

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, Oregon
Thursday, May 28, 2015**

REGULAR MEETING

Chair Deborah Kafoury called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. with Vice-Chair Jules Bailey and Commissioners Loretta Smith and Diane McKeel present. Commissioner Judy Shiprack was excused.

Also attending were Jenny Madkour, County Attorney, and Marina Baker, Assistant Board Clerk.

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Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING, WELCOME TO THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

CONSENT AGENDA

- C.1 Budget Modification Non-Dept 06-15 Reclassifying a Performance Auditor to Performance Auditor Senior in the Auditor's Office.
- C.2 BudMod DCM-17-15 Reclassifying a Program Mgr. 1 to a Program Super. in DART
- C.3 BudMod DCA-13-15 Reclassifying Budget Analyst to a Finance Specialist Sr in the DCA Hub – Budget Section
- C.4 Approval of Five (5) Intergovernmental Agreements (IGAs) to Continue the Multnomah County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Consortium for Program Years July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2017

MAY I HAVE A MOTION ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR? COMMISSIONER SMITH MOVES, BAILEY SECONDS, ALL IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] OPPOSED? THE CONSENT CALENDAR IS APPROVED.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Opportunity for Public Comment on non-agenda matters. Testimony limited to three minutes per person. This is a time for the Board to hear public testimony, not for Board deliberation. Fill out a speaker form available at the back of the board room and give it to the Board Clerk. Unless otherwise recognized by the presiding officer, testimony is taken in the order the forms are submitted.

Board Clerk: MADAM CHAIR, WE HAVE FIVE PEOPLE SIGNED UP. [READS NAMES] PLEASE COME FORWARD.

Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING.

Mr. Lightning: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS LIGHTNING. I REPRESENT WATCHDOG X. ONE OF THE CONCERNS THAT I HAVE IS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF WATERFRONT PARKS THROUGHOUT THE CITY. I THINK THAT THEY ARE BEGINNING TO REALLY MISS THE FACT THAT WE NEED TO START PUTTING MORE FOCUS ON THE BOATING INDUSTRY AND TYING THESE BIKE PATHS AND THE PARKS TO THE RIVER TO WHERE WE CAN HAVE ACCESS IN FROM BOATS, AND AN EXAMPLE IS THE KEVIN DUCKWORTH DOCKS AND LANDING. IF YOU LOOK AT THAT, IT ALLOWS BOATS TO COME IN. THEY CAN TIE OFF. THEY CAN GO UP THE BIKE PATHS. THEY CAN HAVE THEIR BIKES ON THE BOATS, AND WE'RE MISSING THAT ON THE WEST SIDE. AND I THINK THAT WE REALLY NEED TO START LOOKING AT THIS REAL CLOSE. THEY ARE GOING TO BE DEVELOPING CENTENNIAL MILLS, AND THEY ARE DOING A LOT OF OTHER DEVELOPMENT ALONG THERE.

WE NEED TO HAVE MORE ACCESS TO THE BOATERS AND BEGIN TO USE THE RIVER ON A, REALLY A RECREATIONAL TYPE OF DIRECTION, AND WE HAVE A LOT OF NICE AREAS THAT PEOPLE CAN GET INTO BOATS AND GOVERNMENT ISLANDS, SAUVIE ISLAND, AND ACCESS AND COME DOWNTOWN AND GO UP TO MARINE DRIVE, ACCESS SOME OF THE RESTAURANTS OUT AT THE END OF THE MARINAS, AND WE REALLY NEED TO START FOCUSING IN THAT AREA TO BRING THE BOATING INDUSTRY INTO THE DEVELOPMENTS OF ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE WATERFRONT PROPERTIES. AND I THINK THAT WE REALLY ARE MISSING THAT. WE'RE NOT TRYING TO PLAN THAT. WE'RE NOT ALLOWING EASY ACCESS TO THE BOATING COMMUNITY, AND I WANT A LITTLE BIT MORE FOCUS ON THAT. AND ANOTHER ISSUE IS RELATED TO THE TOURISM DOLLARS. I WANT MORE CONSULTANTS BROUGHT IN ON THE TOURISM INDUSTRY.

WE NEED TO REALLY START FOCUSING FROM OTHER STATES IN WHERE WE CAN GO WITH THE TOURISM INDUSTRY. EXACTLY WHAT THEY WANT TO VIEW PORTLAND AT FROM OTHER AREAS. WHAT THEY FEEL WOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO PLACE MONEY IN OTHER AREAS, SUCH AS I AM SAYING IN THE BOATING INDUSTRY, WHICH I THINK IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR PEOPLE COMING IN FROM OTHER STATES. WOULD LOVE TO BE ABLE TO GET IN A BOAT AND GO TO DIFFERENT ISLANDS AND STAY THERE FOR A DAY. VERY IMPORTANT ISSUES TO A LOT OF PEOPLE JUST COMING IN AND WANTING TO HAVE A BIT OF FUN AND IN THE AREA HERE. ANOTHER ISSUE PERTAINING TO THE BUDGET, I THINK YOU ARE GOING INTO A POSITIVE DIRECTION ON THAT. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE A BIT MORE MONEY PLACED IN THE DIRECTION OF THE AUDITORS IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. ALSO, THE ECONOMISTS IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, AND I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE MORE STUDIES PROVIDED BY THEM ON THE TOURISM

