



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Meeting Date: 9/3/15
Agenda Item #: R.5
Est. Start Time: Approx. 10:40 am
Date Submitted: 8/19/15

Agenda Title: Approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for the Powell-Division Transit and Development Plan

Note: Title should not be more than 2 lines but sufficient to describe the action requested. Title on APR must match title on Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation.

Requested

Meeting Date: September 3, 2015 **Time Needed:** 15 minutes

Department: DCS **Division:** Transportation

Contact(s): Joanna Valencia

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Presenter

Name(s) &

Title(s): Joanna Valencia, Senior Transportation Planner

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for the Powell-Division Transit and Development Plan.

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

The IGA will provide for the implementation of Phase 2 of The Powell-Division Transit and Development Project (the "Project"). The Project is designed to create a better experience and faster ride for the people who board buses on Powell Boulevard and Division Street 18,000 times every day to get to school, go to work or go shopping. The Project spans from downtown Portland to Mount Hood Community College.

It has been reported that during rush hour buses on these routes are often standing room only; and full buses will pass people waiting at stops because the bus cannot fit one more person. With so many riders, this becomes a question of supply and demand, and right now, there is more demand than the transit system can meet.

In September 2014, the project Steering Committee reached consensus on high capacity transit alternatives to study further. Through spring 2015, Phase 1 of the Project studied a range of bus options, and settled on a concept of non-rail bus alternatives. The Project will now focus on a general route that runs along Powell in Southeast Portland before transitioning to Division.

Additionally, the Project will work with communities in the corridor to develop action plans for encouraging desired economic development while protecting the qualities that neighborhood residents, workers and customers most enjoy today.

As the Project continues into Project development in the next two years, Metro and the other participating governmental entities will continue to engage the community in order to shape a project that meets the needs of transit riders, complements existing neighborhoods and serves commercial areas and major destinations.

This Project is a collaboration among the cities of Portland and Gresham, Multnomah County, the Oregon Department of Transportation, TriMet and Metro.

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

The IGA identifies the County providing in-kind staff support of \$130,000 for the next two years to support Project development. Transportation Planning budget includes staffing for this program.

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

This effort is consistent with the County's Comprehensive Framework Plan goal to promote and enhance a balanced transportation system that increases public safety and protects livable communities. It also implements strategies in the East Metro Connections Plan, the Climate Action Plan and supports the Community Wellness and Prevention Program.

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

The Project includes robust public and government participation opportunities. There is a project Steering Committee composed of a variety of stakeholders that includes government agencies and community groups. The public process has and will continue to include online outreach, public workshops and targeted meetings with stakeholders.

Required Signature

**Elected
Official or
Department
Director:**

Kim Peoples /s/

Date:

8/19/15

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