



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

(Revised: 8/18/11)

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Meeting Date: 3/21/13
Agenda Item #: R.8
Est. Start Time: 11:05 am
Date Submitted: 3/12/13

Agenda Title: **Proclamation to Celebrate the Broadway Bridge Centennial**

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: March 21, 2013 **Time Needed:** 20 minutes

Department: Non-departmental **Division:** Commissioner Deborah Kafoury District 1

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Presenter Name(s) & Title(s): Brian Vincent (County Engineer), Mike Faulkner (Bridge Maintenance) and Mike Pullen (Communications Office) and Invited guests: Tony Lester, Nancy Chapin & Tyler Mackie, Board Members, Portland Bridge Festival

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

This it proclaim April 22, 2013 as the "Broadway Bridge Centennial" and supporting the PDX 2013 Bridge Festival.

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 Broadway Bridge is about to turn 100 years old and this proclamation commemorates that achievement and celebrates the work of PDX Bridge Festival.

The Broadway Bridge is one of 6 Willamette River Bridges operated and maintained by the Multnomah County Bridge Section. The Broadway, Burnside, Hawthorne, Morrison, St. Johns, Sellwood, and Steel bridges are vital for transportation to all in the Portland region, and serve as icons of the city to the rest of the world.

The Broadway Bridge, which opened in 1913, is unique with its brick-red paint and rare Rall-wheel drawbridge design. It is believed to be the oldest and largest Rall-wheel drawbridge operating in the United States. The Broadway was the first bascule

drawbridge in Portland and played a key role in opening up Northeast Portland to residential development.

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

N/A

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

N/A

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

Citizens of the Portland area have formed the non-profit group PDX Bridge Festival to raise awareness and foster appreciation of the Willamette River bridges through education, artistic and historic programming.

Activities and events presented by the PDX Bridge festival represent key aspects of Portland's culture and are of interest to citizens across the diverse demographics of Multnomah County, thus serving to bridge the communities of the Portland metro area.

PDX Bridge Festival plans to host a celebration in April 2013 in honor of the Broadway Bridge's 100 years of service to our community.

PDX Bridge Festival also plans a "Bridge for Blankets" art installation on the Broadway Bridge in August and September. Volunteers from around the region will knit fabric panels that will be stitched together to form large panels on the bridge. After the installation, the panels will be divided into blankets and donated to homeless shelters.

The festival plans other programs to mark the Broadway Bridge centennial this summer, including a gallery exhibit, a weekend block party, and guided bridge tours.

General Information

Required Signature

**Elected
Official or
Department
Director:**



Date:

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