INDUSTRY, AND HAVING ADDITIONAL FUNDING THAT THEY CAN DO MORE DETAILED REPORTS ON THEIR AUDITS. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Ms. Eng: GOOD MORNING, COUNCIL. I AM MARY ENG. I WANTED TO OFFER A PUBLIC APOLOGY ON BEHALF OF MY FAMILY REGARDING ANCESTOR OF MINE. I WAS DIGGING AROUND ON GENEALOGY WEBSITES, AND WAS ABLE TO TRACE THROUGH MY FATHER'S GRANDFATHER ON HIS MOTHER'S SIDE, DEXTER STEVENS, A DISTANT RELATIVE WHO WAS A GRAND UNCLE NAMED ALEXANDER STEVENS, WHO WAS INVOLVED WITH THE CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, AND HE WAS A SLAVE OWNER WHO SOUGHT TO ADVANCE SLAVERY THROUGH THE OREGON TERRITORIES. AND HE HAD A HISTORY OF A LAWYER AND AN ORATOR. IN SOME WAYS, HE MAY BE WAS -- HE DEFENDED A WOMAN WHO WAS A SLAVE WHO HAD BEEN ACCUSED OF MURDER AND HAD HER ACQUITTED SO HE WAS A DEFENSE ATTORNEY, BUT HIS VIEWPOINTS WERE RADICAL, SO RADICAL THAT HE SURVIVED A KNIFING BY A JUDGE. HE WAS IN AN ARGUMENT WITH -- ABOUT HIS VIEWPOINTS AND EXPANDING SLAVERY INTO TEXAS AND OREGON. AND YOU ALL KNOW THAT I LOVE THE INCREDIBLE ACTIVISM SURROUNDING THIS CIVIL RIGHTS' MOVEMENT CURRENTLY, WITH THE FERGUSON UPRISING, AND WITH THE AWARENESS IN BALTIMORE, AND OTHER CITIES. I WANT TO REACH OUT CONDOLENCES FOR A FAMILY IN FLORIDA WHOSE LOVED ONE WAS KILLED ON A 9-1-1 CALL FOR A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS.

AND I ALSO THOUGHT I MIGHT DRAW ATTENTION TO THAT ARTICLE, THE FIRED OFFICER SUICIDE, AN OFFICER FOR THE PORTLAND POLICE, APPARENTLY, COMMITTED SUICIDE BY RUNNING INTO THE TRAINS IN WASHOUGAL, WASHINGTON. I THINK THIS ILLUSTRATES A GOOD EXAMPLE OF OUR FAILURE TO THE COMMUNITY WHEN WE HAVE THIS UNPRECEDENTED BRUTALITY AND OFFICERS WHO ARE POSSIBLY IMPROPERLY TRAINED OR WHO HAVE IMPROPER BACKGROUND, WE OWE A DUTY TO THE COMMUNITY TO PROVIDE SERVICES FOR THEM, AS WELL, SO THIS KIND OF TRAGEDY DOESN'T HAPPEN AS WE CAST THEM OFF INTO AN OUTLYING COUNTY. AND ALSO, EXTREME CONDOLENCES TO THE PERSON, MONROE, WHO WAS PERMANENTLY DISABLED BY THE SHOTS FIRED FROM THIS OFFICER WHO DIED RECENTLY. AND I AM -- I JUST WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I'VE BEEN DOING A LOT OF RESEARCH ABOUT SOMETHING CALLED CHRONIC, TRAUMATIC ENCEPHALOPATHY. I HAVE A BRAIN SURVIVOR, AND SO I HAVE SYMPATHY FOR THOSE PEOPLE WHO HAVE PROBLEMS AND HOPE YOU CAN HAVE THE RESOURCES. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Mr. Davis: SO ME NEXT?

Chair Kafoury: YES.

Mr. Davis: MY NAME IS DAVID DAVIS. I AM HERE TO SPEAK ABOUT THE RECENT HOMELESS SWEEPS GOING ON. I AM PART OF A MULTNOMAH COUNTY COP WATCH, THE FOUNDER OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY COP WATCH, AND ALSO I WORK WITH THE POLICE IN PORTLAND.

Board Clerk: COULD YOU PLEASE SPEAK INTO THE MICROPHONE?

Mr. Davis: OH, SORRY. WHEN I WAS OUT COP WATCHING DURING THESE RECENT HOMELESS SWEEPS, I NOTICED A SEVERE HEALTH CODE VIOLATION. YOU GUYS HAVE THESE INMATE WORKER CREWS OUT HERE CLEANING UP HOMELESS CAMPS, AND SOME OF THEM HAVE BIOLOGICAL WASTE SUCH AS, YOU KNOW, HUMAN WASTE, AND NEEDLES, AND STUFF LIKE THAT. BUT, THE GLOVES THAT YOU GUYS ARE, ACTUALLY, ISSUING TO THESE INMATES ARE LIKE CHEAP DOLLAR TREE LANDSCAPING GLOVES, AND I FILED A COMPLAINT AGAINST THE COUNTY AND AGAINST THE CITY FOR -- WITH OSHA ABOUT THESE VIOLATIONS. BUT, I WAS GOING TO ASK THAT YOU GUYS, ACTUALLY, STOP THESE HOMELESS SWEEPS, NOT ONLY ARE THEY BARBARIC, BUT YOU ARE PUTTING POSSIBLY THOUSANDS IF NOT MILLIONS OF PEOPLE'S LIVES AT RISK BY BEING EXPOSED TO HIV AND HEPATITIS.

