

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, Oregon
Thursday, July 2, 2015**

REGULAR MEETING

Chair Deborah Kafoury called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m. with Commissioners Loretta Smith, Judy Shiprack and Diane McKeel.

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

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CONSENT AGENDA

C.1 Appointment of Serena Stoudamire-Wesley to the Portland Children's Levy Allocation Committee

Chair Kafoury: MAY I HAVE A MOTION ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR? COMMISSIONER SMITH MOVES, COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK SECONDS APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR, ALL IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. THE CONSENT CALENDAR IS APPROVED. LINDA.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Board Clerk: MADAM CHAIR, WE DON'T HAVE ANYONE SIGNED UP FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Kafoury: OH, MY GOODNESS. MOVING RIGHT ALONG.

R.1 Sellwood Bridge Project Briefing. Presenters: Ian Cannon, Sellwood Program Mgr; Mike Baker, David Evans & Assos, Owner's Representative; Lois Cohen, Lois D. Cohen Associates, Sellwood Schools Program.

Chair Kafoury: I'M SORRY, LOIS. I THINK WHERE WE NEED TO PUT ON YOUR MICROPHONE.

Ms. Cohen: GOOD MORNING, COMMISSIONERS. THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN FORGIVING US THIS OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT TO YOU. THIS IS A KIND OF BITTERSWEET MOMENT FOR US BECAUSE FOR THE LAST FEW YEARS WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON THE SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR THE SELLWOOD BRIDGE PROJECT, BUT OF COURSE, AS THE BRIDGE NEARS COMPLETION, WE'RE WINDING DOWN THIS NOVEMBER. AS MY STAFF HAS BEEN, I'M SORRY, LADIES, COULD YOU COME UP HERE AND GET THE POWERPOINT GOING? I'M LOIS

COHEN, WHO HAS BEEN IN CHARGE OF THE SCHOOL-BASED OUTREACH PROGRAM FOR THIS PROJECT, SO LET'S JUST WAIT A MINUTE UNTIL WE MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE THE POWER POINT GOING FOR YOU.

Ms. Cohen: SO, AS MY STAFF HAS BEEN WORKING TOGETHER TO GATHER INFORMATION FOR THE FINAL REPORT, ONE OF THE STATISTICS THAT THEY PULLED TOGETHER REALLY SURPRISED ME, AND SO I WANT TO CALL IT TO YOUR ATTENTION. AND THAT'S THE 70 PROJECT VOLUNTEERS. I SAID THAT MEANS 20 OR 30 PEOPLE. THEY CAME INTO THE CLASSROOMS, MULTIPLE TIMES, RIGHT. AND THEY SAID NO. THAT IS 70 PEOPLE. SO, THAT MEANS DURING THE COURSE OF THE LAST FOUR YEARS, 70 PEOPLE DRAWN FROM THE COUNTY, EXCUSE ME, FROM TYLYN, FROM DAVID EVANS, FROM SLADEN, FROM SUNDT, FROM THE SUBCONTRACTORS ON THE DESIGN SIDE AND CONTRACTING SIDE CHOSE TO GO INTO THE CLASSROOMS TO ADDRESS OUR STUDENTS TO TALK TO THEM ABOUT THE RANGE OF CAREERS AVAILABLE RIGHT HERE AS A RESULT OF THIS WONDERFUL PROJECT. THEY HAVE SPOKEN TO THE STUDENTS ABOUT THEIR INDIVIDUAL CAREER PATHS AND THE ASSOCIATED EDUCATIONAL PATHS. THEY HAVE TALKED TO THE STUDENTS ABOUT THIS PROJECT THAT THEY ARE SO PROUD OF WORKING ON.

THEY HAVE TALKED TO THE STUDENTS ABOUT THE ORGANIZATIONS FOR WHICH THEY HAVE WORKED. SO WHAT DOES THE COUNTY DO? HOW DOES WHAT THE COUNTY DOES IMPACT THEIR LIVES? SO, IT'S BEEN SO MEANINGFUL FOR THE STUDENTS, AND THE ONE THING THAT WE KNOW IS WE WOULD NEVER HAVE GOTTEN THIS ENTHUSIASTIC INTEREST FROM 70 PEOPLE, ABSENT YOUR SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO CONNECT THE REGION STUDENTS WITH THE IMPORTANT WORK BEING DONE BY THE COUNTY AND TO CONNECT THEM TO THE RANGE OF CAREERS AND OPPORTUNITIES THAT ARE POSSIBLE FOR THEM RIGHT HERE AT HOME. SO, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SINCE WE'RE CLOSING DOWN, IN THE PAST U. HEARD FROM THE STUDENTS, AND MAYBE YOU WILL ONE MORE TIME IN NOVEMBER. BUT, IN THE MEANTIME, WE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE REALLY INFORMATIVE FOR YOU TO HEAR FROM A COUPLE OF THE TEACHERS ABOUT HOW THE SCHOOL PROGRAM HAS BEEN VIEWED FROM THEIR EYES, BOTH FOR THEM AS TEACHERS AND FOR THEIR STUDENTS. SO, I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE TO YOU TERRY GRIFFIN FROM FABIAN SCHOOL IN NORTHEAST. SARAH LONG FROM ALDER'S SCHOOL IN EAST COUNTY, BUT BEFORE TERRY STARTS, I MUST ACKNOWLEDGE AMY HICKS FROM MY STAFF. AMY HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN THE DESIGN AND DELIVERY OF EVERY GRADE SCHOOL PROGRAM THAT WE HAVE DONE IN THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS, SO I WANT TO PUBLICLY THANK YOU, AMY.

Ms. Griffin: GOOD MORNING. I AM TERRY GRIFFIN. AND I AM A FIFTH GRADE TEACHER AT FABIAN ELEMENTARY. I WAS VERY HAPPY TO WELCOME THE

SELLWOOD BRIDGE PROJECT INTO MY CLASSROOM THIS YEAR. THE ENGINEERS, DESIGNERS AND OTHERS INVOLVED IN THIS PROJECT MADE NINE VISITS TO FABIAN, INCLUDING TO THE SUN AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM. THEY HELPED OUR STUDENTS PERFORM A WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING STIRRING CONCRETE WHILE BUILDING COFFER DAMS AND BUILD BRIDGES THAT EXPLAIN THE CONCEPT BEHIND THE BRIDGE BUILDING. I WANT TO THANK THE TEAM OF PROFESSIONALS WHO VISITED MY SCHOOL. THEY EXPOSED OUR STUDENTS TO A WIDE RANGE OF CAREERS AND GAVE THEM ALL PERSONAL ATTENTION AND ENCOURAGEMENT. OUR STUDENTS WERE ESPECIALLY EXCITED TO COMPLETE COMMISSIONER KAFOURY, AND SEE OTHER PROFESSIONAL WOMEN TAKE AN INTEREST IN THEIR EDUCATION AND OUR SCHOOL.

Ms. Griffin: THE LESSONS THESE PROFESSIONALS SHARED WITH MY STUDENTS WERE HANDS ON, INQUIRY-BASED, APPROPRIATE FOR STUDENTS AT MY GRADE LEVEL AND THE OTHER GRADE LEVELS THAT THEY SPOKE WITH, OR HELPED. THEY HELPED TO CONNECT THEM TO A REAL WORLD PROJECT IN THEIR COMMUNITY. THESE LESSONS CONNECTED MY STUDENTS TO A PROJECT THAT THEY CAN, ACTUALLY, VISIT. IT CONNECTED THEM TO THE PLACE THAT THEY LIVE. ON THE NEXT TWO SLIDES, YOU CAN SEE SOME OF THE FIFTH GRADE STANDARDS. SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATH CONCEPTS THAT THE PROJECT PROFESSIONALS HELPED TO COMMUNICATED TO OUR STUDENTS. I'M NOT GOING TO BORE YOU WITH THE FINER POINTS OF EACH ONE OF THESE MATH AND SCIENCE STANDARDS, OR CONCEPTS, BUT I WOULD LIKE THE COMMISSION TO KNOW THAT THESE CONCEPTS, THAT THE CONCEPTS THESE PROFESSIONALS SHARED WITH OUR STUDENTS ARE IN LINE WITH THE LATEST AND GREATEST CURRICULUM INSTRUCTIONAL GUIDELINES. FINALLY, I JUST WANTED TO THANK THE PROFESSIONALS IN THE SELLWOOD BRIDGE SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR SHARING WITH OUR STUDENTS THINGS LIKE COOPERATION, TEAMWORK, COMPETITION, HIGHER LEVEL THINKING SKILLS SHOWCASED ON THOSE EARLIER SLIDES. OUR STUDENTS ENJOYED HAVING THESE PROFESSIONALS IN OUR SCHOOL. AND THIS PROGRAM DESERVES THE KIND WORDS THAT YOU ARE HEARING THIS MORNING.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Ms. Long: I AM SARAH LONG, A SECOND GRADE TEACHER AT ALDER ELEMENTARY. I ALSO HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF WORKING WITH THE SELLWOOD BRIDGE PROJECT. WE DID A MORNING FIELD TRIP TO THE WORKING BRIDGE, THE SECOND GRADE CLASS OF ALDER. A BIT ABOUT THE STUDENTS THAT WERE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE, WE COME FROM A TITLE 1 SCHOOL. WE ARE 97% ON FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH. THE OVER 85 STUDENTS THAT WENT ON THE TRIP ARE -- COME FROM TWO SHELTERED ENGLISH CLASSROOMS AND ONE BILINGUAL SPANISH, ENGLISH IMMERSION CLASSROOM. OVER 50% OF

THE STUDENTS WERE ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS REPRESENTING 16 DIFFERENT LANGUAGES. AND AT THE TIME OF THE TRIP, ALMOST 20% OF THE SECOND GRADE CLASS WAS CONSIDERED TITLE 10. THIS WAS COVERED BY THE MCKINNEY HOMELESS EDUCATION ACT.

