAS ALSO A GOOD MOVE. AND THEN I HEARD THAT ONE FAMOUS BRIDGE CRITIC IN OUR COMMUNITY SAID, WELL, THAT PERSONALLY HE LIKES THE STEEL ARCHES. ANOTHER KUDOS FOR US AND OUR TIME. THANK YOU FOR COMING.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: MADAM CHAIR, I HAVE A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS BEFORE YOU CLOSE THIS DOWN. I WANT TO THANK YOU AS WELL. I THINK WE WERE AMBITIOUS AND COURAGEOUS TO DO THIS KIND OF PROJECT IN THE RECESSION THAT WE WERE BACK IN 2010, 2011. I HAVE GOT A COUPLE OF CALLS FROM FOLKS ABOUT THE COST AND THOSE KIND OF THINGS, BUT THE BIGGEST ISSUE FOR ME WAS THE SAFETY ISSUE, AND I THINK PEOPLE ARE FORGETTING THAT WE HAD ONE OF THE MOST UNSAFE BRIDGES IN THE COUNTRY. AND THAT WAS THE REASON WHY THE FEDERAL FOLKS WANTED TO JUMP IN AS WELL. AND I APPLAUD YOU. YOU DID AN EXCELLENT JOB UNDER SOME CONDITIONS THAT, YOU KNOW, YOU WOULD HAVE LIKED TO HAVE HAD A BETTER ECONOMIC CONDITION IN THE COUNTY, AND THAT WASN'T THE CASE. THE OTHER ISSUE THAT I WANTED YOU TO SPEAK TO. WE WERE IN RECESSION. NOW WE'RE IN RECOVERY. THE MATERIALS AND ALL OF THAT KIND OF STUFF, IT HAS GONE UP SINCE WE ORIGINALLY DID THIS ABOUT FIVE YEARS AGO. I WANT YOU TO SPEAK TO THAT A LITTLE BIT IN TERMS OF WHERE THAT HAS GONE FROM WHERE WE STARTED AND WHERE WE ARE TODAY. AND, YOU KNOW, A RECOVERY MODE.

WELL, I CAN'T SPEAK TO SPECIFIC PERCENTAGES OF INCREASED COSTS FOR STEEL OR FUEL --

COMMISSIONER SMITH: BUT I IMAGINE WE HAVE HAD INCREASED COST.

THERE HAVE BEEN COST PRESSURES. WHEN YOU SPEAK OF SAFETY, THE BRIDGE ITSELF HAD A SUFFICIENCY RATING CAUSING IT TO BE REPLACED. THE AMOUNT THAT WE NEEDED TO SPEND ON FLAGGERS AND TRAFFIC CONTROL AND JUST DAILY SITE SAFETY MAINTENANCE OF OUR PROJECT INJURIES OF ANY KIND, IS JUST A TESTAMENT TO THE COMPLEXITY AND WHAT IT TAKES TO

KEEP THE PROJECT SAFE ON A DAILY BASIS, BOTH FOR THE WORKERS AND JUST FOR THE TRAVELING PUBLIC, BIKE, PEDESTRIAN, MOTORISTS AS WELL. AT 84% COMPLETE, THE LEVEL OF COST RISK EXPOSURE CONTINUES TO GO DOWN BUT WE'RE NOT OUT OF THE YET. RIGOROUS DAILY OVERSIGHT MANAGEMENT IN PUSHING BACK ON COSTS FROM EVERY ANGLE. WHICH WE'RE DOING.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: THANK YOU. AND I THINK PEOPLE FORGET THAT WHOLE ISSUE THAT THIS IS A VERY DANGEROUS JOB AND WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE EVERYTHING IN PLACE. SO, KUDOS TO YOU. THE SECOND PIECE, I'M REALLY HAPPY WITH THE ASPIRATIONAL GOALS OF THE MWESBS, BUT WAS WONDERING, THERE IS ONE PIECE IN REGARDS TO WOMEN THAT WE'RE -- WE'RE NOT MEETING OUR GOAL. WHAT CAN WE DO TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN TO MAKE SURE THAT WE MEET THAT PARTICULAR GOAL? I MEAN, ARE WE WORKING WITH THE OREGON TRADESWOMEN TO IDENTIFY THOSE FOLKS WHO COULD ACTUALLY WORK FOR US? BUT IN LIGHT OF THAT, I DO UNDERSTAND THAT WE HAVE A NUMBER OF INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS ACROSS THIS REGION THAT ARE TAKING DIFFERENT SUBS ALL OR THE PLACE. SO, THAT IS AT PLAY, TOO.

WELL, THIS PROJECT HAS WOMEN THAT APPARENTLY DON'T EXIST. IRONWORKERS THAT WE WERE TOLD DON'T EXIST IN THE INDUSTRY AND YET THEY'RE WORKING ON OUR PROJECT. ONE OF THE AREAS OF REAL STRENGTH THAT I THINK THIS CONTRACTOR HAS BROUGHT TO THE TABLE A THEIR COMMITMENT TO THE COUNTY'S GOALS AND VALUES AROUND DIVERSE ITY DIVERSITY. NUMBER ONE THING THEY SAID THEY CAN DO AND WE CONTINUE TO KEEP THEM FOCUSED IS BEFORE NEW WORK STARTS, LIKE THE DECK POURERS OR ANY ELMENT OF THE PROJECT, THEY DO PRECONSTRUCTION MEETINGS WITH SUBCONTRACTORS TO REMIND SUBCONTRACTORS WHEN YOU BUILD YOUR CREW, TEAM OF PEOPLE, MAKE SURE THAT YOU ARE ACCOUNTING FOR YOUR MINORITY AND FEMALE PARTICIPATION GOALS. ONCE THE TEAMS ARE SET IT IS DIFFICULT TO PULL THEM APART AND CHANGE THEM. THEY BECOME COHESIVE. YOU WANT TO BUILD THAT TEAM FOR SUCCESS IN THE BEGINNING AND THEN LET THEM GO OUT AND DO THE WORK THAT THEY DO. WHEN THE CONTRACTORS HAVE FOCUSED ON THAT, WE HAVE MOVED THE GOALS HIGHER. WE WILL KEEP DOING THAT.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: THANK YOU.

THANK YOU.

CHAIR KAFOURY: THANK YOU. THANKS FOR COMING TODAY.

THANK YOU.

ADJOURNMENT – 11:13 A.M.

CHAIR KAFOURY: SEEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, WE ARE ADJOURNED.

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