THERE IS, YOU KNOW, HUNDREDS IF NOT THOUSANDS OF THESE INMATES THROUGHOUT THE YEARS HAVE DONE THIS, AND I AM SURE YOU GUYS DIDN'T LIKE HAVE BETTER GLOVES AT ONE POINT AND THEN YOU WENT DOWN TO THE DOLLAR TREE-STYLE GLOVES BECAUSE OF BUDGET CONSTRAINTS OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT. SO BASICALLY, YOU ARE PUTTING NOT ONLY THE HOMELESS PEOPLE THAT YOU ARE GETTING OUT OF THESE PLACES TO MAKE WAY FOR THE TOURISTS AND FLEET WEEK AND THE ROSE FESTIVAL, YOU KNOW. WHEN EVERYONE ELSE IS CELEBRATING THE ROSE PARADE, AND THE ROSE FESTIVAL, ALL THE HOMELESS PEOPLE ARE BEING STALKED AND HUNTED, AND IT'S THEIR LEAST CELEBRATORY TIME OF THE YEAR. SO, YOU KNOW, YOU HAVE THESE INMATES CLEANING UP DIRTY NEEDLES AT A LOT OF THESE CAMPS USING DOLLAR TREE GLOVES, SO I WOULD LIKE TO PUT IN A PUBLIC INFORMATION REQUEST WITH YOU GUYS TO TELL ME ABOUT DIFFERENT INMATES THAT HAVE, ACTUALLY, BEEN STUCK WITH NEEDLES, AND BECAUSE THIS IS NOT ONLY ENDANGERING THE INMATES' LIVES. IT'S ENDANGERING THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY. IT'S ENDANGERING THE INMATES. THEY ARE ALL FRIENDS. BOYFRIENDS. YOU KNOW. WIVES. KIDS. FAMILY MEMBERS. ANYONE THAT THEY HAVE SEX WITH. ANYONE WHO POSSIBLY GETS EXPOSED TO WHAT THEY MIGHT HAVE. SO, YOU KNOW, AS YOU KNOW, INFECTIOUS DISEASES SPREAD. SO, THIS IS A VERY SERIOUS MATTER, AND I WOULD SAY, AT LEAST YOU GUYS NEED TO STOP THESE HOMELESS SWEEPS FOR THE TIME BEING, UNTIL YOU AT LEAST GET PROPER PROTECTION FOR THE WORKERS.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Mr. Davis: SO, YOU GUYS SHOULD BE OUT THERE BUYING LIKE 50 PAIRS OF KEVLAR GLOVES IN THE NEXT DAY OR TWO IF YOU WANT TO CONTINUE WITH THESE SWEEPS.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU, SIR. NEXT.

Mr. Swaren: GOOD MORNING. I AM RON SWAREN, I LIVE AT 1543 SOUTHEAST UMATILLA STREET IN PORTLAND, OREGON. I DID HAND OUT THIS, IT SAYS WITH GOLD FINGER AND OTHERS, 2012. CHRIS GOLDFINGER WAS THE LEAD RESEARCHER FOR THE OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY -- IT'S CALLED TUBADITIVE HISTORY, AN EXAMINATION OF THE CASCADIAN FAULT ZONE AND THE HISTORY OF QUAKES, AND THIS IS, ALSO, FROM AN OFFICIAL U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY REPORT, 1661-F. I COULD GET COPIES, POSSIBLY. I HAVE HAD A FEW COPIES SINCE IT WAS ISSUED ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO. THEY ARE ABOUT 400 PAGE LONG REPORT. BUT THE GIST OF THIS IS THAT THE HIGHER RISK OF A LARGE CASCADING QUAKE IS MORE IN SOUTHERN OREGON, THAN IN THE PORTLAND AREA. THAT'S NOT TO SAY THAT THE PORTLAND AREA IS SEISMICALLY SAFE, JUST TO SAY THAT THERE IS GREATER CHANCE OF A MAJOR EVENT DOWN IN SOUTHWEST OREGON. I HAVE ALSO FURNISHED THIS INFORMATION TO THE OREGON TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, AND VARIOUS OREGON AND WASHINGTON LEGISLATORS.

I HAVE WORKED IN SEISMIC UPGRADING PROJECTS. SOME OF ENGINEERING IN SOME CASES DID NOT CORRELATE TO THE RISKS. I FOUND THAT ON A BUILDING ON NORTHEAST RUSSELL THAT I WORKED ON, AND ANOTHER ON SANDY, WHERE GENERALLY, THOSE OF US WORKING ON IT, AGREED THAT THE ENGINEERING THAT WAS CALLED FOR DID NOT, ACTUALLY, RESPOND TO THE RISKS. SINCE YOU ARE GOING TO BE DISCUSSING THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN, I KNOW THAT THERE IS REQUESTS FOR ANALYZING SEISMIC UPGRADES. MY SUGGESTION IS THAT THIS SEISMIC UPGRADING IS STRUCTURES BE ANALYZED MORE TO SEE WHAT THE COST EFFECTIVE WAYS OF DOING THAT ARE. THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA BERKELEY NOW HAS A PACIFIC EARTHQUAKE ENGINE RESEARCH LAB, AND THEY MAY HAVE ANALYSIS OF THIS AREA, BUT I JUST THINK THAT MORE STUDY NEEDS TO BE DONE OF HOW A STRUCTURE, STRUCTURES CAN BE BENEFITED WITHOUT BEING VERY COSTLY. I HAVE READ SOME FIGURES OF HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS TO IMPROVE MULTNOMAH COUNTY STRUCTURES. I THINK THAT PROBABLY WOULDN'T BE NEEDED, BUT I BELIEVE THAT THERE WOULD BE SOME SEISMIC UPGRADING NEEDED. BUT I THINK THAT IT SHOULD BE EXAMINED SO THAT WE'RE NOT COMMITTING MUCH MORE EXPENSE TO THAT, THAN WHAT'S REQUIRED.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Board Clerk: MR. CHARLES JOHNSON.

