



**MULTNOMAH COUNTY
AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST
NOTICE OF INTENT**

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Meeting Date: 12/09/2010
Agenda Item #: R-5
Est. Start Time: 10:10 am
Date Submitted: 11/17/2010

Agenda Title: **NOTICE OF INTENT: Oregon Department of Transportation Flexible Funds Grant**

Note: If Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation, provide exact title. For all other submissions, provide a clearly written title sufficient to describe the action requested.

Requested Meeting Date: December 9, 2010 **Amount of Time Needed:** 5 minutes
Department: DCS **Division:** Land Use & Transportation
Contact(s): Jane McFarland, Ray Delahanty
Phone: (503) 988-5050 **Ext.** 29620 **I/O Address:** 455/1/116
Presenter Name(s) & Title(s): Jane McFarland, Principal Planner; Ray Delahanty, Transportation Planning Specialist

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Approval to apply for ODOT Flexible Funds grants for 3 projects on East Multnomah County roads.

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

The Oregon Transportation Commission has established a Flexible Funds Grant Program with \$21 million in funding available for eligible projects for the 2011 grant cycle. Grant awards will range from \$50,000 to \$2.1M. The grants require a minimum 10.27% match. The program will focus on funding multimodal and non-highway transportation projects, programs and services. The grants will support planning, research and project development of transit, bicycle and pedestrian projects, and transportation demand management programs.

The Land Use and Transportation Program developed applications for 3 pedestrian/bicycle projects on East Multnomah County roads. Due to funds obligation constraints of the program, we are primarily proposing to use the funds for project development, in order to have projects “shovel-ready” for future funding opportunities. One grant project would

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construct sidewalks.

Project 1 – Arata Road: 223rd to 238th Avenue – Complete engineering for sidewalks, bike lanes, lighting, landscaping and drainage, and construct sidewalks.

Project 2 – 223rd/Fairview Avenue: Halsey St. to new UPRR structure – develop Conceptual Design and Engineering resulting in “shovel-ready” plans for bike lanes and sidewalks on 223rd Avenue in “Old Town” Fairview.

Project 3 – N.E. 223rd Avenue: Sandy Blvd. to Chinook Landing Marine Park/40-Mile Loop Trail – Complete engineering and agreements with UPRR, resulting in “shovel-ready” plans for bike lanes and sidewalk infill on NE 223rd Avenue providing connections to transit, 2 regional parks, the 40-Mile Loop trail, residential areas and employment centers.

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

Land Use and Transportation Planning is seeking funds in the following amounts, and providing a 10.27% match of in-kind services from the Road Fund in Engineering Services and Transportation Planning staff time.

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| Project 1 | Project Total | \$2,254,644 |
| | Grant Request | \$2,023,092 |
| | Local Match | \$231,552 |
| Project 2 | Project Total | \$142,521 |
| | Grant Request | \$127,884 |
| | Local Match | \$14,637 |
| Project 3 | Project Total | \$251,552 |
| | Grant Request | \$225,718 |
| | Local Match | \$25,834 |

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

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

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

The projects are included in the County’s adopted 2010-14 Capital Improvement Plan and the adopted Regional Transportation Plan. The projects were endorsed by the East Multnomah County Transportation Committee on November 8th and by the Multnomah County Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee on November 10th. Wood Village City Council endorsed Project 1 at its November 9th meeting, and the City of Fairview endorsed Project 2 on November 9th as well. We received endorsement letters from Metro and a local employer for Project 3.

The projects will include public outreach to stakeholders and affected communities during project development and construction phases.

ATTACHMENT A

Grant Application/Notice of Intent

If the request is a Grant Application or Notice of Intent, please answer all of the following in detail:

- **Who is the granting agency?**
Oregon Department of Transportation
- **Specify grant (matching, reporting and other) requirements and goals.**
Required match is 10.27%, which will be provided through in-kind services of Road Services – Engineering and Transportation Planning staff.
- **Explain grant funding detail – is this a one time only or long term commitment?**
The Flexible Fund Program is a new targeted program requested by the Oregon Transportation Commission in an effort to more strategically focus investment in non-highway transportation projects, programs and services. It is established to use un-obligated STP funds made available by the OTC, without affecting the current funding levels of other programs that use flexible STP funds. It is anticipated that ODOT will continue the Flexible Funds Program in future years.
The LU&T program will consider requesting construction funds from this Program in future cycles.
- **What are the estimated filing timelines?**
Grant applications were submitted on November 12, 2010.
- **If a grant, what period does the grant cover?**
Projects must be obligated by September 30, 2011, and completed within two years of award.
- **When the grant expires, what are funding plans?**
The grants could result in constructed sidewalks on Arata Road, and shovel-ready construction plans for bike lanes on Arata Road and bike/ped improvements on two other County roads. We will pursue future grants from the ODOT Flexible Funds Program, Transportation Enhancement Grants, ODOT Bicycle & Pedestrian Grants and/or other sources for construction funds. With construction-ready plans, these projects will be strongly competitive. Match for construction grants will come from County Engineering Services and the dedicated Bicycle/Pedestrian capital fund.
- **Is 100% of the central and departmental indirect recovered? If not, please explain why.**
Yes

ATTACHMENT B

Required Signatures

Elected Official or
Department/
Agency Director:



Date: 11-17-2010



11-18-2010

Budget Analyst:

Date: