



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Meeting Date: 11/1/18
Agenda Item #: R.4
Est. Start Time: 10:10 a.m.
Date Submitted: 10/17/18

Agenda Title: Resolution to adopt the Purpose and Need Statement and Range of Alternatives for the Earthquake Ready Burnside Bridge Project

Requested Date: Nov 1, 2018	Time Needed: 45 minutes
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General Information:

1. What are you requesting from the Board?

Adoption of the Purpose and Need Statement and Range of Alternatives for the Earthquake Ready Burnside Bridge Project.

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

The purpose of the Earthquake Ready Burnside Bridge Project is to establish a seismically resilient Burnside crossing over the Willamette River that will remain fully operational following a magnitude 9.0 Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake. This project was identified as a top priority in the recently published 2015 Willamette River Bridge Capital Improvement Plan, a document that outlines the mission and direction for the Multnomah County Bridge Section for the next 20 years.

Since kicking off the Feasibility Study in September of 2016 the County has:

- Developed a Purpose and Need Statement
- Developed over 100 options that fall into various groups such as do nothing, seismic retrofit, and full replacement
- Screened these over 100 options down to a list of 5 alternatives to be further evaluated in an environmental review phase
- Solicited input and feedback through an extensive public outreach campaign

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

No fiscal impact in the current fiscal year. A funding plan for future phases of the project has yet to be determined.

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

The future environmental review process will be done according to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) will serve as the lead agency for the NEPA phase. Multnomah County and the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) will serve as co-lead agencies for the NEPA phase.

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

The Feasibility Study included a robust stakeholder outreach plan that provided the public, agency staff and elected officials opportunities to give input on the development of the short list of alternatives that would result in a seismically resilient Burnside Bridge.

Outreach included regular meetings of subcommittee groups, in person briefings, videos, online and in-person open houses, social media, a website, surveys, and a project fact sheet.

The following jurisdictions and agencies were represented on the project's Policy Group:

- Multnomah County
- Metro
- TriMet
- Prosper Portland (formerly Portland Development Commission)
- Oregon Department of Transportation (Region 1)
- City of Portland
- City of Gresham
- City of Beaverton
- Clackamas County
- Washington County
- Federal Highway Administration (Oregon)
- U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley's Office
- U.S. Senator Ron Wyden's Office
- U.S. Representative Earl Blumenauer's Office
- U.S. Representative Suzanne Bonamici's Office
- Oregon State Senator Kathleen Taylor (District 21)
- Oregon State Representative Barbara Smith Warner (District 45)
- State of Oregon Governor's Office

In September and October of 2018, the project team published the draft Feasibility Report online, solicited input and feedback from the public, stakeholders, and committee groups.

Required Signature:

Elected Official/ Department Director:	Kim Peoples /s/	Date:	October 17, 2018
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