Mr. Johnson: GOOD MORNING, COMMISSIONERS, FOR THE RECORD, I AM CHARLES JOHNSON. AND I THINK THAT WE'LL TAKE OFF FROM MR. SWAREN'S REMARKS ABOUT THE SEISMIC SITUATION WE FACE HERE IN THE CASCADIAN SUBDUCTION ZONE. ONE UNFORTUNATE THING RELATED TO CONSTRUCTION AND SEISMIC ENDEAVORS IS THAT TODAY, YOUR COMRADES ACROSS THE RIVER IN THE PORTLAND CITY HALL WILL BE HAVING A LAND USE HEARING RELATED TO SPENDING MILLIONS, OVERALL, HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO DESTROY THE RESERVOIRS. NOT TO IMPROVE THE PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM, NOT TO UPGRADE OR EXPAND THE PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM, BUT JUST TO DESTROY PARTS OF THE WORKING WATER SYSTEM AND REPLACE IT WITH OTHER NEW PARTS THAT WILL BE PAID FOR BY BONDS, RATE PAYERS WHILE MONEY GOES INTO CONSTRUCTION COMPANY POCKETS. SO, MY SUSPICION THAT FLOYD JONES HAD PREVIOUSLY APPROACHED YOU AND ASKED YOU TO JOIN IN WITH HER ON A LETTER TO GOVERNOR KATE BROWN ASKING THAT THE GOVERNOR LOOK INTO THIS BOONDOGGLE FOR CH-2M HILL, AND IF SHE HASN'T, THE OTHER VOTERS AND THE CONSTITUENTS WILL TALK WITH YOU ABOUT THE FACT THAT MULTNOMAH COUNTY HAS A COMPELLING INTEREST IN THE WATER SYSTEM EVEN THOUGH IT'S ARGUABLY UNDER THE SOLE DOMINION OF THE WATER COMMISSIONER NICK FISH AND THE CITY.

INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH THE CITY WILL BE OBSTRUCTING PUBLIC PROCESS BY CLOSING THEIR BALCONY AND LIMITING ACCESS, SO WE'LL BE PROBABLY ASKING THE -- YOU TO LOOK AND SEE IF IT'S APPROPRIATE FOR THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO JOIN IN WHEN THE PEOPLE HAVE TO ASK FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW OF LAND USE CASE 14-218444, WHICH IS ON THE CITY HALL AGENDA TODAY. IF THE CITY HAD PARTNERED WITH YOU TO TALK ABOUT BUILDING A BETTER, MORE ROBUST WATER SYSTEM, THAT WOULD HAVE MORE WATER AVAILABLE IN CASE OF POST-EARTHQUAKE FIRES, AND WOULD ADD STORAGE CAPACITY INSTEAD OF DESTROYING WASHINGTON PARK RESERVOIRS AND DISCONNECTING MOUNT TABOR RESERVOIRS, THERE WOULD NOT BE A PUBLIC ISSUE. BUT INSTEAD, THEY HAVE TRIED TO RUSH THROUGH CONSTRUCTION THAT DOES NOT IMPROVE OR ENLARGE THE WATER SYSTEM. ON OTHER MATTERS, JIM HAS SPOKE TO ABOUT THE INSANE POLICY OF USING COUNTY MONEY IN THE SHERIFF'S BUDGET, TO SEND CRIMINALS CHASING HOMELESS PEOPLE AROUND. I'M NOT -- WELL, CRIMINALS IN JAIL, AND PLUS CRIMINALS WEARING BADGES.

AND JUST YESTERDAY, NEXT TO KAFOURY COMMONS ON 13th AND CLAY, A HOMELESS PERSON WAS FOUND DEAD NEAR THE OPERATION NIGHT WATCH FACILITY THAT OPERATES IN THE FORMER CATHEDRAL, ST. STEVENS EPISCOPAL CHURCH NOW, AND IT'S JUST NOT GOOD PUBLIC POLICY FOR HOURS AND HOURS OF OVERTIME FOR POLICE TO BE RACKED UP CHASING

HOMELESS PEOPLE TO NOWHERE. WHY TO NOWHERE? THERE IS NO REAL SERVICES. THEY CAN ONLY GO TO BUD CLARK COMMONS OR THE OTHER AND GET ON A WAITING LIST AND GO BACK DO SLEEPING OUTSIDE FOR TWO OR THREE MONTHS WHILE THAT GOES ON. SO, I KNOW THAT YOU HAVE WORKED ON THE -- GETTING MORE MONEY FOR HOMELESS FAMILIES, AND HOPEFULLY WE'LL ALSO BE ABLE TO DO SOMETHING TO AT LEAST HAVE EMERGENCY SHELTER SO THAT WHEN WE HAVE TO SWEEP THE STREETS OF HOMELESS PEOPLE FOR THE ROSE FESTIVAL, THEY CAN GO INTO A SHELTER WITH HYDROGEN FACILITIES. THANK YOU, COMMISSIONERS.

R.1 RESOLUTION Approving the 2015 Update to the Multnomah County Fiscal Years (FY) 2014-2018 Transportation Capital Improvement Plan and Program. Presenter: Joanna Valencia, Senior Transportation Planner.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER McKEEL MOVES AND COMMISSIONER BAILEY SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.1.

