

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

**RESOLUTION NO. 2011-007**

Approving the Public Stakeholder Committee's Recommendation for Sellwood Bridge 30% Design Elements

**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:**

- a. Multnomah County owns and maintains the Sellwood Bridge in the City of Portland which is nearing the end of its service life and in the long-term requires either major rehabilitation or replacement.
- b. In June 2006, the Board convened a Policy Advisory Group (PAG) made up of elected and appointed representatives of jurisdictions with an interest in the Sellwood Bridge.
- c. By Resolution 06-084, the Board also appointed a Community Task Force (CTF) of 20 citizens to assist in selecting and recommending a locally preferred alternative (LPA) for the Sellwood Bridge to the PAG. The CTF reached consensus on its recommendations to the PAG on January 19, 2009.
- d. The PAG considered the recommendations of the CTF and adopted its own recommendations with conditions on February 9, 2009.
- e. On February 19, 2009, by Resolution 09-022, the Board approved the PAG recommendations with conditions and resolved to continue the work outlined in the LPA decision. The final recommendation approved by the Board will be considered by ODOT and the Federal Highway Administration which has final authority in the matter of the LPA.
- f. The PAG is now known as the Public Stakeholder Committee (PSC) and has met three times during the current public process to review the work of the current Community Advisory Committee (CAC).

The PSC consists of:

- Co-Chair, Chair Jeff Cogen/Multnomah County
- Co-Chair, Commissioner Deborah Kafoury/Multnomah County
- Mayor Sam Adams/City of Portland
- Councilor Carlotta Collette/Metro
- Chair Lynn Peterson/Clackamas County
- Mayor Jeremy Ferguson/City of Milwaukie
- Neil McFarlane, General Manager/TriMet
- Representative Carolyn Tomei/Oregon State House
- Senator Diane Rosenbaum/Oregon Senate
- Johnell Bell/Office of U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley
- Jason Tell/Oregon Department of Transportation
- Phillip Ditzler/Federal Highway Administration

- g. The PSC considered the recommendations of the CAC and formed its own recommendation on January 18, 2011. The PSC recommends for the Sellwood Bridge LPA:
- (1) The steel deck arch bridge type.
  - (2) Reduction of the West-side interchange, eliminating the horseshoe ramp.
  - (3) A concrete arch culvert for the Stevens Creek Crossing.
  - (4) Bio-swale water treatment facilities on west side of river, bio-swale on Mela property to treat east side bridge storm water, and planter swales on both sides of Tacoma Street to treat Tacoma Street storm water.

**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:**

1. The recommendations of the Public Stakeholder Committee are accepted with gratitude.
2. The work of the Community Task Force and the Public Stakeholder Committee is appreciated. The Board thanks them for their many hours of service to provide for improved safety and transportation on behalf of the public.
3. The Board approves the Public Stakeholder Committee's "Recommendation for Sellwood Bridge 30% Design Elements" set forth and attached as Exhibit A.
4. With respect to the specific matters relating to the Sellwood Bridge Project addressed in Exhibit A, County staff is directed to perform all such matters in accordance with the recommendations set forth therein.

ADOPTED this 27th day of January 2011.



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Jeff Cogen, Chair

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By

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SUBMITTED BY: Commissioner Deborah Kafoury, District 1

## **Recommendation for Sellwood Bridge 30% Design Elements**

January 18, 2011

From: Sellwood Bridge Public Stakeholder Committee (PSC)

The PSC recommends that the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners adopt the following elements into design of the Sellwood Bridge Project and to direct staff as appropriate:

### Bridge Type:

#### **Steel Deck Arch**

- Continue to investigate a concrete deck arch to see if it would provide overall benefit to the public, including positive local economic impact and significant cost savings when compared to the steel deck arch
- Consider ways to make the east and west bridge approaches consistent with the main span while recognizing the different settings on the east and west sides of the river
- Look for ways to reduce the size of piers, both in the river and on land
- Consider on-deck and other features suggested by the Community Advisory Committee to enhance safety and user experience
- Coordinate bridge design with Tacoma Main Street Plan safety concepts

### Interchange with Oregon 43

#### **Compressed EIS Concept**

- Continue to investigate opportunities to reduce the footprint and rock cut size while maintaining performance for all modes and accommodating future streetcar projects

### Stephens Creek Crossing Mitigation

#### **Concrete Arch Culvert**

### Storm Water Treatment Facilities

#### **Bio-swale on west side of river**

#### **Bio-swale on Mela property to treat east side bridge storm water**

#### **Planter swales on both sides of Tacoma Street to treat Tacoma Street storm water**

## **Recommendation for Sellwood Bridge 30% Design Elements**

January 18, 2011

- Explore ways to blend designs into surroundings
- Explore ways to reduce private property impacts
- Explore ways to include educational components
- Explore ways to reduce flow to combined sewer system

Staff shall continue to investigate cost savings and report back at approximately 60% design regarding project progress and updated cost estimates