Ms. Long: PRIOR TO OUR VISIT, TO THE WORKING BRIDGE, WE GOT TO SIT DOWN WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE SELLWOOD BRIDGE PROJECT. TALK ABOUT WHERE WE WERE GOING WITH OUR CURRICULUM AND IN ACCORDANCE TO THE NEXT GENERATION SCIENCE STANDARDS. THE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE PROGRAM TOOK WHERE WE WERE GOING AND RAN WITH IT AND CREATED A REALLY FANTASTIC EXPERIENCE FOR OUR STUDENTS. REYNOLDS USES AN INTEGRATED LITERACY EVOLVED INTO BEAUTIFUL LITERACY WORK ONCE WE GOT INTO THE CLASSROOM, THE LANGUAGE, AND THE VOCABULARY THAT THE STUDENTS WERE DEVELOPING AND LEARNED THAT WE COULD TEACH THEM AND WE COULD READ ALL DAY LONG IN THE CLASSROOM, BUT WHEN YOU ARE OUT SEEING IT. HEARING IT FROM PROFESSIONALS IN THE FIELD, IT JUST IS SO MUCH MORE POWERFUL. CLASSES ROTATED THROUGH STATIONS THAT INCLUDED TOURING THE WORKING BRIDGE, WHICH WAS THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE STUDENTS' DAY. THEY FELT SO SPECIAL WALKING PAST JACKHAMMERS. LOOKING UP TO SEE CARS DRIVING OVER THE BRIDGE AND THEN, AT THE PARK NEAR THE WORKING BRIDGE, WE SPOKE WITH PROFESSIONALS. THE CONTRACTORS, ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS AND LEARNED FROM THEM WHILE EXPERIMENTING AND DOING INQUIRY-BASED LEARNING. ACTUALLY FINDING SOLUTIONS FOR PREVENTING EROSION IN A HANDS-ON WAY, THAT WAS VERY, VERY IMPACTFUL FOR THE STUDENTS, THE SAME KINDS OF EXPERIMENTS THAT WE HAD DONE IN THE CLASSROOM BUT BEING THERE IN A PLACE THAT IT WAS REAL AND LOCAL MADE IT SO MUCH MORE POWERFUL.

STUDENTS ENJOYED THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE A FIELD TRIP. WE COME FROM A REALLY LOW INCOME SCHOOL WHERE THERE IS NOT FUNDS FOR THOSE THINGS. WITHOUT THE SELLWOOD BRIDGE PROJECT WE WOULD NOT HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO FOR THIS EXPERIENCE. STUDENTS WERE ABLE TO SIT AND HANG OUT AND GET TO KNOW PROFESSIONALS WHO SHOWED GENUINE INTEREST IN THEM, SPENT TIME INSTANTLY BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS WITH STUDENTS. IT MADE THE LEARNING SO MUCH DEEPER. THE STUDENTS GOT SO MUCH MORE OUT OF IT, THE EXPERIMENTS AND THE EXPERIENCE, JUST THROUGH THE PEOPLE THAT THEY WERE THERE WITH. NEARLY 20 VOLUNTEERS WERE THERE FROM THE BRIDGE TEAM. THEY WASTED NO TIME INSTANTLY BONDING STUDENTS AND SHARING STORIES. THEY CLEARLY AND PROFOUNDLY REDEFINED GENDER GOALS. STUDENTS WERE SHOCKED AND AMAZED AT HOW MANY WOMEN WERE INVOLVED IN SUCH A DIRTY JOB. STARK CONSTRUCTION WAS MENTIONED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. ANY TIME THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT SOMETHING THAT WOMEN DO AND MEN DO.

Ms. Long: AND THE SUPPORT FROM THE TEAM THAT WAS THERE TO RUN THE ROTATIONS THAT WE'RE DOING SHOWED STUDENTS IT TAKES A TEAM TO COMPLETE A PROJECT LIKE THE SELLWOOD BRIDGE PROJECT. AND STUDENTS WERE INSPIRED TO SET NEW CAREER GOALS. I WAS SPEAKING WITH LOIS AND AMY AFTER THE TRIP. ALTHOUGH I WOULD NEVER DISCOURAGE A STUDENT FROM PURSUING THEIR DREAMS OF BECOMING A FAMOUS ROCK STAR OR A FOOTBALL PLAYER, OR BEYONCE, THOSE ARE NOT NECESSARILY REALISTIC GOALS ALL THE TIME. AND IT WAS REALLY INSPIRING FOR ME TO HEAR IN A WRITING PROMPT HOW STUDENTS' GOALS HAD SHIFTED TO BECOMING AN ENGINEER OR AN ARCHITECT OR A CONTRACTOR. GIRLS WROTE ABOUT WANTING TO RUN A CONSTRUCTION COMPANY. LIKE TANYA, FROM STARK CONSTRUCTION. THEY SPOKE HER NAME. THEY MADE A STRONG CONNECTION. BOYS WROTE ABOUT GOING TO COLLEGE TO DESIGN SOLUTIONS THAT MADE CITIZENS LIVES' BETTER. THEY ARE SECOND GRADERS USING THOSE WORDS AND HAVING THOSE DREAMS AND ASPIRATIONS. IT WAS A PLEASURE TO WORK WITH THE SELLWOOD BRIDGE PROJECT. THEY TOOK US IN. THEY LISTENED TO WHAT WE SAID. THEY BUILT AN EXPERIENCE THAT THE SECOND GRADE STUDENTS WOULD NOT HAVE HAD OTHERWISE. SO, I APPRECIATE THAT OPPORTUNITY.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD?

Commissioner Smith: MADAM CHAIR, I HAVE A COMMENT. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR STORIES ABOUT THE STUDENTS IN THE SELLWOOD BRIDGE. IT IS REALLY COOL. ACTUALLY, I WAS REALLY EXPECTING A MODEL BRIDGE TODAY.

Ms. Cohen: MAYBE IN NOVEMBER.

Commissioner Smith: OK, GREAT. THANKS FOR DOING THAT.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER MCKEEL.

Commissioner McKeel: THANK YOU. I WANT TO THANK YOU, AS WELL, FOR YOUR PRESENTATIONS AND YOUR STORIES ABOUT HOW IT IMPACTED THE CHILDREN WHEN THEY WENT OUT THERE AND WHEN THEY WERE INVOLVED WITH THIS. I THINK THAT IT'S SO IMPORTANT FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE TO KNOW THAT THERE ARE THESE KINDS OF JOB OPPORTUNITIES OUT IN THIS WORLD. THAT THEY, CERTAINLY, CAN ATTAIN TO SUCCESS IN A THESE JOB OPPORTUNITIES. SO, REALLY APPRECIATE THIS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Commissioner Shiprack: JUST TO ADD MY TWO BITS' WORTH. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR PRESENTING. I CONGRATULATE YOU ON FINDING A GORGEOUS DAY TO DO YOUR TOUR. I CAN JUST SEE THAT IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL DAY.

PROBABLY WASN'T 96 DEGREES OUT. GOOD FOR YOU. THE MESSAGE THAT REALLY RESONATES IN THIS PARTNERSHIP, AND I AM SO HAPPY TO HEAR THAT THE BRIDGE PROJECT HAS INCLUDED SCHOOL CHILDREN, IS THIS WHOLE CONCEPT OF TEACHING LITERACY THROUGH CONTENT, SO THIS IS AN EXPERIENCE THAT THEY WILL NEVER FORGET, WHETHER THEY GO INTO A CONSTRUCTION TRADE OR NOT. IT'S AN EXPERIENCE THAT THEY ARE GOING TO BE ARTICULATING AND TALKING ABOUT AND MAYBE WRITING ABOUT, SO THE CONNECTION WITH LITERACY, I THINK, IS SOLID. I AM SO PROUD THAT IT'S AROUND THE SELLWOOD BRIDGE PROJECT. GOOD FOR YOU.

Chair Kafoury: AND THANK YOU TO LOIS FOR COORDINATING THIS EFFORT. FROM THE STUDENTS AT ACE, TO THE STUDENTS AT SELLWOOD BRIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL AND THE STUDENTS AT FABIAN AND ALDER, I THINK THAT THE WIDE VARIETY OF EXPERIENCES AND DIFFERENT EXPERIENCES HAVE BEEN REALLY INTERESTING TO HEAR ABOUT. AND I WANT TO THANK YOUR STAFF, AS WELL. I REALLY WANT TO THANK THE TWO OF YOU FOR COMING. I KNOW IT'S SUMMER. YOU ARE HOPEFULLY NOT WORKING TOO HARD, TAKING A BREAK, BUT I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR COMING IN AND TALKING TO US ABOUT WHAT IT MEANT TO YOUR STUDENTS AND TO THANK YOU FOR BEING OPEN. WILLING TO HAVE THESE -- TO ALLOW THESE EXPERIENCES TO COME TO YOUR CHILDREN, AS WELL, BECAUSE I KNOW THAT YOU HAVE TO BE VERY INVOLVED IN THOSE EFFORTS, AS WELL, SO THANK YOU. THANKS, IT REALLY MAKES A DIFFERENCE FOR US TO HEAR FIRST HAND FROM YOU ABOUT THE DIFFERENCE IT MADE TO YOUR STUDENTS AND TO THEIR LIVES FROM HAVING THIS SELLWOOD BRIDGE PROJECT AND THE VOLUNTEERS. OF COURSE, TO OUR SELLWOOD BRIDGE TEAM, THAT'S HERE, PLEASE PASS ON THE THANKS TO THE 70 MEMBERS OF OUR TEAM, WHO VOLUNTEERED THEIR TIME. I AM SURE THAT THEY ENJOYED HAVING A RESPITE FROM THE BRIDGE PROJECT TO COME OUT AND SEE STUDENTS' EYES LIGHT UP WHEN THEY ARE MAKING THE CONNECTIONS IN THEIR BRAIN, SO THANKS SO MUCH FOR COMING.

Chair Kafoury: MORE FUN STUFF FROM THE BRIDGE?

Mr. Baker: MORE FUN STUFF FROM THE BRIDGE. GOOD MORNING, MIKE BAKER WITH DAVID EVANS AND ASSOCIATES, YOUR OWNER'S REP. WITH ME --

Mr. Cannon: I AM IAN CANNON, THE SOLID BRIDGE PROGRAM MANAGER WITH MULTNOMAH COUNTY.

Chair Kafoury: HERE COMES THE YOUNG PERSON TO HELP YOU WITH THAT COMPUTER, IAN.

Mr. Baker: WHILE THAT'S COMING UP I WILL JUST ADD THAT MY DAUGHTER OR DAUGHTERS WHO WENT THROUGH CAPITOL HILL, HAD THE CHANCE TO

STUDY THIS PROJECT. MY YOUNGEST, WHILE SHE WAS STILL THERE. I DON'T THINK THAT I BECAME COOL AT ALL IN THE EYES OF MY CHILDREN UNTIL THIS WILL PROJECT STARTED SO THANKS TO THE COUNTY FOR THAT.

Mr. Cannon: SO, BEFORE WE START, I AM SHOCKED TO HEAR ENGINEERS AND LITERACY MENTIONED IN THE SAME SENTENCE, SO THAT WAS, YEAH. IT'S GREAT.

AND ALSO, I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD FOR YOUR SUPPORT ON THE PROJECT. ALSO, FOR THE VISION OF THE PROJECT THAT'S NOT JUST ABOUT BUILDING A PHYSICAL BRIDGE, BUT BUILDING BRIDGES IN THE COMMUNITY IN A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT WAYS, BOTH WITH THE SCHOOL CHILDREN, WITH DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES. SO, IT'S A PROJECT THAT'S REALLY BENEFITING THE WHOLE COMMUNITY, NOT JUST A NARROW SECTION. WITH THAT, IT'S TOUGH TO FOLLOW THE KID THING, TOO. YOU KNOW.

Mr. Baker: BUT, WE WILL DO IT. SO, AS WE BRING YOU EACH TIME A BRIEF, WE'LL START WITH THE DASHBOARD AND MOVE INTO THE EQUITY FOCUSED DASHBOARD. AND THEN SOME PRETTY COOL PICTURES OF WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON OUT ON THE BRIDGE. AND I KNOW THAT WE HAVE GOT A TOUR SET UP LATER THIS MONTH FOR COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK AND FOR ANY AND ALL OF YOU WHEN YOU COME OUT, IT'S GOING TO BE AWE-INSPIRING WHEN YOU STAND UNDERNEATH THE ARCH AND LOOK AT THAT. BE READY. WHAT'S COMING, SO WITH THAT, PROJECT DASHBOARD, PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT, MIKE CONTINUES TO DO A FANTASTIC JOB AS ONE OF THE PUBLIC FACE AND VOICE IN TERMS OF THE FOLKS THAT GET TO INTERACT WITH THE PROJECT ON A DAILY BASIS, HIS EMAILS THAT GO OUT WEEKLY, THE NUMBER OF FOLLOWERS ON THE PROJECTS AND THE CLARITY OF EXPECTATIONS THAT HE SETS FOR THE PUBLIC IN BEING ABLE TO HELP THEM TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THE COMMUTE WILL BE LIKE AND WHAT TRAFFIC WILL BE LIKE CONTINUES TO BE SPOT ON. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT HAS CONTINUED TO BE AROUND AREAS LIKE THE BRIDGE CLOSURE IN APRIL THAT WENT VERY WELL, JUST AGAIN, WHAT THE COMMUTING PUBLIC CAN EXPECT ON A DAILY BASIS, WITH THE PROJECTS. AND ANOTHER AREA WHERE THE COUNTY HAS BEEN A GREAT PARTNER IS WHEN THE CONTRACTOR TELLS US THAT BOATERS ARE GOING TOO FAST UP AND DOWN THE RIVER AND CREATING WAKES, WHICH HAVE AN IMPACT ON THE BRIDGE. ACTIVITY OUT THERE, THE SHERIFF'S PAROLE IS ABLE TO COME OUT AND REALLY, REALLY STOP THAT IN ITS TRACKS, SO THAT'S BEEN A GREAT PARTNERSHIP.

Mr. Cannon: ONE OTHER THING THAT I JUST, ON THEIR END, THE STAKEHOLDER ISSUES, THE TOP BULLET, WE HAD OUR NOISE REVIEW BOARD MEETING. NOBODY SHOWED UP TO COMPLAIN TO THE NOISE BOARD ABOUT THE PROJECT. SO, I THINK THAT THAT'S --

Chair Kafoury: THAT'S BIG NEWS.

Mr. Cannon: NOT THAT THE PROJECT IS QUIET BUT IT REFLECTS ON MIKE AND HIS WORK IN TERMS OF THE NOTIFYING OF PEOPLE OF WHAT TO EXPECT.

Mr. Baker: WE CONTINUE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH RESIDENTS OF THE MACADAM BAY. THAT WORK IS GEARED UP TO KICK OFF HERE IN THE NEXT WEEK OR TWO. AND SO OH, WE'VE BEEN ANTICIPATING THAT FOR SOME TIME. AND WORK AND THE POWERS MARINE PARK AREA AND WORK ONGOING AT BUSINESSES, SO OAKS PARK HAS GOT THEIR SIGN BACKUP, SO THE PUBLIC CAN SEE THAT CLEARLY. JUST CONTINUING TO WORK WITH THE ADJACENT BUSINESSES TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY HAVE ACCESS THAT THE BUSINESSES ARE VIABLE AND THE PUBLIC CAN REACH THEM DURING THE CONSTRUCTION. THE PROJECT FUNDING PLAN IS UNCHANGED FROM THE LAST TIME THAT WE BRIEFED YOU. THE RANGE THAT WE SHOW, 307 MILLION TO 317 MILLION, OUR PROJECT REMAINS WITHIN THAT RANGE AND WE'LL CONTINUE TO BRIEF ON THAT AS WE GO FORWARD WITH YOU.

NEXT, THERE WE GO. I'M NOT GOING TO HIT THE SOCIAL EQUITY PIECE HERE, OTHER THAN TO SAY THAT YOU WILL NOTICE IN THE UPPER LEFT QUADRANT, THERE IS THE COMMITTED DVE GOAL OF 4 PERCENT, AND WE'RE SITTING AT 3.99%. WE DON'T ROUND ON THIS PROJECT. WE NEVER DO. THE FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENTS SAY YOU MUST BE AT FOUR-POINT SOMETHING. THIS IS A BIG JUMP FROM THE LAST TIME. THERE ARE MORE COMMITTED CONTRACTS THAT WILL BE ISSUED TO SUBCONTRACTORS, SO WE ARE ON TARGET TO MEET THAT GOAL. WE ARE ON TARGET TO MEET THE 20% OVERALL DMWESB GOAL AND WE'LL REACH THAT. I WILL TALK A BIT MORE ABOUT THE OTHER GOALS. IN THE HEADLINES, WE'RE CONTINUING TO GET A WIDE COVERAGE, BOTH FROM THE OREGONIAN, FROM THE NEWS CREWS, AROUND THE BRIDGE OPENING, THERE WAS THE UNFORTUNATE INSTANCE WHERE WE HAD A TWO OR THREE HOUR IMPACT, WHERE THE GAS LINE WAS LIT DURING THE CONSTRUCTION, BUT, WE DID RECEIVE KUDOS FROM ODOT WITH REGARD TO THE RESPONSE PLAN THAT WENT INTO EFFECT, IN OTHER WORDS, EVERYBODY KNEW WHO TO CALL AND EVERYBODY KNEW WHO TO GET OUT TO THE SITE AND TO CONTROL TRAFFIC, AND THINGS WERE BACK AND RESTORED WITHIN TWO OR THREE HOURS, SO THOSE SORTS OF DISRUPTIONS, WE LOVE TO AVOID THEM, WHEN YOU CAN'T, THE BEST THING YOU CAN DO IS TO REACT QUICKLY AND DECISIVELY AND GET THINGS BACK UP AND RUNNING SO WE GOT A GOOD APPRECIATION ON THAT.

NEXT, SO, WE HAVE AWARDED 233 SUBCONTRACTS. OF THOSE, 119 HAVE GONE TO DNWESB FIRMS, TOTALING OVER \$38 MILLION. WE CONTINUE ON OUR JOURNEY TOWARDS A NUMBER NORTH OF \$40 MILLION, SO WE MADE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS. WE WILL CONTINUE TO AWARD CONTRACTS FOR

WORK THAT'S NOT YET BEEN ISSUED. OF THE DNWESB SUBCONTRACTS, TOTALING 38 MILLION, YOU CAN SEE THE SPLIT, ALMOST 20 MILLION TO DBE. OWNED FIRMS, ANOTHER EIGHT MBE, AROUND THE PIE, SO THE CONTRACTORS CONTINUE TO DO A GREAT JOB ABOUT REACHING AND FINDING GOOD SUBCONTRACTORS TO PARTNER WITH ON THE PROJECT THEY ARE HELPING US MEET OUR GOALS.

Mr. Baker: NEXT, WE CONTINUE TO BE WELL ABOVE OUR 20% MINORITY WORKFORCE COMPOSITION GOAL, THAT'S HELD STEADY FOR THE LAST SIX TO EIGHT OR LONGER MONTHS. WE ARE AT 13% FOR OUR WOMEN PARTICIPATION IN THE WORKFORCE, HELD ESTATE -- HELD ESTATE FOR FOUR TO SIX MONTHS. TWO THINGS PRIMARILY, WE CONTINUE TO HIRE WOMEN AS PART OF THE WORKFORCE, BUT THEY WON'T GET THERE. THERE IS TOO MUCH WORK BEING DONE BY SUBCONTRACTORS ON THIS PROJECT FOR THEM TO DO IT ALONE, SO WE ASKED THEM TO REINVIGORATE THEIR PRECONSTRUCTION MEETINGS WITH SUBCONTRACTORS TO SAY, WHEN YOU COME OUT TO THE PROJECT, YOU MUST REMEMBER THAT WE HAVE GOALS THAT YOU ARE HERE TO HELP US MEET. AND SO BY THE TIME THAT CREWS COME OUT, YOU HAVE KIND OF MISSED THE BOAT. YOU WANT TO KEEP THE TEAM COHESION. THE KEY IS TO GET MINORITY AND FEMALE PARTICIPATION IN THOSE BEFORE THEY COME OUT TO THE PROJECT. SO, THEY HAVE BEEN DOING THAT IN PRECONSTRUCTION MEETINGS. REINVIGORATE THAT GO TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HIT THAT GOAL, SO I BELIEVE THAT WE WILL GET THERE.

NEXT, OUR APPRENTICESHIP, WE ARE AT OR ABOVE 20% ON THE PROJECT. I THINK WE ARE APPROACHING SOMEWHERE AROUND 84,000 APPRENTICESHIP HOURS AT THIS POINT. I WOULD LIKE TO THINK THAT WE ARE GOING TO ADD 100,000 BEFORE. IT'S JUST A NICE, BIG NUMBER, SO CONTINUING TO HELP APPRENTICES REACH THEIR JOURNEYMAN STATUS. THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL THAT REACHED THAT. THERE WILL BE MORE. LOOK FORWARD TO THE FUTURE TO BRINGING SOME OF THOSE SUCCESS STORIES FOR YOU. QUESTIONS ON THE UPDATES BEFORE WE HIT THE PICTURES THERE? OK.