Ms. Valencia: THANK YOU CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS FOR HAVING ME TODAY, FOR THE RECORD, I AM JOANNA VALENCIA, SENIOR TRANSPORTATION FOR THE LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM FOR THE COUNTY. SO I AM HERE THIS MORNING TO ASK FOR APPROVAL FOR THE RESOLUTION OF THE 2015 UPDATE OF THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY TRANSPORTATION CAPITAL PLAN AND PROGRAM. JUST ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO, YOU HEARD FROM KIM AND IAN, WHO PROVIDED YOU AN UPDATE OF WHAT'S HAPPENING AND WHAT TO EXPECT FOR FISCAL YEAR 16, BUT TODAY, THIS MORNING I AM HERE TO HIGHLIGHT JUST SOME OF THE KEY COMPONENTS OF THE 2015 UPDATE, SO THIS IS A REMINDER THIS IS AN UPDATE TO OUR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND PROGRAM.

I WILL START OFF WITH A QUICK REMINDER OF WHAT THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM IS, GO OVER THE KEY UPDATES COMPONENTS AND HAVE TIME AT THE END FOR QUESTIONS. SO, THE DOCUMENTS, ITSELF, WHAT I CAN BEST EQUATE THIS TO IS TO, ESSENTIALLY, IT'S LIKE YOUR AMAZON WISH LIST AND YOUR AMAZON SHOPPING CART. SO, THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND PROGRAM, ESSENTIALLY, IDENTIFIES THE 20 YEARS, NEEDS AND PRIORITIES, SO THIS IS WHAT I WOULD CONSIDER YOUR WISH LIST, IS THERE IS A LOT OF INPUT WE TAKE FROM STAKEHOLDERS IN DEVELOPING WHAT THE 20-YEAR NEEDS ARE, AND THE PROGRAM, ITSELF, IS WHEN YOU ARE READY TO TAKE THE PROJECTS OUT OF THE WISH LIST INTO A FIVE-YEAR PROGRAM, SO ESSENTIALLY, WE HAVE IDENTIFIED FUNDING THAT'S AVAILABLE AND IDENTIFIED OUR TOP PROJECTS FROM OUR WISH LISTS AND MATCHING REVENUES WITH THE PROJECTS TO DEVELOP THE FIVE-YEAR PLAN.

THIS DIAGRAM GOES OVER THE PROCESS IN DEVELOPING THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND PROGRAM STARTING FROM THE BLUE. THIS

INVOLVES A ROBUST PUBLIC PROCESS, SO WE INVOLVE OUR KEY STAKEHOLDERS, AND EXISTING TSBs, WORK WITH THE CITY PARTNERS AND THE PUBLIC, AND ESSENTIALLY IDENTIFY PROJECTS AND PUT TOGETHER A LIST. THE PROJECT LIST IN THE PLAN ARE DIVIDED INTO ROADS PROJECTION, BIKE PED PROJECTS, WILLAMETTE RIVER AND CULVERT PROJECTS. THESE ARE THEN VETTED THROUGH SOME CRITERIA, AND EACH OF THE CRITERIA ARE DIFFERENT FOR EACH OF THE PROJECTS' LIST. CRITERIA INCLUDES PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY, WHAT OPPORTUNITIES TO LEVERAGE ARE, AND SO ON. THESE ARE DEVELOPED IN THE PRIORITIZED LIST, AND THIS IS WHERE YOU ARE SEEING THE MELDING OF THE BLUE AND THE GREEN WHERE WE FINALLY HAVE A PROJECT PRIORITY LIST.

Ms. Valencia: FROM HERE, AS PART OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE FIVE-YEAR FUNDING STRATEGY, YOUR STAFF GOES OUT AND SEEKS FUNDING. SO WE LEVERAGE WHAT COUNTY FUNDS WE HAVE AVAILABLE FROM THE GAS TAX REVENUE, AND TAKE A LOOK AT OPPORTUNITIES AT THE STATE AND LOCAL LEVELS FOR GRANTS OPPORTUNITIES. THERE IS ALSO -- WITH THAT, WE WOULD START TO DEVELOP A FIVE-YEAR LIST, AND BASED ON THE PRIORITIZED LIST THAT WE DEVELOPED THROUGH THE PLANNED PROCESS. THERE IS A PUBLIC REVIEW PROCESS FOR THE DRAFT CIP, AND WE GO FORWARD THROUGH A STAFF RECOMMENDED CIP FOR BOARD ACTION, WHICH I AM HERE TODAY, THIS MORNING, ASKING FOR.

SO, JUST SOME OF THE KEY UPDATE HIGHLIGHTS. THERE WAS A LOT OF WORK COMPLETED THAT'S BEING, INCORPORATED AS PART OF THE 2015 UPDATED HIGHLIGHTS. THE KEY THINGS I WILL POINT OUT FOR THE PLANNED UPDATES, THE WILLAMETTE RIVER, BRIDGES CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN, AND PROGRAM UPDATE WAS COMPLETED. THIS PROJECT IDENTIFIED A 20-YEAR PROGRAM NEED OF NECESSARY CAPITAL PROJECTS, AND ASSOCIATED FUNDING NEEDS TO MAINTAIN AND SEISMICALLY RETROFIT THE COUNTY'S ICONIC BRIDGES, SO THE BROADWAY, BURNSIDE, HAWTHORNE. THIS IS FOR 1.3 BILLION, AS PART OF THIS. THIS PROJECT KICKED OFF IN OCTOBER OF 2013 AND INCLUDED A ROBUST PROCESS INCLUDING PASSENGER AGENCIES, VARIOUS STAKEHOLDERS IN THE COMMUNITY. THE OUTCOME OF THE PROJECT INCLUDES HAVING DEPENDABLE BRIDGE OPERATIONS, ENHANCED SEISMIC RESILIENCY, INTEGRATION OF THE EQUITY LENS, AS WELL AS THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY'S CLIMATE ACTION PLAN. AND RESULTS IN AN UPDATE OF THE CRITERIA AND UPDATED PROJECT LIST FOR THE WILLAMETTE RIVER BRIDGES.

