

**Minutes for the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd. Portland, OR 97214
Tuesday, January 24, 2012**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Jeff Cogen called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. with Vice-Chair Loretta Smith and Commissioners Deborah Kafoury and Diane McKeel present, and Commissioner Judy Shiprack excused.

ES.1 The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners will meet in Executive Session Pursuant to ORS 192.660(2) (e) and (h) regarding Sellwood Bridge acquisitions. Only representatives of the news media and designated staff are allowed to attend. Representatives of the news media and all other attendees are specifically directed not to disclose information that is the subject of the Executive Session. Final decisions are decided in public Board meetings. Contact: Jenny Morf, Acting County Attorney. Presenter: Matt Ryan, Assistant County Attorney

Executive Session was held.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

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BOARD BRIEFINGS

Chair Jeff Cogen called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. with Vice-Chair Loretta Smith and Commissioners Deborah Kafoury and Diane McKeel present, and Commissioner Judy Shiprack excused.

Also attending was Lynda Grow, Board Clerk.

B.1 Informational Board Briefing on Sellwood Bridge Project – Shoofly Construction Update, Early Work Package Status, Project Cost & Funding Update, Exemplary Human Environment Initiative Award Presentation. Presenters: Ian Cannon, Sellwood Program Manager; Michael Baker, Owner's Representative; & Mike Pullen, Spokesman, Communications Department.

Chair Cogen welcomed everyone for attending. Commissioner Kafoury made opening remarks and introduced the presenters.

Mr. Pullen advised the Board that Multnomah County and its partner agencies in the Sellwood Bridge project received an award for the public process conducted during the project's planning phase. The award will be presented today by Phillip Ditzler, Oregon Administrator for the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

Mr. Ditzler said that the [Exemplary Human Environment Initiative Awards](#) recognize outstanding projects that make our transportation system work better for the people who use it while also protecting the natural environment. This award recognizes the achievements of Multnomah County and its public agency partners in the process improvements category. He said that FHWA cited the project for “building public and agency consensus around improvements for a multi-modal, community-driven and environmentally-sensitive infrastructure project.” What warranted recognition is that Multnomah County designed a decision process that brought together diverging agency and citizen agendas and achieved consensus among the public, stakeholders, agencies and elected leaders at each milestone in the planning phase.

Mr. Pullen said that a Policy Advisory Group comprised of elected and appointed officials from partner agencies made decisions at milestones with extensive public involvement that provided citizens with information and opportunities to affect the project. More than 10,000 citizens shared their views. Citizens influenced the criteria that were used to select alternatives for study and one of those alternatives was suggested by the community. The final preferred alternative, which has two lanes, reflected the public’s desire for the scale of the project to mirror the scale of the community. The project will add capacity through alternative modes such as bicyclists, transit and pedestrians, rather than through more lanes for cars.

Mr. Cannon added that in December, the U.S. Department of Transportation also awarded the project a \$17.7 million [TIGER grant](#), the seventh largest TIGER grant in the nation and the only one in Oregon.

Mr. Ditzler presented the award plaques to Ian Cannon and Michael Eaton, Multnomah County; Jody Yates, City of Portland; Mike Bezner, Clackamas County; Tim Collins, Metro; Allan Lehto, TriMet; Lainie Smith, ODOT; and, Jeff Graham, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

The Chair and Commissioners thanked Mr. Ditzler and representatives of its partners in the Sellwood Bridge project and they left at this time.

Mr. Cannon gave the update on the Shoo-fly construction. Current in-water status is that pilings and frames are being installed. Delays from inclement weather and river conditions may result in compressing some work planned for next summer to keep everything on schedule but is still within the range discussed. Over the next month, the Bent, or Pier 18 substructure will be installed, weldup of wailers will be done, which is welding of crossbeams on the fender piles in front of each bridge pier to protect the piers from being hit.

Mr. Baker reviewed the Early Work packages. In February, Contractor pre-bid meetings will be held, application will be made for city land use permits, and subcontractor bids will be negotiated, contracts awarded and cost estimating will be done. He reviewed the schedule of bid opportunities and outreach being done to community organizations. Referencing the homeowners, he said meetings are being held with homeowner associations to try to prepare people for what will occur during construction. He reviewed project funding with the project estimate currently standing at \$268,800,000 leaving a \$5 million gap. They are approaching the State Legislators regarding allocating potential Jobs & Transportation Act (JTA) funding for a total of \$5 million. He reviewed the diversity dashboard and the DMWESB (Disadvantaged, Minority-Owned, Women-Owned and Emerging Small Business) contractors that are interested in condo

demolition of four (4) units at Sellwood Harbor and one (1) at River Park, plus 600 lineal feet of structure for landslide stabilization. He said they will report back to the Board in late February.

The Board thanked them for their report and also commended them on being one of nine projects recognized across the country by the FWHA.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

For information on the Sellwood Bridge project visit www.sellwoodbridge.org.

The minutes reflect the actions of the Board. For more detail, you are welcome to view the presentation material and/or video at:

http://multnomah.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=3

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