Mr. Cannon: OK, AS WE STAND RIGHT NOW, WE'RE ABOUT 80% COMPLETE WITH CONSTRUCTION. WE ARE ANTICIPATING TRAFFIC ON THE NEW SPAN IN EARLY 2016, AND THEN AFTER THAT, WE'LL FINISH THE EAST APPROACH REMAINING WORK ON SCHEDULE TO COMPLETE BY, ESSENTIALLY, THANKSGIVING OF THE NEXT YEAR. IN TERMS OF THE DOLLARS PAID TO DATE, TO THE CONSTRUCTION FIRM, ABOUT \$176 MILLION OF WORK COMPLETED, OUT OF A TOTAL OF JUST UNDER \$220. SO, THAT'S WHERE WE GET THE 80%. THE WORK IS HAPPENING, MOSTLY RIGHT NOW, AND STILL SOME OF THE WALLS, THEN MOSTLY IN THE BRIDGE AND INTERCHANGE. SO THOSE ARE THE NUMBERS THAT ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO MOVE

UPWARD. THE IMAGE, AS USUAL, PROVIDED BY THE OREGON DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, THEY ARE ABLE TO GET SOME GREAT SHOTS FROM THEIR MONTHLY HELICOPTER TOUR. BUT, THIS SHOT, AS I BROUGHT, A CONSISTENT PICTURE AT THE BEGINNING FOR A NUMBER OF BRIEFINGS. IT SHOWS, I GUESS, TWO BIG THINGS. ONE IS JUST THE EXTENT OF THE WORK. THERE IS WORK GOING ON, ON TACOMA STREET, WHICH IS AT THE UPPER RIGHT CORNER OF THE PHOTO. AND WORK, OBVIOUSLY, HUGE WORK GOING ON, ON THE MAIN STRUCTURE, IN THE RIVER. THEN ALSO, WORK GOING ON, ON THE APPROACH MOVING TOWARDS THE LOWER LEFT SIDE OF THE SCREEN, AND THEN KIND OF GOING UP AND LEFT, THERE IS RETAINING WALLS THAT WE'RE BUILDING. ON THIS TIME ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE HIGHWAY. AND EVEN FURTHER NORTH, WILL BE THE MACADAM BAY WORK. SOUTH SIDE, SOUTH. BRIDGE, OR DOWN TOWARDS THE LOWER RIGHT CORNER, ALSO RETAININ WALL, AND THEN THE STARTING TO BUILD THE APPROACH RAMP. THE BARRIER AND STUFF FOR THAT RAMP THAT'S COMING UP ON THE BRIDGE. SO, ALTHOUGH IT'S A TIGHT CONSTRUCTION SITE, THERE IS WORK GOING ON ALL OVER THE PLACE, WHICH MAKES THE LOGISTICS A GREAT CHALLENGE, A GREAT OPPORTUNITY.

Commissioner Shiprack: I HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT THE PHOTOGRAPH. SO LOOKING AT THAT PHOTOGRAPH, YEAH, THE NEXT -- THE -- THANK YOU. IT APPEARS THAT THE EAST SIDE, THE TACOMA STREET CONNECTION IS QUITE A BIT NARROWER. IS THAT JUST THE POINT OF VIEW OR IS IT -- IS THERE GOING TO BE A TRAFFIC SORT OF REDUCTION AS CARS MOVE FROM THE WEST TO THE EAST?

Mr. Cannon: YOU KNOW, THAT'S A GREAT OBSERVATION. AND YOU ARE SPOT ON. IT DOES NARROW DOWN. ACTUALLY, I THINK THAT FURTHER DOWN IN THE PRESENTATION, I HAVE A SLIDE THAT IS PROBABLY EVEN MORE GRAPHIC ABOUT THAT, THAN THIS ONE, SO, PERHAPS I COULD --

Commissioner Shiprack: YOU CAN ADDRESS IT ANY TIME YOU WOULD LIKE. I WOULD JUST LIKE TO HEAR WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THAT.

Mr. Cannon: THANK YOU. SO THIS SHOWS, I THINK, THE LAST TIME THAT WE CAME, THE TRAFFIC CHANGE ON THE WEST END HERE HAD HAPPENED, BUT I DIDN'T HAVE ANY PHOTOGRAPHS OF IT, SO NOW, WE CAN ACTUALLY SEE HOW THE TRAFFIC IS AT THE TOP, ON THE OLD BRIDGE, AS, ACTING AS A DETOUR, BUT IT TRANSITIONS, ACTUALLY, ONTO THE NEW WEST APPROACH RAMP, SO IT'S CLOSER TO THE AREA WHERE THE ACTUAL INTERSECTION WILL BE. WE CAN ALSO SEE THE WORK PROGRESSING ON THE STRUCTURES THAT ARE GOING TO BE THE RAMP COMING ONTO THE BRIDGE, IF YOU ARE GOING NORTHBOUND, OR THE RAMP GOING OFF THE BRIDGE, IF YOU ARE GOING NORTHBOUND. IF YOU WERE STANDING AT THE INTERSECTION, LOOKING NORTH, YOU CAN SEE WHERE THE ACCESS DOWN INTO THE STAFF

JENNINGS' AREA WILL BE. THAT RAMP ON THE RIGHT, AND THEN COMING DOWN THE CENTER, WILL BE THE MULTI-USE PATH. EVENTUALLY, THERE WILL BE A LITTLE STRUCTURE THAT TIES INTO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE BRIDGE. A BIG EMPTY SPACE, WHICH WILL BE WHERE THE HISTORIC TROLLEY ALIGNMENT RUNS, AND THEN UP TO THAT RAMP, WHICH IS THE NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC.

Mr. Cannon: SO, IT'S REALLY STARTING TO TAKE SHAPE IN TERMS OF WHAT THAT INTERCHANGE AREA AND THAT PARK AREA WILL LOOK LIKE. ANOTHER VIEW OF THAT SAME AREA, LOOKING UP THE TRAIL, IN THE FAR DISTANCE, YOU CAN SEE WHERE THE MACADAM BAY DRIVEWAY, AND THAT SORT OF THING WILL GET CONSTRUCTED. ANOTHER VIEW, LOOKING THE OTHER DIRECTION, SO THIS IS LOOKING UP AT THE RAMP ONTO THE BRIDGE FROM THE NORTH SIDE AND SEE HOW THAT'S TAKING PLACE, AND THEN JUST TO THE LEFT, WHERE NEAR THE RIGHT HAND CORNER, YOU CAN START TO SEE WHERE THE OREGON 43 IS GOING TO GO UNDERNEATH. WHERE THERE IS AN EXCAVATOR PARKED. ANOTHER PICTURE OF THAT, THAT NORTHEAST RAMP GETTING READY TO PUT THE START, TO PUT THE REBAR ON TOP OF THE DECK. THIS IS THE, THE SOUTH, THE SOUTH RIM GOING UP ONTO THE BRIDGE, SO NORTHBOUND OREGON 43. DOWN AT THE RIGHT, ON THE PHOTOGRAPH WHERE THE CARS ARE PARKED IS THE ALIGNMENT WHERE THAT TROLLEY WILL BE RUNNING ONCE WE PUT THE TRACKS BACK IN. ANOTHER VIEW OF THAT STRUCTURE, WITH THE BARRIERS, POURED IN ON BOTH SIDES, ONE OF THE NOTICEABLE CHANGES TO THE SKYLINE, IS THIS LARGE TOWER CRANE. WHAT THIS ALLOWS THE CONTRACTOR TO DO IS REACH MOST OF THE WAY ACROSS THAT MIDDLE SPAN. FOR LIFTING THE EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, OUT ONTO THAT MIDDLE SPAN, WITHOUT HAVING A FLOATING CRANE THAT BLOCKS THE NAV CHANNEL. SO, JUST ALLOWS THEM TO PROGRESS TO WORK MORE EFFICIENTLY AND NOT BLOCK NAVIGATION. AND THAT'S A WARNING SIGN THAT'S OUT THERE BECAUSE AS THIS TOWER SWINGS AROUND, IT GOES OVER THE TRAFFIC, AND JUST DON'T WANT PEOPLE BEING ALARMED BY IT. IT'S PART OF THE WORK. WE DON'T SWING LOADS OVER TRAFFIC.

THIS IS LOOKING EASTWARD ON THE BASICALLY, THE ENDS OF THE WEST APPROACH. YOU CAN SEE ALL THE STEEL GIRDERS THAT ARE GOING TO MAKE THE SUPPORTING BRIDGE DECK. AT THIS POINT IN TIME, PROBABLY 98% OF THE STEEL IS IN PLACE ON THE SITE. THERE IS A LOT OF BOLTING THAT IS REMAINING TO BE DONE, SO IT'S NOT FULLY TIED TOGETHER, BUT IT'S MOSTLY OUT IN PLACE. AND ANOTHER VIEW FROM THE ODOT SHOWING THE MAIN SPANS CAN SEE THE THREE ARCHES AND THE DECK RUNNING ALONG THE TOP. YOU CAN SEE PRETTY CLEARLY NOW THAT THE DECK ON THE NEW BRIDGE IS VERY CLOSE TO THE SAME ELEVATION AS THE DECK ON THE OLD BRIDGE. SO, IT'S PRETTY MUCH THE SAME PROFILE, EXCEPT ONE OF THE

DIFFERENCES, IS A SMOOTHER CURVE, SO VISIBILITY WILL BE BETTER WHEN YOU ARE DRIVING ACROSS IT, THAN IT IS ON THE OLD BRIDGE.

Mr. Cannon: ON THE EAST END, NEAR TACOMA STREET, WE HAVE GOT TRAFFIC COMING OFF, AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE PICTURE, COMING OFF THE DETOUR BRIDGE ONTO THE SOUTH HALF OF THE NEW APPROACH AND ONTO THE SOUTH HALF OF TACOMA STREET, AND THEN JUST ABOVE WHERE THE BOAT IS MARKETED ON THE LEFT-HAND SIDE OF THE PICTURE, ON TACOMA STREET, WE HAVE BEEN BUILDING THE STREET AND THE SIDEWALKS. FOR THE NORTH HALF OF TACOMA STREET ACTUALLY, YESTERDAY, THAT WAS PAVED. BEFORE WE GO HOME TODAY, TRAFFIC WILL BE ON THE NORTH HALF OF TACOMA STREET. SO IT WILL BE A ANOTHER CURVE COMING BACK THE OTHER WAY. THIS IS THE SIDEWALK, ON THE NORTH SIDE, YOU CAN SEE THE BRICK PAVERS IN THE SIDEWALK, THE BRICK PAVERS ARE GOING TO LINE UP WITH THE ARTWORK BEING PUT IN BY THE ARTS AND CULTURE COUNCIL SO WE'VE BEEN COORDINATING VERY CLOSELY WITH THEM, SO THAT THE HARDSCAPE THAT WE BUILD WILL ALIGN AND COORDINATE WELL WITH THE ART THAT'S COMING IN.

