



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Meeting Date: 10/6/11
Agenda Item #: R.12
Est. Start Time: 11:20 am
Date Submitted: 9/21/11

Agenda Title: Consider Approving the Public Stakeholder Committee's Recommendation by RESOLUTION for Sellwood Bridge - 60% Design Elements

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: 10/06/11 Amount of Time Needed: 10 min
Department: Community Services Division: Bridges
Contact(s): Ian Cannon
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Presenter Name(s) & Title(s): Ian Cannon, Sellwood Program Manager
Michael Baker, Owner's Representative

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Sellwood Bridge - Approval of 60% design elements as shown on attached Exhibit A.

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.

Selecting the 60% design elements for the new Sellwood Bridge is the next major milestone of the project's design phase. The County formed a Community Advisory Committee and initiated public outreach during 2011 to seek input on the bridge design elements.

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

Funding Plan – recommended by the Public Stakeholders Committee (PSC)

The PSC consists of:

- Co-Chair, Chair Jeff Cogen/Multnomah County
- Co-Chair, Commissioner Deborah Kafoury/Multnomah County
- Mayor Sam Adams/City of Portland
- Councilor Carlotta Collette/Metro
- Mayor Jeremy Ferguson/City of Milwaukie
- Neil McFarlane, General Manager/TriMet

- Representative Carolyn Tomei/Oregon State House
- Senator Diane Rosenbaum/Oregon Senate
- Johnell Bell/Office of U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley
- Jason Tell/Oregon Department of Transportation
- Phillip Ditzler/Federal Highway Administration
- Jim Bernard/Clackamas County

The Public Stakeholders Committee (PSC) recognizes that the 60% project cost estimate is \$268.8 million including the elements listed in Exhibit A, and the PSC recognizes that this exceeds currently secured project funding by \$22.7 million. The PSC recommends that the Board direct staff to continue with project design based on the Project Elements listed above and look for additional resources to fully fund the project.

If the funding gap remains at approximately \$22.7 million in March of 2012, the PSC recommends that the Board adopt the Interim Interchange Strategy to reduce the current project cost to allow the project to move forward with construction.

If the funding gap is significantly different from \$22.7 million in March of 2012, the PSC recommends that the Board direct staff to reinvestigate the most appropriate strategy to close the funding gap and report back to the PSC so that the PSC can make a recommendation to the Board.

In any case, the PSC recommends that the Board direct staff to continue to look for ways to deliver the project as cost efficiently as possible and to report back to the PSC at the 90% design milestone about project progress, design, and finances.

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

The County is responsible for the maintenance of the Sellwood Bridge.

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

The Sellwood Project has had an extensive public outreach program. There have been public meetings, open houses, and online surveys. In addition, there have been numerous meetings of the project Community Advisory Committee, a group of 17 community members representing various interests in the project. The project has a Public Stakeholder Committee (PSC) consisting of elected officials from Multnomah County, Clackamas County, Metro, Portland, Milwaukie, the Oregon House of Representatives, and Oregon Senate. In addition, the PSC includes representatives from the offices of Representative Blumenauer and Senator Merkley. Officials from the Oregon Department of Transportation, TriMet, and the Federal Highway Administration are included on the PSC. The Sellwood Project has involved numerous local, state, and federal regulatory agencies. The public and agency involvement will continue throughout the design and construction phases of the project.

Required Signature

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

Date: 9/21/11



EXHIBIT A

The PSC recommends:

- Steel Deck Arch
- Compressed EIS Signalized Grade Separated Interchange at Highway 43
- Concrete Arch Culvert over Stephens Creek
- Storm-water treatment utilizing bio-swales on the east and west sides of the river
- Community Advisory Committee (CAC) recommended design elements with an estimated cost of \$4.1 million to include:
 - Structural element surface treatments including staining of concrete beams and rusticated approach span column bases,
 - Gateway feature near SE Tacoma Street and SE Grand Avenue,
 - Colored bridge roadway shoulder/bike lane and clear marking of bicycle and pedestrian areas on the raised multiuse path/sidewalks,
 - Architectural lighting of the bridge arch ribs and river piers,
 - Belvederes located over the two river piers on both sides of the bridge (4 total),
 - Cost effective benches in the belvederes,
 - Aesthetic enhancements to required fencing on bridge deck (reduce areas where fencing is provided if possible),
 - And enhanced street lighting poles and luminaires to provide appropriate pedestrian scale and to allow comfortable use at night by all modes.

The PSC further recommends that the project team look for ways to provide enhanced streetscape on Tacoma Street between SE Grand Avenue and SE 6th Avenue.