



**MULTNOMAH COUNTY  
AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST  
NOTICE OF INTENT**

(Revised: 9-24-15)

APPROVED: MULTNOMAH COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
AGENDA # R-5 DATE 12/10/15  
MARINA BAKER, ASST BOARD CLERK

**Board Clerk Use Only**

Meeting Date: 12/10/15  
Agenda Item #: R.5  
Est. Start Time: 10:05 am  
Date Submitted: 11/25/15

**Agenda NOTICE OF INTENT for EMSWCD Partners in Conservation Grant for  
Title: 267<sup>th</sup> Ave Culvert Replacement**

*Note: This APR is for NOI's only. APRs are available for other types of submittals. Title should not be more than 2 lines but be sufficient to describe the action requested.*

**Requested Meeting Date:** December 10, 2015 **Time Needed:** 5 minutes  
**Department:** Community Services **Division:** Transportation  
**Contact(s):** Kate McQuillan, Transportation Planner  
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**Presenter Name(s) & Title(s):** Roy Iwai, Water Resources Specialist

A Notice of Intent is required to obtain approval from the Board of County Commissioners to ensure a competitive grant proposal is in alignment with the County's mission; to receive an indication from the Board of its willingness to commit the necessary County resources to support the grant. A Budget Modification is required to appropriate funds received from a successful grant proposal.

**Notice of Intent Specific Information**

**Department recommendation for consent agenda placement (must meet all criteria):**

- Proposal is under \$500,000/ year.
- Proposal does not require cash match as part of the budget.
- Proposal does not commit County to on-going programming following award.
- Proposal adheres to the County's indirect guidelines.
- Proposal is within the Department's strategic direction.
- Proposal does not have policy and/or legal implications that warrant a public dialog.

*To the best of my knowledge, this proposal adheres to all of the above criteria and may be placed on the Board of County Commissioner's Consent Agenda. I understand the proposal can be moved to the regular Board Agenda for any reason by Commissioners or their staff.*

*To the best of my knowledge, this proposal does not meet criteria for placement on the Consent Agenda and should be placed on the Regular Agenda.*

**Please complete for any NOI:**

<b>Granting Agency</b>	East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District
<b>Proposal due date</b>	12/15/2015
<b>Grant period</b>	Funds available starting FY2016 for up to 3 years
<b>Approximate level of funding by year</b>	\$100,000 in FY2016-2017
<b>Program Offer(s) potentially impacted</b>	Road Services (FY2016 Budget includes additional funding for fish passage barrier removal projects)
<b>How do you expect to spend the majority of funds? (check all that apply)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Personnel <input type="checkbox"/> Sub-contracts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Capital (including equipment)
<b>Does grant require match? If so, describe type (cash, FTE, etc) and %</b>	Grant requires 1:1 match of cash and/or in-kind. Multnomah County will match \$100,000 with in-kind/cash support through existing programmed funds.

**1. Brief overview of grant's purpose and/or impact.**

The purpose of the grant is to help provide funding for the replacement of a known fish-barrier culvert on the North Fork of Johnson Creek at 267<sup>th</sup> Ave. The grant will supplement County existing programmed capital funds. This culvert replacement project is identified as a top priority in the adopted 2019-2023 Multnomah County Capital Improvement Plan and Program (CIPP).

**2. Brief overview of how proposal is aligned with Department's strategic direction.**

The Water Quality Program within the Transportation Division of the Department of Community Services has responsibility to provide passage to native fishes in culverts located in fish-bearing streams per state and federal rules. In 2011, the County conducted a fish survey in Johnson Creek, and documented the presence of several native fish species, including two salmonids listed on the Federal Endangered Species Act (ESA) list: coho salmon and steelhead trout. This project will restore fish passage to these ESA listed fish species.

In 2013, the Transportation Division conducted a fish passage barrier assessment to determine the passability of all culvert structures on fish-bearing streams. This process led to updating the 2019-2023 culvert project list in the County's CIPP using new, innovative criteria to focus the County's investments. Implementing the fish passage barrier assessment and the revised CIPP achieves multiple goals within the Department of Community Services' Strategic Plan, namely for Innovation and for Collaboration and Partnerships.

**3. Describe any community and/or government input considered in planning for this grant.**

Improving fish passage on the North Fork of Johnson Creek is a joint priority for Multnomah County's Transportation Division, East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District

(EMSWCD) and the Johnson Creek Watershed Council (JCWC). The culvert project will leverage investments and work JCWC is completing to restore fish passage on several North Fork Johnson Creek culverts including:

- EMSWCD owns a farm property upstream of 282<sup>nd</sup> Ave and is in process of removing three fish barrier culverts on this property.
- JCWC has partnered with the Oregon Department of Transportation on the retrofit of the US HWY 26 culvert.
- JCWC has also partnered with the City of Portland on the replacement of the culvert under the Springwater Trail.
- The County will partner with JCWC on the retrofit of the County culvert on 262<sup>nd</sup> Ave.

The newly revised culvert project criteria established in the adopted 2019-2023 CIPP was reviewed by several stakeholder groups including local Soil and Water Conservation Districts, local watershed councils, and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. The prioritized project list that identifies the replacement of the 267<sup>th</sup> Ave Culvert on the North Fork of Johnson Creek also underwent a public comment period during the summer of 2015. The Transportation Division did not hear of any concerns or opposition from the public.

**4. What partners may be included in program activities?**

The County will continue to partner with Johnson Creek Watershed Council to secure the remaining funds needed for this culvert replacement through the Metro Capital Grant program and other sources.

**5. Generally, what are the grant's reporting requirements?**

One final project completion report will be due to EMSWCD in June, 2017.

**Please complete for NOIs on the Regular Board Agenda ONLY:**

**6. When the grant expires, will your Department continue to fund the program? If so, how?**

The grant funding will be used for a discrete construction project. The County will continue to maintain the new structure in perpetuity using Transportation funds.

**7. Are 100% of the central and departmental indirect costs recovered? If not, please explain.**

The indirect costs associated with this project will be leveraged as an in-kind match for the grant. The County's adopted FY2016 Budget includes funds to manage the Culvert Replacement Program.

**8. If the proposal is not aligned with your Department's strategic direction, explain why you are pursuing it at this time.**