Commissioner Shiprack: ANOTHER QUESTION, DO WE KNOW WHAT THAT ART IS? DO WE HAVE MODELS? DO WE, HAS IT BEEN SELECTED?

Mr. Cannon: THE ART HAS BEEN SELECTED. AND GENERALLY SPEAKING, IT'S KIND OF METAL COLUMNS, TOTEMS THAT HAVE GRADATIONS IN COLOR FROM EARTH TONES AND THERE WILL BE DIFFERENT ANGLES AND KIND OF PROVIDE AN ENTRANCE INTO THE SELLWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD.

Chair Kafoury: WE HAD A BRIEFING ON IT TWO OR THREE YEARS AGO, DIDN'T WE?

Mr. Cannon: YEAH.

Chair Kafoury: SO IT'S PROBABLY TIME TO BRING BACK SOME UPDATED IMAGES.

Commissioner Shiprack: OH, GOOD, I ENOUGH MISSED THAT.

Mr. Cannon: AND WE'LL DO THAT IN THE NEXT PRESENTATION.

Commissioner Shiprack: AND TIMES AT MY AGE, I CAN BE SURPRISED, REPEATEDLY, ABOUT THE SAME THING.

Commissioner McKeel: THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER. I DON'T REMEMBER THIS.

Mr. Baker: AND IN ADDITION TO THE ART, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF THE PLACARDS, THE HISTORY OF THE BRIDGE. HOW IT FUNCTIONS.

Mr. Cannon: RIGHT.

Mr. Baker: THERE WILL BE A DOZEN OR MORE OF THOSE PLACED THROUGHOUT THE PROJECT, SO THAT THE PEOPLE CAN UNDERSTAND WHAT THE INFRASTRUCTURE IS DOING. WHAT IS A SWALE AND WHAT'S IT DOING RIGHT NOW WHEN YOU LOOK AT IT. HOW IS THE BRIDGE FUNCTIONING?

Mr. Baker: WHAT DO WE CALL THOSE?

Mr. Cannon: THE INTERPRETIVE PANELS.

Chair Kafoury: SO THAT SOUNDS LIKE IS A GREAT, A GREAT SUBJECT FOR OUR NEXT PRESENTATION. WE CAN BRING SOME INFORMATION ABOUT THOSE.

Chair Kafoury: NOT THAT THIS IS NOT FUN.

Mr. Cannon: IT'S THE LITERAL PART. SO, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT'S BEEN, YOU KNOW, THERE USED TO BE A CONNECTION. THIS IS GRAND AVENUE, NEAR THE PROJECT, THERE USED TO BE LIKE A PED CONNECTION FROM GRAND ONTO THE BRIDGE. AS THIS WORK HAS BEEN GOING ON, THAT CONNECTION HAS BEEN CLOSED. BUT, WITHIN THE PAST COUPLE OF WEEKS WE REOPENED THAT CONNECTION, SO THAT PEOPLE COMING UP FROM THE TRAIL ON THE EAST SIDE THERE, HAVE A BETTER CONNECTION ONTO THE BRIDGE. SO, BIT BY BIT, WE'RE GETTING THESE THINGS IN PLACE. SO, THERE IMAGE, I THINK, STARTS TO ADDRESS THE QUESTION THAT YOU BROUGHT UP. AND SO THE DESIGN OF THE FACILITY IS, SO FOUR LANES AT THE BOTTOM END OF THE PICTURE. SO THAT WE HAVE THE CAPACITY IN THE INTERSECTION AREA TO DEAL WITH THE VOLUME OF TRAFFIC, AND THEN YOU CAN SEE THE BRIDGE TAPERS, IN THE MIDDLE, SO THAT'S WHERE WE'RE GOING TO GO FROM THE FOUR LANES TO ONE LANE IN EACH DIRECTION. AND THEN ACTUALLY, WHEN WE GET TO THE INTERSECTION, AT 6TH, IT FLARES A BIT WIDER. SO THAT THERE IS TWO, YOU KNOW, A THROUGH LANE IN EACH DIRECTION AND THE LEFT TURN LANE IF YOU WANTED TO GO TO OAKS PARK. DOES THAT ANSWER THAT QUESTION?

Commissioner Shiprack: IT DOES. I GUESS, YOU KNOW, THE ONLY OTHER QUESTION THAT I WOULD HAVE WOULD BE JUST THE TRAFFIC ENGINEERING PART OF THAT AND THE SAFETY PARTS OF THAT. WHAT EXPERIENCE IS WITH MERGERS AT THAT SPEED, WITH THAT CONSTRICTED, THERE IS NOT A BIG, WIDE SHOULDER THAT WILL ACCOMMODATE YOUR POOR JUDGMENT IN A MERGER. JUST INTERESTED IN THE TRAFFIC SAFETY ENGINEER'S REPORT.

Mr. Cannon: RIGHT, SO IT CERTAINLY HAS BEEN DESIGNED WITH, YOU KNOW, THAT MERGE DISTANCE TO MEET THE CURRENT ENGINEERING STANDARDS, THAT PARTIALLY ADDRESSES IT, BUT CERTAINLY YOU KNOW, THERE IS ALWAYS PEOPLE WHO DON'T PLAY NICELY.

Commissioner Shiprack: OF COURSE, I AM SURE IT HAS, BUT I AM REALLY INTERESTED IN A LITTLE MORE, A LITTLE MORE FOCUS ON THAT FOR THE TRAFFIC SAFETY ENGINEERING PART.

Mr. Cannon: WOULD YOU LIKE US TO BRING BACK MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THAT?

Commissioner Shiprack: I WOULD LIKE TO EXPAND THE NARRATIVE ABOUT THAT A BIT.

Mr. Cannon: OK. I AM NOT --

Commissioner Shiprack: IT'S A LITERARY QUESTION.

Mr. Cannon: IT IS. THAT'S HARD FOR ME.

Commissioner Shiprack: I AM HAPPY TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT WHAT IT IS I AM CONCERNED ABOUT. I AM SURE THAT IT'S BEEN ADDRESSED IN THE ENGINEERING, AS YOU SAY. I WOULD SIMPLY LIKE IN A PUBLIC FORUM TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK ABOUT WHAT IT IS THAT WE HAVE IN MIND, FOR THIS REALLY DYNAMIC TRAFFIC SITUATION THAT WILL BE A PART OF THE REALITY OF THE BRIDGE.

Mr. Cannon: AND WE CAN CERTAINLY BRING BACK MORE IN-DEPTH INFORMATION ABOUT THAT.

Mr. Baker: THIS IMAGE, IS PROBABLY JUST A GOOD TIME TO REMIND EVERYONE, TOO, THAT 36 FEET OF THE WIDTH GOING DOWN THE BRIDGE IS DEDICATED TO BICYCLIST AND IS PEDESTRIANS, MORE THAN WILL BE DEDICATED TO AUTOMOBILES. AND IT WILL BE A STREETCAR READY BRIDGE, MEANING THERE WILL BE RAIL, THERE WON'T BE RAIL LINES BUT THE DECK IS THICK ENOUGH AND THE BRIDGE IS STRONG, SO IN THE FUTURE, IF THE CITY WERE TO DECIDE TO TAKE THE STREETCAR ACROSS THE BRIDGE, IT WILL BE A RELATIVELY SIMPLE RETROFIT AND THE BRIDGES ARE FOR THAT IN THE FUTURE.

Commissioner Smith: MADAM CHAIR, I HAVE A QUESTION, SO IAN, DURING HEAVY TRAFFIC, HOURS, DURING THE DAY, YOU ARE NOT CONCERNED

ABOUT THE BOTTLE NECK THAT MAY TAKE PLACE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE BRIDGE?

Mr. Cannon: WELL, THE SHORT ANSWER TO THAT IS NO. WE'RE CONCERNED ABOUT IT, BUT WE BELIEVE THAT THAT'S NOT GOING TO BE THE THING THAT LIMITS THE FLOW OF TRAFFIC DURING PEAK HOURS. TYPICALLY, ON TACOMA STREET, THERE IS AN INTERSECTION AT 13TH AND ONE AT 17TH. THOSE DON'T HAVE AS MUCH CAPACITY AS THE BRIDGE HAS, SO THAT THOSE WILL BE THE PLACES WHERE THAT LIMIT THE CAPACITY OF THE CORRIDOR. NOT THE BRIDGE WHERE, OR THE BRIDGE INTERSECTION.

Mr. Baker: SO THE BRIDGE CAN RECEIVE MORE TRAFFIC THAN THE UPSTREAM SIGNALS ALLOW TO COME DOWN TO THE BRIDGE? THEY METER THE FLOW OF TRAFFIC, SUCH THAT THE BRIDGE WILL PERFORM THE WAY THAT WE NEED IT TO.

Mr. Cannon: GOING THE OTHER DIRECTION.

Chair Kafoury: THERE IS NOT GOING TO ACCOMMODATE ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC. IT'S BECAUSE OF THE TWO LANES ON TACOMA, THIS WAS ANOTHER FLASHBACK TO SIX YEARS AGO OF ALL THE PUBLIC MEETINGS ABOUT THIS. BUT, THE REALITY IS, TACOMA CAN ONLY BE TWO LANES. SO, PEOPLE WANTED TO HAVE A LARGER BRIDGE, SOME DIDN'T, BUT THERE WAS NO WAY THAT, AS YOU SAID, THE TRAFFIC AND THE WAY THAT I LOOK AT THE WEST END. ONE OF THE EAST END WHERE YOU CAN REALLY ONLY GO ONE WAY, OR YOU CAN TURN BUT AT THE WEST END, YOU CAN TURN ALL KINDS OF WAYS, SO THERE HAS TO BE MULTIPLE TURN WHRAINS FOR CARS BECAUSE THEY CAN GO WEST OR NORTH OR SOUTH. FROM BOTH ANGLES, SO IT'S A BIT OF A DIFFERENT DYNAMIC.

Mr. Cannon: EXACTLY. DID THAT ANSWER YOUR QUESTION?

Commissioner Smith: HOW ARE WE NOT GOING TO BOTTLENECK WHEN YOU ARE PUTTING FOUR LANES INTO TWO?

Chair Kafoury: IF YOU COULD BRING, NEXT TIME, THE DESIGN SO WE CAN SEE THE LANE PATTERNS OR HOW IT'S GOING TO BE WHEN IT'S COMPLETE.

