



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Meeting Date: 4/14/16
Agenda Item #: C.6
Est. Start Time: 9:30 am
Date Submitted: 4/5/16

Agenda Title: Letter in Support of Oregon Department of Transportation's TIGER Grant Application for Outer Powell Boulevard Transportation Safety Project.

Note: Title should not be more than 2 lines but sufficient to describe the action requested. Title on APR must match title on Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation.

Requested

Meeting Date: 4/14/16 Time Needed: Consent Agenda

Department: Nondepartmental Division: District 4

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Presenter

Name(s) &

Title(s): Consent Agenda

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Approval of a letter for Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) in support of their federal TIGER grant application to complete safety improvements on the outer Powell Boulevard corridor.

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.

Oregon Department of Transportation is applying for a federal grant through the TIGER program to complete improvements on Powell Boulevard between SE 116th Ave to SE 162nd Ave. This project is based on the 2012 City of Portland adopted Outer Powell Conceptual Design Plan, which will transform the current highway, with one lane in each direction and limited sidewalks or designated bicycle lanes, to a wider cross-section with two vehicle travel lanes, a center lane, two 8-foot-wide bicycle lanes, two 12-foot-wide sidewalks, and improved lighting.

This corridor is a safety priority for ODOT and one particular intersection, SE 122nd Avenue and Powell Boulevard, has been among the top safety priority sites for over a decade. There are currently numerous conflicts between motor vehicles, pedestrians, and bicyclists in this stretch of outer Powell and the proposed improvements will support healthy and connected complete neighborhoods in this community. Additionally, mid-block pedestrian crossings will be installed at transit locations to improve access to bus service for residents,

business employees, shoppers, and others using this corridor. There are approximately ten schools along this stretch of Powell Boulevard as well as one of TriMet's most heavily used bus lines.

Specific safety improvements include constructing sidewalks, gutters, and drainage facilities for pedestrians, continuous bike lanes with improved separation from vehicles, improved lighting for all corridor users, mid-block pedestrian crossings, and a 14-foot-wide center turn lane. The requested federal funding through the TIGER grant process will be added to funding from the City of Portland and state legislative appropriation to complete this section of the corridor.

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

No fiscal impact to the County.

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

No direct legal or policy issues for the county. Indirectly, improved safety along outer Powell Boulevard will enhance access for county residents to Multnomah County services and resources.

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

This project is based on a 2012 City of Portland conceptual design plan and led by ODOT.

Required Signature

**Elected
Official or
Department
Director:**

Diane McKeel /s/

Date:

April 4, 2016

Note: Please submit electronically. Insert names of your approvers followed by /s/ - we no longer use actual signatures. Please insert date approved.