IN ADDITION TO THE UPDATES OF THE WILLAMETTE RIVER BRIDGES THERE WAS ALSO AN UPDATE THAT OCCURRED AS PART OF THE FISH PASSAGE CULVERT UPDATE. AND SO, OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS, OUR WATER QUALITY TEAM HAS BEEN WORKING ON INVENTORY AND REVIEWING ALL OF THE 119 CULVERTS OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY, AND HAS BEEN WORKING WITH OUR PARTNER AGENCIES TO TAKE A LOOK AT THE CRITERIA AND ALSO

REPRIORITIZE THE PROJECTS, AND SO SIMILAR TO THE WILLAMETTE RIVER BRIDGES, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND PROGRAM UPDATES, THIS UPDATE RESULTS IN AN UPDATE TO THE FISH PASSAGE CULVERTS' PROJECTS AND CRITERIA. AND INCLUDING THE INCORPORATION OF THE EQUITY LENS FOR BOTH THE WILLAMETTE RIVER BRIDGES AND THE FISH PASSAGE. SO, I AM EXCITED TO SHARE WITH YOU THIS MORNING THAT ALL OF THE PROJECTS THAT ARE NOW PRIORITIZED AND INCLUDED IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND PROGRAM ARE NOW REVIEWED WITH AN EQUITY LENS, AND SO THAT'S A GREAT THING TO CELEBRATE FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY IN ORDER -- IN INCORPORATING AN EQUITY CRITERIA FOR SUCH A TECHNICAL DOCUMENT.

Ms. Valencia: IN REGARDS TO THE PROGRAM UPDATES, ESSENTIALLY, WHAT I LIKE TO CALL THIS IS OUR COMPASS CHECK, HOW ARE WE DOING AND WHAT HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND WHAT IS FUNDED AND WHAT PROJECTS MOVE FORWARD. AND SO JUST TO HIGHLIGHT SOME OF OUR PROJECTS THAT WE COMPLETED THIS PAST YEAR, WE COMPLETED THE WOOD VILLAGE BOULEVARD EXTENSION IN EAST COUNTY, ESSENTIALLY, A NEW ROAD THAT WE HAVE NOT CONSTRUCTED ANY ROAD IN A WHILE HERE AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY, CONNECTS TWO KEY ARTERIALS AND COLLECTORS IN EAST COUNTY, AND REALLY COMPLIMENTS THE WORK THAT WE'LL BE DOING IN ARATA ROAD THAT WE WILL BE DOING THE CONSTRUCTION ON IN FISCAL YEAR 2016. WE HAVE ALSO INSTALLED SOME SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS, INCLUDING RAPID FLASHING BEACONS THROUGHOUT KEY LOCATIONS IN EAST COUNTY, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY OF TROUTDALE. AND SO, AND IN ADDITION, IN REGARDS TO WHAT IS FUNDED, AS I MENTIONED, YOU HEARD FROM KIM AND IAN, FISCAL YEAR 2016 IS GOING TO BE A VERY BUSY CONSTRUCTION HERE WITH PROJECTS GOING ON ARATA ROAD, SANDY BOULEVARD AND A NUMBER OF BRIDGE PROJECTS WE'RE WORKING ON, SELLWOOD BRIDGE, SOME ON THE BROADWAY, AND ALSO, THE MORRISON BRIDGE.

IN REGARDS TO CONTINUING THE WORK, SO AS I MENTIONED, IT NEEDS TO CONTINUE TO INCREASE. WITH THE COMPLETION OF THE WILLAMETTE RIVER BRIDGES, OUR NEED HAS INCREASED TO 1.8 BILLION, AND THAT'S REFLECTED IN THE 20-YEAR NEEDS. WITH THAT, WE CONTINUE TO SEEK FUNDING. WE'RE LOOKING FOR OPPORTUNITIES WHERE WE CAN LEVERAGE THE COUNTY DOLLARS THAT WE HAVE WITH THE GRANTS THAT ARE AVAILABLE WITH THE STATE AND LOCAL FUNDING. AT THE SAME TIME, YOU HAVE HEARD THIS MANY TIMES ALREADY, THE FEDERAL AND STATE TRANSPORTATION FUNDING IS UNCERTAIN, BUT WITH THAT, YOUR STAFF CONTINUES TO EXPLORE STRATEGIES FOR REVENUE IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD AND IMPLEMENT THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN. AND AGAIN, FISCAL YEAR 2016 IS GOING TO BE A VERY ACTIVE YEAR FOR PROJECTS. YOUR ROAD DEPARTMENT AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENTS ARE GOING TO BE VERY BUSY IMPLEMENTING A LOT OF THESE KEY PROJECTS THAT

WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO SUCCESSFULLY SECURE FUNDING FOR. AND OUT OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND PROGRAM, THERE ARE SOME KEY PROJECTS COMING OUT, AND WE HAVE HEARD ABOUT THE BURNSIDE FEASIBILITY STUDY BEING CRITICAL IN ORDER TO START EXPLORING SEISMIC RESILIENCY FOR THE STRUCTURE. THE CORNELIUS PASS SAFETY PROJECT REMAINS A PRIORITY FOR THE COUNTY. AND ALSO, COMPLETION OF GAPS ON SANDY BOULEVARD, A KEY GREAT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ROUTE, AND WE'VE BEEN TAKING IT BIT BY BIT, BUT THERE STILL REMAINS A BIT OF GAPS LEFT ON SANDY BOULEVARD. AND SO WE CONTINUE TO DO THE GREAT WORK, AND AT THIS TIME, I WOULD LIKE TO ASK IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

Chair Kafoury: QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD? COMMISSIONER McKEEL?