Mr. Cannon: OK.

Chair Kafoury: IT'S HARD TO SEE ON THIS BRIDGE. IT MAKES IT LOOK LIKE IT'S A HUGE FREEWAY, SO MAYBE IF YOU COULD SHOW US WHERE THE SIDEWALKS ARE AND WHERE THE LANES ARE. WHERE THE LANES, ACTUALLY, GO, THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL, I THINK.

Mr. Cannon: OK, GREAT. SO THE WORK STILL TO COME, MACADAM BAY DRIVEWAY AND POWERS MARINE PARK, THE PARK IS, BASICALLY, A RIPARIAN AREA IMPROVEMENTS THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE MAKING. WE ARE CONTINUING TO WORK ON THE RAMPS WITH THE PLAN TO HAVE THOSE IN SERVICE BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR, THE MAIN BRIDGE DECK, AND TACOMA STREET. IN EARLY IN 2016, GETTING TRAFFIC ONTO THE NEW BRIDGE, THEN SPRING AND SUMMER OF NEXT YEAR, EAST APPROACH, NORTH HALF, GETTING THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE BRIDGE CONNECTED TO THE MULTI-PURPOSE PATH. LANDSCAPING, AND THEN TAKING OUT ALL THE OLD BRIDGE AND THE WORK BRIDGES.

Chair Kafoury: WHEN IS THE RACK ART INSTALLED?

Mr. Cannon: WE'RE WORKING WITH THEM TO TRY AND HAVE THAT IN PLACE BY THE END OF THE YEAR. THERE IS SOME QUESTION ABOUT WHETHER THE ARTIST IS GOING TO BE READY BY THEN, IS A WE'RE WORKING TO HAVE EVERYTHING THAT IS UNDER OUR CONTROL IN PLACE FOR THAT. THE ARTIST IS MAKING PROGRESS.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Commissioner Shiprack: HARD TO RUSH ARTISTS.

Mr. Cannon: SO THIS IMAGE, JUST KIND OF SHOWS WHAT THINGS LOOK LIKE FROM THE WEST BANK, FROM THE ARCHES, AS MIKE MENTIONED, WHEN YOU GO AND STAND ON THE WORK BRIDGE, IT GIVES THE MAGNITUDE OF THE WORK, AND THEN THAT, THAT'S KIND OF THE VISION. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

Commissioner Shiprack: CAN I JUST SAY, IT IS SO EXCITING TO SEE HOW THE REALITY IS GROWING TO GO TO MATCH THE VISION. THAT'S JUST EXCITING TO SEE.

Mr. Cannon: THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: I THINK IT WILL BE COOL TO SEE WHEN HE WAS DONE, BUT ALL THE PICTURES THAT YOU HAVE TAKEN OVER THE YEARS, IN A PROGRESSION.

Mr. Baker: OH, WELL, MORE INTERESTING THAN SNAPSHOTS, THAT WE HAVE HAD TIME LAPSE PHOTOGRAPHY GOING ON SINCE CONSTRUCTION BEGAN, SO WE CAN SHOW YOU A MOVIE AT WHATEVER SPEED TO SEE HOW IT CAME TOGETHER.

Chair Kafoury: LIKE WHEN THEY MOVED THE DECK?

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Mr. Baker: THANK YOU.

R.2 PROCLAMATION Proclaiming July 2, 2015, Bring Your Dad to the Doctor Day in Multnomah County, Oregon. Presenter: Commissioner Smith; Rachael Banks; & Gerald Deloney, Co-Chair of Communities of Color & Self Enhancement Inc. (SEI).

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER MCKEEL MOVES, SHIPRACK SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.2.

Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU, CHAIR. I WOULD LIKE TO TURN IT OVER TO MULTNOMAH COUNTY'S RACHAEL BANKS. COME UP, PLEASE, AND GERALD DELONEY OF SEI. I WILL GIVE YOU A BRIEFING OF HOW I STARTED THIS. BASICALLY, I BELIEVE THIS IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT FOR FAMILY MEMBERS, TO ENCOURAGE THEIR FATHERS, UNCLES, DADS, COUSINS, AND BROTHERS TO GO TO THE DOCTOR FOR REGULAR ANNUAL PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS. THERE IS AN OLD SAYING THAT AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION IS WORTH MORE THAN A POUNDS OF CURE. AND THE DATA IS VERY CLEAR. MEN DIE FAR MORE FREQUENTLY THAN WOMEN FROM CHRONIC ILLNESSES THAT COULD HAVE BEEN TREATED SUCCESSFULLY IF CAUGHT EARLY IN THE SCHEDULED VISITS TO THEIR DOCTOR. WE NEED OUR MEN HEALTHY, MENTALLY AND PHYSICALLY, TO ENHANCE THE STABILITY OF THE FAMILY. THEREFORE, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT WE, IF NECESSARY, TAKE OUR FATHERS TO THE DOCTOR AND ALSO MAKE THEM AWARE OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY'S HEALTH PROFESSIONALS AND RESOURCES THAT CAN HELP THEM ENSURE THAT THEY ENJOY A LONG, HEALTHY LIFE FOR THEIR FAMILIES AND THE GREATER COMMUNITY. THANK YOU, SO I THINK YOU ARE STARTING FIRST, MISS RACHAEL.

Ms. Banks: GOOD MORNING, COMMISSIONER SMITH, CHAIR KAFOURY, COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK AND COMMISSIONER MCKEEL. FOR THE RECORD YOU, I AM RACHAEL BANK, FOR HEALTHY FAMILIES AND REACH PROGRAMS, STANDS FOR RACIAL AND ETHNIC APPROACHES TO COMMUNITY HEALTH. OFTEN WHEN I HAVE HAD THE PLEASURE OF BEING HERE BEFORE YOU ALL, I AM BRINGING FORTH DATA TALKING ABOUT THE FABULOUS WORK OF THE PROGRAMS OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT. OR ALONG WITH COMMUNITY MEMBERS TALKING ABOUT THEIR SUCCESSES OR JUST SHARING THEIR BRILLIANCE AND STRENGTH, BUT I AM HOPING TO COME TODAY AND TALK TO YOU AND SHARE A PERSONAL STORY THAT REALLY, FOR ME, EMBODIES THIS ISSUE. I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU, ESPECIALLY, COMMISSIONER SMITH, FOR BRINGING IT FORWARD AND CONTINUING TO KEEP THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE OF MEN'S HEALTH ON THE RADAR.

Ms. Banks: SO SEPTEMBER 28, WHICH WAS THE DAY BEFORE WE WERE ALL SCHEDULED TO BE IN THIS VERY ROOM, TO CELEBRATE THE HISTORIC AWARD OF A \$3 MILLION GRANT TO PREVENT CHRONIC DISEASES THROUGH REACH FUNDING FOR AFRICAN-AMERICANS. THE DAY BEFORE, AT 10:30, IN THE EVENING, I GOT A CALL FROM MY MOTHER WHO SAID SOMETHING IS WRONG WITH YOUR STEP-DAD. AND WE THINK THAT WE HAD A STROKE. IN THE SENSE OF PANIC AND URGENCY, A LITTLE BOSSINESS, I SAID WHY ARE YOU CALLING ME? CALL 9-1-1. AND SHE WENT ON A TO SHARE THE SYMPTOMS, AND SHE WENT ON TO SAY HOW HE DID NOT WANT TO GO. HOW HE HAD, YOU KNOW, MUMBLED THROUGH WHAT THEY WERE TRYING TO MAKE OUT WHAT HE WAS SAYING, THAT HE, UNBEKNOWNST TO ANYONE ELSE, HA RETIRED AND WAS HOPING TO TAKE HIS CHANCES IN THOSE LAST TWO MONTHS BEFORE HE WAS ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICAID AND HOW HE KEPT SAYING I DON'T HAVE A CARD. I DON'T HAVE A CARD. AND IN THAT MOMENT, IT KEPT FLASHING THROUGH FOR ME THE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN AND THE BILLBOARDS AND ALL THE WORK THAT PEOPLE HAD DONE OF, WITH THE STROKE, BRAIN LOSS. I JUST KEPT SAYING TIME LOST IS BRAIN LOSS. HE HAS TO GO TO THE HOSPITAL.

SO, HE DOESN'T HAVE A CHOICE. WE'RE GOING TO CALL 9-1-1, OR WE'RE GOING TO TAKE HIM TO THE HOSPITAL, SO AS MY 11-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER WAS IN HER BED SLEEPING, MY HUSBAND WENT AND HELPED MY MOM PHYSICALLY CARRY HIM OUT BECAUSE HE COULD NOT WALK TO THE HOSPITAL. AND HE GOT THERE. WE ENDED UP FINDING OUT, TEN MINUTES BEFORE HE WOULD HAVE HAD IRREREVERSIBLE BRIAN DAMAGE. THERE IS A WINDOW OF TIME THAT THEY CAN ADMINISTER MEDICATION. SO HE WAS THERE TEN MINUTES, IN ENOUGH TIME. AS HE WAS SITTING THERE, HE SAID TO ME, A LOT OF BLACK PEOPLE HAS DIED IN THIS HOSPITAL. FOR ME I THAT MOMENT, SO MANY THINGS CAME TOGETHER, ONE IS HOW SCARED HE WAS AND HOW EVEN THOUGH WE HAD ASKED HIM TO GO TO THE DOCTOR BEFORE AND ASKED HIM TO TAKE CARE OF HIMSELF, THAT IN THAT PRIDE AND HIS, YOU KNOW, NEED TO TAKE CARE OF US, THAT HE WAS SO SCARED. THAT, YOU KNOW, HIM TALKING ABOUT HOW SERIOUS THE CONDITION HE WAS IN. ACKNOWLEDGING WITHOUT SAYING THE WORDS, THE DISPARITIES OF CHRONIC DISEASES AND STROKES AND BEING IN THAT MOMENT. AND IT CAME TO GO FOR ME HOW IMPORTAN TOBACCO CESSATION IS FOR A MAN LIKE HIM WHO SMOKES FOR 30 YEARS WHO WANTS TO QUIT. HOW IMPORTANT TOBACCO PREVENTION IS FOR FOLKS NEVER TO START AND NICOTINE PREVENTION.

