

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah Building, Commissioners Conference Room 635
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd. Portland, Oregon
Tuesday, October 4, 2011**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Jeff Cogen convened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. with Vice-Chair Deborah Kafoury and Commissioners Loretta Smith, Judy Shiprack and Diane McKeel present.

ES.1 The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners will meet in Executive Session Pursuant to ORS 192.660(2) (e) and (h) regarding the 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: John Thomas, Assistant County Attorney.

Executive Session was held.

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BOARD BRIEFINGS

Chair Jeff Cogen convened the meeting at 10:04 a.m. with Vice-Chair Deborah Kafoury and Commissioners Loretta Smith, Judy Shiprack and Diane McKeel present.

B.1 Informational Board Briefing on Sellwood Bridge Project – 60% Design Update and Slayden-Sundt Diversity Sub-contracting Plan Review. Presenters: Ian Cannon, Sellwood Program Manager; Michael Baker, Owner's Representative; Larry Gescher, DMWESB Principal; Steve Schmitt, Project Manager; Jennifer Erickson, Diversity Officer.

Mr. Cannon provided a recap of the 60% design and funding tier. The bridge form recommendation is a steel deck arch, which will cost about \$4M less than concrete per Contract Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC) estimates. The builders and County decided on a one-stage bridge construction utilizing the shoofly (detour bridge) method. The current design will compress the County's Environmental Impact Statement interchange by reducing rock cut, accommodating streetcars, and removing the horseshoe ramp. Further design features will be determined by the Sellwood Citizen Advisory Council (CAC). Mr. Cannon explained that the total cost of all these design features will be approximately \$4.1M. If needed, the CAC recommends phasing in the Westside interchange instead of cutting bridge features.

Mr. Cannon provided updated cost estimates in August from the CM/GC, Engineer, and an independent cost estimator. The current funding gap is about \$22.7M, which is a reduction

from the \$42M at the 30% design tier. The current plan is to start shoofly construction in December 2011 and includes preferred and fallback strategies for closing the funding gap.

Mr. Cannon stated that “Plan A” of the project is to fully fund and build the project as designed. “Plan B” is to either build an interim interchange with the current savings and build a full interchange later; or, downsize and defer project elements totaling approximately \$16.5M. The Public Stakeholder Committee recommends moving forward with the 60% project design as presented and securing the necessary funding; adopting the interim interchange if full funding isn’t secured by March 2012; revisiting fund planning in March 2012. Next steps; are to continue looking for funding and cost effective solutions.

Commissioner McKeel and Vice-Chair Kafoury were excused at 10:30 a.m.

Mr. Baker shared the Project Dashboard with the Commissioners. Mr. Gescher introduced the project team. Mr. Schmitt said the project’s goals are to maximize diverse participation; impact mitigation; use sustainable practices; and construct a quality, safe, and cost effective project. He described the three stages of procurement and said they are currently looking at a limited Notice to Proceed (NTP) around Nov. 1, 2011; a full NTP on June 1, 2012; and a project completion date of Dec. 1, 2015.

Mr. Schmitt spoke about the construction agreement’s exemptions and inclusions. Ms. Erickson stated that their Disadvantaged, Minority, Women and Emerging Small Business (DMWESB) subcontracting goal are 20%. She discussed project bidding, packages, and steps they will take to ensure, whenever possible, that DMWESB businesses share in the contract values over the four year project.

Mr. Schmitt stated that they will create specific mentoring teams to build their small DMWESB general contractors to business capacity by conducting business assessment, goal setting, and monthly progress meetings. Mr. Baker said they will also create two paid internships for college students and contribute a \$2K scholarship to each of six diverse local organizations.

Mr. Schmitt explained that all potential bidders requested to pre-qualify, which will allow the GM/CG to eliminate bonds by assessing business risk and alignment with types and levels of work to be awarded. He discussed what will be on the prequalification form and their evaluation criteria.

The presenters responded to Board questions and comments. The Board thanked them for their update.

B.2 Overview of the Multnomah County Health Department’s Built Environment Atlas: Active Living, Healthy Eating. Presenters: Betsy Clapp and Moriah McSharry McGrath, Research Analysts, Health Assessment & Evaluation; Sonia Manhaus, Manager, Community Wellness & Prevention Program; CHS, Stacy Humphrey, Associate Planner, City of Gresham; Muktar Abdou, Shop African Mart.

Ms. Manhas provided the introduction. Ms. McSharry McGrath explained that a “built environment” is the human-made aspects of our community, such as streets, buildings, parks, recreation facilities, etc. The Health Department put together the Built Environment Atlas,

which compares fifteen areas of the County on factors associated with active living and healthy eating such as food access, transportation, and physical activity options.

Ms. Clapp spoke about the results and findings of the study. Dunthorpe and Troutdale had the least health promoting environments and SE and NE Portland had the most. The social determinants of health, such as education and income, are also factors that influence a person's health. She spoke about food access and described the rankings of the food environment using the Retail Food Environment Index, and described choices for indoor recreation and health activities.

Mr. Abdou spoke about his experience as a member of the Multnomah County African community and grocery store owner in North Portland.

Ms. Humphrey spoke about Gresham's efforts funded through the Multnomah County Health Department, Communities Putting Prevention to Work program to promote equitable access and opportunities to healthy, affordable food and active living.

The presenters responded to Board questions and comments. The Board thanked them for their presentation.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Submitted by:

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Board of County Commissioners
Multnomah County