



# MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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## Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 9/20/11  
Agenda Item #: B.2  
Est. Start Time: 11:00 am  
Date Submitted: 8/1/2001

**Agenda Title:** **Overview of the Multnomah County Health Department's Built Environment**  
**Title:** **Atlas: Active Living, Healthy Eating**

*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:** September 20, 2011 **Amount of Time Needed:** 20 minutes  
**Department:** Health Department **Division:** Health Assessment & Evaluation  
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**Presenter(s):** Elizabeth Clapp

## General Information

### 1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

We would like to inform the Board about a new report that compares fifteen areas of the County on built environment factors that are associated with active living and healthy eating.

### 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 "built environment" refers to the human-made aspects of communities we live in: physical features like streets, buildings, parks, recreation facilities, and more. This project was undertaken because research has shown that neighborhoods can impact residents' health. For example, people who live near a full-service grocery store are more likely to eat fresh fruits and vegetables. Similarly, people who live near public transportation can meet their daily physical activity requirements by walking to and from transit stops. The Built Environment Atlas provides maps and analyses of 13 built environment factors that may positively or negatively impact health. The maps focus on three categories: food access, transportation, and physical activity options. We also present all cause mortality and obesity data at the sub-county level. Information provided through this project informs the work of the Community Wellness and Prevention, Program Offer #40047.

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

Not applicable

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

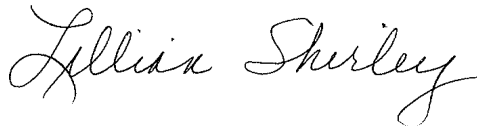
The information in this report may be utilized by jurisdictions and/or community-based organizations to inform public health or planning policy. For example, the information may provide background for transportation project funding decisions and urban plan updates. It may also be used by advocates to promote health equity throughout the County.

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

The information in the atlas will be shared with jurisdictions, municipalities, neighborhood associations, and citizens through a variety of channels. We will provide a series of presentations to explain the findings to interested groups (e.g., Multnomah Food Policy Council) and the report will be posted on the Health Department website. It will also be presented at a variety of meetings and workshops including the American Public Health Association's Annual Meeting in November, 2011. In addition the report has been coordinated with community partners such as the Coalition for a Livable Future.

**Required Signature**

**Elected Official or  
Department/  
Agency Director:**



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