I AM SO THANKFUL FOR THE WORK OF THE FOLKS WHO, FOR SO LONG, HAVE RAISED AWARENESS OF CHRONIC DISEASES, INCLUDING STROKE AND A VARIETY OF THINGS. FOR WHOEVER PAINTED THAT BILLBOARD, THAT, YOU KNOW, TIME LOSS IS BRAIN LOSS. GET HIM TO THE HOSPITAL. I WAS SO THANKFUL THAT HE HAD THE FAMILY TO DO IT, THAT PEOPLE CALLED, THAT

WE NOW HAVE INCREASED INSURANCE ACCESS FOR PEOPLE IN OUR COUNTRY AND ESPECIALLY MEN WHO, FOR SO LONG, DIDN'T, AND MOST OF ALL, JUST REALLY FELT TORN, BUT ULTIMATELY, BLESSED TO BE ABLE TO WORK FOR A JOB IN A COUNTY WHERE FOLKS INVEST IN HEALTH OR FOLKS INVEST IN THE HEALTH OF BLACK FOLKS AND OTHER COMMUNITIES WHERE WE PROVIDE ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE FOR PEOPLE. WHERE WE SUPPORT TOBACCO CESSATION AND HEALTHY OTHER ACTIVITIES, WHERE WE BOTH ACKNOWLEDGE THAT TO ADDRESS SOME OF THE, YOU KNOW, THE SITUATIONS THAT FOLKS ARE IN, WE HAVE TO PREVENT IT FROM STARTING IN THE FIRST PLACE. THAT PEOPLE ARE SUFFERING RIGHT NOW IN ADDITION. AND ULTIMATELY, KNOWING THAT NEXT DAY, ALTHOUGH I WAS NOT SURE THAT I CAN SHARE THE STORY BECAUSE I KNEW THAT I WOULD BREAK DOWN, THAT WE WOULD COME HERE INTO A PACKED HOUSE. SHOW THE WORK GOING. ULTIMATELY, THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED COMMITMENT TO FOLKS LIKE MY DAD, WHO WAS EXPERIENCING THAT. YOU KNOW, I JUST REFLECTED ON THAT DAY, WE TOOK HIM TO THE HOSPITAL. BUT, WHAT WE SHOULD HAVE BEEN DOING IS TAKING DAD TO THE DOCTOR ALL THOSE YEARS BEFORE. SO, THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Mr. Deloney: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS GERALD DELONEY, CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. I WORK FOR SELF ENHANCEMENT. I DON'T WANT ANYTHING FROM YOU GUYS WHICH IS REALLY UNUSUAL BECAUSE I ALWAYS WANT SOMETHING. BUT, YOU KNOW, IF YOU TAKE A LOOK AT THE PROCLAMATION, IT REALLY SAYS A WHOLE LOT, BUT THERE IS A REAL PERSONAL SIDE TO THIS, I THINK I START WITH THAT, WOMEN DO LIVE LONGER THAN MEN BECAUSE MEN ARE NOT THAT SMART. MEN GET CAUGHT INTO THE CULTURE OF MALENESS. AS KIDS, WE PLAY SPORTS THAT CAUSE BRAIN INJURY. WHEN WE GET HURT, WE RUB A LITTLE DIRT. PUT SOME ATHLETIC TAPE ON IT. THAT'S LIKE IS, LIKE DUCT TAPE FOR ATHLETES. WE'RE ON WITH IT, WE DON'T CARE ABOUT BEING TOUGH. LATER IN LIFE, WHEN WE GET HEALTH CHALLENGES, WE'RE THE SAME WAY. AND THEN, THAT DOES NOT REALLY GO REAL WELL WITH THE DOCTOR CULTURE OR HEALTH CULTURE BECAUSE FOR SOME REASON YOU HAVE TO WHISPER AND YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT THE BILL IS WHEN YOU GO IN. YOU NEVER DISCUSS PRICE. AND THEY ARE ALWAYS WHISPERING THERE AND FOR A MAN, IF HE HEARS NEWS. IT COULD JUST BE THE MANNER OF THE DOCTOR, THAT KIND OF TURNS HIM OFF, THEY DON'T GO BACK. SO, OVER TIME, WE BUILD THIS CULTURE OF RESISTANCE TO GO ON TO SEE THE DOCTOR.

FOR ME, BECAUSE I WAS VERY ATHLETIC WHEN MY BODY AND MY MIND START CHANGING, MY APPETITE DID NOT CHANGE. SO CONSEQUENTLY, WHEN I TURNED A CERTAIN AGE, I BECAME A DIABETIC BECAUSE I DIDN'T CHANGE MY METABOLISM CHANGED. EVERYTHING CHANGED BUT MY BRAIN

BECAUSE I WAS STILL STUCK DOING THINGS THAT I HAD ALWAYS DONE BEFORE. SO, THAT'S ANOTHER HEALTH RISK. AND THOSE OTHER LITTLE THINGS, I WILL SAY PERSONALLY ON, ON MONDAY, IS EARLY IN THE MORNING, I GOT OUT OF THE BED. I STARTED WALKING. I STARTED LIMPING, AND MY KNEE WAS HURTING. I WENT UP AND DOWN THE STAIRS, AND IT WAS TOUGH.

Mr. Deloney: I GOT TO WORK, WITH THE RIGHT ELEVATOR UP AND DOWN IN A TWO-STORY BUILDING, WHICH IS REALLY BAD. BUT, I KNOW THIS, EVERYTHING THAT YOU IGNORE, WILL COME BACK TO HAUNT YOU. ALL THOSE HEALTH THINGS, IF YOU DON'T GO AND SEE THE DENTIST. GUESS WHAT? YOU ARE GOING TO END UP HAVING A DENTAL BILL LATER ON THAT COULD HAVE BEEN A LOT LOWER. YOU COULD HAVE TAKEN CARE OF IT IN A DIFFERENT WAY. AND THEN I ALSO SAY. RACHAEL MENTIONED THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT. ONE OF THE THINGS ABOUT THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT IS THAT IT SWITCHED THE CONVERSATION. THE DYNAMICS OF HEALTH IN THIS COUNTRY, IF YOU STAY UP ON IT NOW, IT'S MORE ABOUT WELLNESS. BUT, IF YOU ARE NOT PARTICIPATING, YOU CANNOT DO WELL. NOW, WE HAVE A HEALTH SYSTEM THAT, ACTUALLY, INCENTIVIZES BEING HEALTHY AND DOING THOSE KINDS OF THINGS, AND THEN YOU GET PAYMENT TO HMOS FOR KEEPING THE FOLKS HEALTHY. IT BRINGS DOWN THE HEALTH COSTS. WE STARTED GETTING ALL THIS NOISE ABOUT DON'T DO THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT. THEY TALKED ABOUT THE COST OF MEDICINE AND THE COST OF CARE. BUT ALL THOSE THINGS HAVE COME DOWN.

ALSO, IT IS SOMETHING THAT REALLY HELPS OUR ECONOMY NOW BECAUSE EMPLOYERS CAN, ACTUALLY, HIRE AND KNOW THAT THEY HAVE SOME SUPPORT FOR HEALTH CARE, YOU KNOW, OUT IN THE PUBLIC, SO IT'S A GOOD DEAL ALL AROUND, BUT FOR MEN. ESPECIALLY, MEN OF COLOR, IT'S LIKE, IT'S IN THE BRAIN. UNTIL WE START CHANGING HABITS AND START CHANGING CULTURE. THE CULTURE OF USING THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM, NOBODY LIKES ANYBODY THAT ABUSES THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM, BUT THERE IS SOMETHING ABOUT REASON BE USE OF THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM THAT MAKES A LOT OF SENSE. SO, IS I SIT HERE IN FULL SUPPORT OF THE PROCLAMATION AND I THINK THE COUNTY HAS SET A GOOD EXAMPLE OF PROVIDING THE KIND OF CARE THAT THE CITIZENS NEED, SO WE JUST GOT TO KEEP ON RINGING THAT BELL AND GETTING DADS OUT TO SEE THE DOCTOR BECAUSE IF YOU DON'T MAKE US GO, WE HAVE GOT OTHER STUFF TO DO. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. DID YOU WANT TO READ THE PROCLAMATION?

Commissioner Smith: DO YOU HAVE IT UP THERE, DREW?

Mr. Deloney: I DO. I DON'T HAVE MY GLASSES. I WILL READ, I DON'T READ OUT LOUD IN PUBLIC, EITHER. I DON'T DO MATH OR A BUNCH OF STUFF.

Chair Kafoury: WE WILL REFER TO THE YOUTH. RACHAEL, WILL YOU READ IT.

Ms. Banks: PROCLAIMING JULY 2, 2015, BRING YOUR DAD TO THE DOCTOR DAY, IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON. THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FINDS THAT ACCORDING TO DR. HARVEY B. SIMON, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF MEDICINE AT HARVARD MEDICAL SCHOOL, MEN DIE YOUNGER THAN WOMEN MORE FREQUENTLY THAN WOMEN. HAVE MORE CHRONIC ILLNESSES THAN WOMEN. AND THE DISEASES AND CONDITIONS SUCH AS AIDS, GOUT, KIDNEY STONES, ALCOHOLISM, BLADDER CANCER, HEART ATTACKS, AORTIC ANEURYSMS AND DUODENAL ULCERS ARE MORE COMMON IN MALES THAN FEMALES. HEART DISEASE IS A LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH OF MEN KILLING 307,225 MEN IN 2009 ALONE. THAT'S ONE IN EVERY FOUR MALE DEATHS. IT'S ALSO THE LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH FOR MOST RACIAL AND ETHNIC GROUPS IN THE UNITED STATES, INCLUDING AFRICAN-AMERICANS, AMERICAN INDIANS, OR ALASKAN NATIVES, HISPANICS. FOR ASIAN AMERICAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER MEN, HEART DISEASE IS SECOND ONLY TO CANCER. MEN ARE LESS LIKELY THAN WOMEN TO SEE A DOCTOR. MINORITY MEN ARE LESS LIKELY TO GET TIMELY PREVENTATIVE CARE SUCH AS FLU SHOTS AND COLONOSCOPIES, WHICH CAN CONTRIBUTE TO PREVENTIBLE HEALTH INEQUITIES. MEN ARE IMPORTANT MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY AND IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT WE EMPHASIZE HEALTHY BEHAVIORS AND THOSE AT RISK OF HEART DISEASE, CANCER, ACCIDENTS, CHRONIC LOWER RESPIRATORY DISEASE, STROKES, TYPE 2 DIABETES, SUICIDE, OR OTHER DISEASES. IT IS NECESSARY TO ENSURE HEALTH CARE ACCESS AND COMMUNITIES CONDITIONS THAT SUPPORT HEALTHY LIVING AND STRONG FAMILIES, BY PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES TO VISIT HEALTH PROFESSIONALS FOR REGULAR CHECKS, MULTNOMAH COUNTY IS PROVIDING WITH RESOURCES AND SERVICES TO LIVE HAPPY, HEALTHY, PRODUCTIVE LIVES IN OUR COMMUNITY. ON THIS DAY, FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE ENCOURAGED TO TAKE THEIR DAD TO THE DOCTOR.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU, DO WE HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD?

Commissioner Smith: MADAM CHAIR, I HAVE A COMMENT. I WANT TO THANK OUR PRESENTERS TODAY. IT WAS REALLY GOOD TO HEAR. I'VE BEEN PREACHING THIS FOR THE LAST FOUR OR FIVE YEARS, SO IT'S REALLY GOOD TO HEAR OTHERS FROM THE COMMUNITY FOR THE ISSUES THAT WE'RE DEALING WITH HERE AT THE COUNTY. THIS IS REAL PERSONAL FOR ME. I DO BELIEVE MY DAD, WHO PASSED AWAY OF PANCREATIC CANCER AND MY GRANDFATHER, OF PROSTATE CANCER, HE WAS OF A CERTAIN AGE AND ERA, IF HE HAD GONE TO THE DOCTOR REGULARLY, PROSTATE CANCER IS PREVENTABLE. HE PROBABLY WOULD STILL BE HERE KICKING AROUND. I WATCH OTHER FRIENDS, FAMILY MEMBERS WHO ARE MALE. THEY JUST DON'T

HAVE ANY NEED TO GO TO THE DOCTOR. YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT, GERALD. IT IS SOMETHING THAT IS, YOU KNOW, NOT MACHO TO DO, I MEAN, THEY REALLY HAVE TO HAVE THEIR ARM HANGING OFF BEFORE THEY GO TO THE DOCTOR. SO, I HOPE THAT THIS URGES EVERYONE, YOU KNOW, WE HAVE A WIDE LENS HERE AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY, WE HAVE ABOUT 6,000 EMPLOYEES. HOPEFULLY, THEY WILL LOOK AT THIS PROCLAMATION AND A BELL WILL GO OFF AND THEY WILL SAY, I AM A FATHER, UNCLE, COUSIN, MAYBE I NEED TO GO TO THE DOCTOR. SO THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR STORIES TODAY.

Commissioner Shiprack: MADAM CHAIR, I JUST HAVE A COUPLE OF COMMENTS. THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER SMITH, FOR THIS PROCLAMATION. YOU KNOW, LISTENING TO YOU, MY FATHER ALSO DIED OF PANCREATIC CANCER. HE WENT TO THE DOCTOR, REGULARLY, HE AND MY MOM BOTH. THEIR DOCTOR TRIED OVER AND OVER AGAIN TO GET THEM TO STOP SMOKING. THEY EACH HAD A TWO PACK A DAY HABIT. THEY HAD HAD THAT HABIT SINCE THE 1930S. THEY WERE THE GREATEST GENERATION OF SMOKERS, EVIDENTLY, THAT CAME AROUND. AND I WANT TO SAY THAT RACHAEL, THANK YOU FOR YOUR STORY ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE, REALLY, OF PUBLIC HEALTH EDUCATION BECAUSE THAT BILLBOARD MESSAGE STAYED IN YOUR MIND AND, PERHAPS, SAVED YOUR STEPFATHER'S LIFE. AND SO, TIME LOST IS BRAIN LOSS. PUBLIC HEALTH IS ABOUT EDUCATING THE PUBLIC. I THINK THAT THAT'S TRUE ABOUT SMOKING CESSATION, AS WELL. WHILE I WISH THAT GOING TO THE DOCTOR HAD SAVED MY FATHER, THERE ARE PEOPLE THAT HE LOVED SO MUCH, THAT YOU ARE GOING TO BE VULNERABLE. I AM SURE THAT IT KEPT HIM FROM DYING EARLIER OF OTHER THINGS. AND SO, I ALSO WANT TO SAY TO YOU, GERALD, YOU ARE ASKING THE BOARD FOR SOMETHING TODAY. I WANT TO REMIND YOU. THAT'S WHY YOU ARE HERE AS AN ADVOCATE, AND I REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR ADVOCACY. I DON'T WANT YOU TO TAKE US FOR GRANTED. YOU ARE HERE TO ASK FOR OUR YES VOTE ON THIS PROCLAMATION, THAT WE'VE BEEN PRESENTED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH. AND I APPRECIATE YOUR ADVOCACY, AND YOUR ENGAGEMENT AND YOUR MESSAGE. THANK YOU.

Commissioner McKeel: THANK YOU. I WANT TO THANK COMMISSIONER SMITH FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. I, AND RACHAEL, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR STORY, THAT, TOOK A LOT OF COURAGE BECAUSE IT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN EASY, BUT IMPORTANT TO SHARE HOW THE BILLBOARD HELPED YOU AND THE OUTCOME FOR YOUR STEPFATHER, SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THAT. I THINK THAT, AS WE TALK ABOUT PREVENTION AND PREVENTATIVE CARE, THERE IS SO MANY PREVENTION STEPS THAT WE CAN TAKE THESE DAYS. IF WE JUST GO TO THE DOCTOR AND FIND OUT WHAT THEY ARE AND I KNOW WE TALK ABOUT FLU SHOTS. COLONOSCOPIES, WHICH, YOU KNOW, MY FATHER DIED VERY YOUNG OF COLON CR, SO I AM ALWAYS ON PEOPLE TO GET THEIR COLONOSCOPIES, BUT THERE IS A LOT OF

OTHER PREVENTATIVE MEASURES THAT YOU CAN TAKE, AS WELL, AROUND YOUR HEALTH ISSUES. AND I THINK THAT IN THE PROCLAMATION, I THINK WHAT RESONATES WITH ME IS AS A COUNTY, IT'S NECESSARY TO ENSURE HEALTH CARE ACCESS AND COMMUNITY CONDITIONS THAT SUPPORT HEALTHY LIVING AND STRONG FAMILIES. THAT'S OUR CALL TO ACTION AND IT ALLIANCE WITH OUR MISSION AND OUR VALUES AS A BOARD. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR BRINGING THIS FOR US. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: I WOULD LIKE TO THANK COMMISSIONER SMITH. THANK OUR GUESTS FOR COMING TODAY AND SHARING YOUR PERSONAL STORIES. I THINK WHAT REALLY STRIKES ME ABOUT THE SIMPLICITY, YET THE BEAUTY OF THE PROCLAMATION, IS WE SPENT SO MUCH TIME AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY, ESPECIALLY AROUND THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT, WE HAVE THE PUBLIC HEALTH ANGLE, AND WE HAVE THE CLINICAL HEALTH ANGLE, BUT AS WE HAVE SEEN FROM THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT, AND THE EXPANSION OF PEOPLE WHO ARE ELIGIBLE, THEY ARE STILL NOT NECESSARILY GOING TO THE DOCTOR, AND SO IT IS INCUMBENT UPON US TO DO ALL OF THE THINGS NECESSARY, ESPECIALLY WITH COMMUNITIES, WHO FEEL THAT THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM HASN'T ALWAYS BEEN GOOD FOR THEM. HAVEN'T FELT THE DESIRE, OR THE NEED OR THE WELCOMING, YOU KNOW, THEY HAVE -- I WAS REALLY MOVED BY YOUR STATEMENT, RACHAEL, ABOUT YOUR STEPFATHER, A LIGHT BULB WENT ON IN MY HEAD, OF COURSE, THAT WAS A THOUGHT COMING. THE HOSPITAL WAS NOT A WELCOMING, COME ON IN AND LET ME HELP YOU OUT, KIND OF PLACE FOR HIM OR FOR MANY, MANY OTHER MEN OF COLOR, AND SO, WE HAVE A BIGGER J THAN EVEN JUST EDUCATING THE PUBLIC. PROVIDING THE SERVICES, WE HAVE TO GET PEOPLE IN THE DOOR. ESPECIALLY, YOURSELF LIKE ALL THE REST OF THE WORK, WE HAVE TO FOCUS ON THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN NOT WELCOMED BEFORE. I THINK THAT THIS PROCLAMATION IS A REALLY IMPORTANT REMINDER THAT -- THANK YOU.

Commissioner McKeel: I FORGOT ONE THING, I WANTED TO THANK YOU FOR BRINGING UP THE DENTAL PART OF THIS, AS WELL, AND BECAUSE IT IS, EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENS, RIGHT HERE, IS CONNECTED TO THE REST OF YOUR BODY. AND THAT'S A VERY IMPORTANT PIECE, SO WHEN YOU ARE TAKING YOUR DAD TO THE DOCTOR, MAKE SURE ONE OF THOSE DOCTORS IS A DENTIST.

Chair Kafoury: ALL RIGHT, EVERYONE, IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] THE PROCLAMATION IS APPROVED. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: ALL RIGHT, WELL, VERY INTERESTING, ALBEIT BRIEF, BOARD MEETING THIS MORNING, SO WE HAVE SOME TIME NOW FOR NON AGENDA ITEMS.

BOARD COMMENT

BC.1 Opportunity as time allows, for the Commissioners to provide comment on non-agenda items.

Commissioner McKeel: THANK YOU. IT IS FOURTH OF JULY WEEKEND, SO THERE WILL BE MUCH GOING ON, IN OUR AREAS, IN EAST COUNTY, CORBETT HAS A VERY LARGE FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION SO I ENCOURAGE YOU ALL TO COME OUT TO CORBETT, FOR THAT. MANY OTHER THINGS GOING ON, JUST ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO HAVE A SAFE FOURTH OF JULY WEEKEND.

Chair Kafoury: I WAS REMINDED ABOUT THAT, WHEN I SAW THE NEWS ARTICLE, IN THE OREGONIAN THAT THE BLAZE, IN EUGENE, WAS CAUSED BY SOME LITTLE BOYS. I AM SURE THAT THEY WERE PLAYING WITH MATCHES. I SENT THAT ARTICLE TO MY CHILDREN AND SAID THAT THIS IS WHY I DON'T LET YOU PLAY WITH FIREWORKS, THERE IS A GOOD REASON. THERE IS A GOOD REASON.

Chair Kafoury: AND I WANT TO REMIND EVERYONE IN THE AUDIENCE AND EVERYBODY IN TV LAND THAT WE HAVE NO BOARD MEETING OR BRIEFING NEXT WEEK. SO, WE WILL SEE YOU THE WEEK AFTER. HAVE A SAFE AND A HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY. BYE.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

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