Commissioner McKeel: THANKS, JOANNA. I JUST, YOU KNOW, I REALLY APPRECIATE ALL OF THIS UPDATE, AND FROM YOU, AND I KNOW THAT FISH PASSAGE ISN'T NECESSARILY AS VISIBLE AS A LOT OF OTHER THINGS THAT WE DO, BUT IT'S VERY IMPORTANT, AND SO I KNOW THAT WE HAVE REALLY BEEN FOCUSED ON THE FISH PASSAGE FOR QUITE A NUMBER OF YEARS. AND I REALLY APPRECIATE THAT. I ALSO APPRECIATE THE RAPID FLASHING BEACON CROSSWALKS THAT YOU HAVE PUT IN EAST COUNTY. YOU KNOW, IT IS DIFFICULT TO SEE. THERE IS A NUMBER OF CROSSWALKS PUT IN AROUND THE AREA, ALL AROUND THE REGION, AND WHEN THEY DON'T HAVE THE FLASHING BEACONS, ESPECIALLY AT NIGHT, IT'S REALLY DIFFICULT TO SEE PEOPLE THAT ARE GETTING READY TO CROSS OR -- SO I REALLY APPRECIATE THAT WE FOCUS ON THAT, SO THAT WE REALLY ARE ALERT WHEN PEOPLE ARE WANTING TO CROSS OR IN THE CROSSWALK, SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Commissioner Smith: MADAM CHAIR, THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR THE PRESENTATION. YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT THE EQUITY LENS. WHAT KINDS OF QUESTIONS ARE YOU GOING TO ASK IN THE EQUITY LENS? HAVE YOU IDENTIFIED THOSE YET?

Ms. Valencia: YES, WE HAVE. SO SOME OF THE QUESTIONS WE TAKE A LOOK AT, I WILL USE THE BRIDGES AS AN EXAMPLE SINCE IT'S THE LATEST MIX THAT WE HAVE. YOU KNOW, WITH BRIDGES, WE KNOW THAT THERE ARE KEY CONNECTIONS OUT HERE IN THE REGION. SO SOME OF THE QUESTIONS THAT WE ASKED IS, WHAT ARE THOSE BRIDGES PROVIDING CONNECTIONS TO IN REGARDS TO SERVICES, ESPECIALLY SERVICES THAT'S LOW INCOME, MINORITY, AND OUR DIVERSE COMMUNITY USES, SO THERE WAS, ACTUALLY, A PRIORITIZATION AND A SCORING PROCESS THAT WAS IMPLEMENTED INTO THE BRIDGE CIP THAT TOOK THAT INTO CONSIDERATION. SO, USING DATA THAT WE HAD AVAILABLE, IN REGARDS TO LOOKING AT SOME OF THE KEY

CIVIC SERVICES, THAT ARE CONNECTING, CONNECTED BY THE BRIDGES, THERE WAS A PRIORITIZATION THAT WAS GIVEN BASED ON THAT.

Commissioner Smith: DID YOU FIND POCKETS OF POVERTY IN THE CENSUS DATA? WHAT KIND OF PREVIOUS DATA DID YOU USE?

Ms. Valencia: THE DATA WE USED INCLUDED SOME OF THE REGIONAL INFORMATION THAT WE HAVE, AND SOME OF THE INFORMATION THAT WAS PROVIDED VIA THE COALITION FOR LIVABLE FUTURES. SOME OF THAT DATA, AND THEN ALSO JUST SOME OF THE REGIONAL DATA THAT'S BEEN PUT TOGETHER IN REGARDS TO THE CENSUS DATA FOR THE REGION, THAT METRO HAS PUT TOGETHER. SO, YES, THERE IS DEFINITELY SOME POCKETS OF CONCERN, AND SO OUR PROJECTS WERE PRIORITIZED ACCORDINGLY BASED ON THAT.

Commissioner Smith: WHAT WERE SOME OF THOSE POCKETS?

Ms. Valencia: THEY ARE LIKE THE URBAN AREAS. I CAN'T SPEAK SPECIFICALLY TO THE LOCATIONS BECAUSE SOME OF THE DATA IS ACTUALLY, BASED ON THE, KIND OF THE BEST BASELINE THRESHOLD OF -- FOR EXAMPLE, ONE OF THE DATA IS DIVIDED FOR, FOR INSTANCE, IN INCOME, SO THERE IS KIND OF A BELOW AVERAGE, AVERAGE, AND ABOVE AVERAGE IN REGARDS TO INCOME LEVELS. AND SO I CAN'T ANSWER YOUR QUESTION RIGHT NOW IN REGARDS TO SPECIFICITY, BUT IT'S MORE KIND OF GENERALIZATIONS OF WHERE THOSE ABOVE AVERAGE SORT OF LOW INCOME POPULATIONS ARE AND SOME OF THE LOW INCOME.

