

**MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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MEETING DATE: July 12, 2012

SUBJECT: Sellwood Bridge Design Approval

AGENDA NUMBER OR TOPIC: Repetition of Macadam Bay Access
Road As An Element of Sellwood Bridge Design

FOR: X AGAINST: _____ THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEM

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MACADAM BAY HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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July 12, 2012

TO: Multnomah County Commissioners
Sellwood Bridge Project Team

Re: Sellwood Bridge Project: Relocation of Macadam Bay Access

Dear Commissioners:

Soon you will be asked to vote on recommendations from the Sellwood Bridge Team and its Citizens Advisory and Public Stakeholders Committees on the relocation of Macadam Bay's access road. Our concerns for the safety of our relocated access have been expressed to the Sellwood Bridge Project Team since they first described a proposed relocation site to us in 2009. There have been extensive technical and community discussion of numerous options to most safely address the required relocation of our access. The current effort to address our concerns began as a result of the issues raised in our November 28th, 2011 letter to the Hearings Officer considering the project's Land Use Reviews. The portion of that review related to our access relocation is still pending. It will remain so until the final access relocation design is completed. We appreciate the efforts expended to date to address our concern: that safety be the primary consideration of any solution to revise our access.

The Sellwood Bridge Project Team's recommended Alternative 1C, which accesses Macadam Avenue adjacent to Freeman Motor Company's parking lot, is conditionally supported by our community. Safety considerations led us to previously support an alternative which has our access at the signaled intersection of Macadam Avenue and Taylor's Ferry Road/Miles Street. But a variety of factors other than safety eliminated that option from further consideration by the Bridge Team.

The conditions of our support for Alternative 1c were thoughtfully discussed and agreed to at our most recent meeting on June 20th with representatives of the Bridge Team, ODOT, the City of Portland, Multnomah County, CH2MHill and David Evans Associates. After a thoughtful, constructive and candid discussion among the parties, these conditions were agreed to as follows:

1. That the parties, including Macadam Bay's consulting traffic engineer, will continue to work collegially in an iterative design process to assure timely communications and joint consideration of potential design solutions to Alternative 1C which maximize safe access for both north and southbound traffic to and from Macadam Bay and its shared access with Freeman Motor.

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2. That the safety recommendations contained in the June 19th Memorandum prepared by Mike Coleman of Kettleson & Associates Transportation Engineering and Planning on behalf of Macadam Bay, be incorporated into the design of Option 1C. We and the Bridge Team acknowledge that additional safety and design considerations worthy of consideration may evolve as the design moves from schematic to contract documents

3. That a schedule be prepared by the Bridge Team for the design of 1C which will, among other things, indicate key decision points in the design process and insure sufficient time for Macadam Bay and its consultants to review and comment on design features prior to final decisions affecting each stage of the design process

4. That the schedule identifies the timing of the Team's providing of answers to questions asked and information requested by Mike Coleman in his June 12th memo to Steve Kato and Ian Cannon.

5. That the Bridge Team arrange joint meetings between key design personnel and Macadam Bay representatives and their consultants at times appropriate to the schedule.

The Board of Directors of the Macadam Bay Homeowners assures the Commissioners and the Sellwood Bridge Project Team that the Macadam Bay community is committed to working with the Bridge Team in a cooperative, iterative process on the design of the Alternative 1c access road relocation site. It is our hope and expectation that the final design of Alternative 1c will incorporate elements that maximize the safety of the relocated access road as well as provide a safe and legal means of accessing the southbound lanes of Macadam Avenue. Realistic design measures that satisfactorily address our ability to safely access both the northbound and southbound lanes will make it unnecessary to reconsider previously dismissed alternatives.

Thank you for attending to our community's concerns as you consider Alternative 1C, to be presented to you for our access relocation. It is a significant step toward the final design of the new Sellwood Bridge and the resolution of its Land Use Review process.


Pam Turner, President

For the Macadam Bay Homeowners Association