Commissioner Smith: THE REASON I AM ASKING YOU THIS QUESTION IS BECAUSE IF I TELL CONSTITUENTS WE ARE WORKING ON THIS CAPITAL PLAN AND FOCUSING ON THIS FIRST BECAUSE THERE ARE LOW INCOME POCKETS IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD, OR SPECIFICALLY TO BE ABLE TO TELL THEM, WE CAN TALK ABOUT THIS LATER, BUT THAT'S THE KIND OF INFORMATION THAT I'M LOOKING FOR.

Ms. Valencia: I CAN DEFINITELY PROVIDE THAT INFORMATION.

Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU.

Commissioner Bailey: MY QUESTION WAS ANSWERED BUT I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU. THIS IS GREAT WORK, AND I LIKE THE SPECIFICITY OF THE PROJECTS COMING OUT OF IT, SO GREAT.

Ms. Valencia: THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: I WILL ADD ON, ALONG WITH COMMISSIONER -- I AGREE WITH COMMISSIONER McKEEL THAT THE FLASHING LIGHTS ARE REALLY

IMPRESSIVE, AND I AM APPRECIATIVE THAT THEY HAVE BEEN TARGETED ALONG WITH THE LOCAL COMMUNITIES ABOUT WHERE THE NEEDS ARE BECAUSE WE'VE BEEN HEARING TOO MANY STORIES ABOUT CHILDREN GETTING HIT ON THEIR WAY TO SCHOOL, AND IN FACT, I WAS DRIVING OUT TO OUR HEARING LAST NIGHT, IN GRESHAM, AND STOPPED FOR THIS WOMAN CROSSING THE STREET WITH THE LIGHTS, AND I MEAN, I DON'T KNOW HOW SHE WOULD HAVE GOTTEN ACROSS THE STREET WITHOUT THE FLASHING LIGHTS. IT WAS DAYLIGHT, BUT IT STILL MAKES SUCH A HUGE DIFFERENCE, AND I SAW PEOPLE DRIVING THROUGH WITH THE FLASHING LIGHTS, SO ANYWAY, THE MORE OF THOSE THAT WE CAN PUT UP ARE A GREAT IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE LOCAL COMMUNITIES, AND THEN I ALSO WANTED TO COMMEND STAFF ON THE WORK THAT YOU HAVE DONE AROUND USING THE IMPLEMENTING THE EQUITY LENS, ESPECIALLY AROUND THE BRIDGES. I WAS TALKING WITH OUR CONSULTANTS WHEN THEY WERE DOING THE BRIDGE STUDY, AND THEY SAID THAT THEY NEVER WORKED WITH THE JURISDICTION THAT VALUED EQUITY MORE THAN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, AND THAT WAS THEIR WHOLE FOCUS OF THE CONVERSATION WAS MANY WAYS THAT WE HAVE, NOT JUST USED AN EQUITY LENS BUT HOW WE TURN AROUND AND PUT OUR VALUES AND OUR POLICIES INTO PRACTICE, AS WELL. THANK YOU. THANKS FOR MAKING US LOOK GOOD.

Chair Kafoury: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] OPPOSED? THE RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED.

BOARD COMMENT

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

Chair Kafoury: WELL, THAT WAS REALLY LONG AND PAINFUL AND NOW WE HAVE COME TO THE END OF OUR BOARD MEETING, AND -- JUST KIDDING. NOW WE HAVE TIME FOR THE BOARD COMMENT TO COMMENT ON NON AGENDA ITEMS BEFORE WE MOVE ONTO THE BUDGET WORK SESSION NO. 9, I THINK IT IS. COMMISSIONER McKEEL.

Commissioner McKeel: YOU ARE ALL LOOKING AT ME.

Chair Kafoury: I KNOW THERE IS SOMETHING FUN GOING ON IN EAST COUNTY.

Commissioner McKeel: IT IS.

Commissioner Smith: AND WE'LL PROBABLY BE JOINING YOU.

Commissioner McKeel: ROCK THE BLOCK THIS WEEKEND IN EAST COUNTY IN ROCKWOOD ON THE PLAZA, AND THERE IS EVENTS TONIGHT, I MEAN, FRIDAY NIGHT, FRIDAY NIGHT AND SATURDAY.

Commissioner Smith: AND TONIGHT, TOO.

Commissioner McKeel: YEAH. SO, ANYWAY, COME ON OUT. IT'S A WONDERFUL MULTI-CULTURAL EVENT, AND IT'S A LOT OF FUN. SO, INVITE EVERYONE TO COME TO ROCKWOOD. AND THEN THE OTHER THING IS I WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE THE BARLOW HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' TRACK AND FIELD TEAM FOR WINNING THE 6-A STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS THIS YEAR.

Commissioner Smith: MADAM CHAIR, TO ADD ONTO COMMISSIONER McKEEL'S ROCK THE BLOCK, WE'RE ALSO GOING TO BE GOING TO A DOCUMENTARY WITH MITCHELL JACKSON FROM EVERYBODY READS ABOUT HIS BOOK. IT'S IN A FILM IN A DOCUMENTARY SO TONIGHT DOWNTOWN AT THE WORLD TRADE CENTER AMPHITHEATER, WE WILL BE THERE AS A PART OF THE WHOLE ROCK THE BLOCK WEEKEND. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER BAILEY? [LAUGHTER] ALL RIGHT, SEEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, WE ARE ADJOURNED. AND NOW WE'RE COMING BACK IN FOR THE BUDGET WORK SESSION NO. 9 WITH THE GENERAL FUND FORECAST UPDATE. OUR OWN, MIKE JASPIN. WE NEED ONE MINUTE FOR A SWITCH.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

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