

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners  
Multnomah Building, Commissioners Board Room 100  
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd. Portland, Oregon  
Tuesday, April 26, 2011**

**BOARD BRIEFINGS**

Chair Jeff Cogen convened the meeting at 10:07 a.m. with Vice-Chair Deborah Kafoury and Commissioners Loretta Smith and Judy Shiprack present, and Diane McKeel excused.

**B.1 Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities. Presenters: Lillian Shirley, Director, Health Dept.; Sandy Johnson, Mgr., Office of Health & Social Justice; Tameka Brazile, Health Educator, Healthy Birth Initiative; Kim Toevs, Manager, STD/HIV/HepC Programs; and, Sonali Balajee, Manager, Health Equity Initiative.**

Chair Cogen welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. Introductions and opening remarks were made by Ms. Shirley and Ms. Johnson.

The presenters examined Multnomah County's progress and challenges in addressing racial and ethnic health disparities and explored underlying causes of health inequities. The 2010 Health Disparities report is based on recently released Multnomah County birth and death records and reportable diseases. Community input from the health equity dialogues conducted with over 500 Multnomah County residents in 2008-09 provided context for the data presented.

Despite overall improvement in health over the past sixty years, populations of color continue to experience significantly worse health outcomes than whites. This is especially pronounced in the African American Community, which has experienced the worst health outcomes of all groups of color. Health disparities impose cost burdens on individuals, other purchasers of health insurance, and public programs. The estimated 2009 nationwide cost of health disparities was \$23.9 billion. If African Americans and Hispanics experienced the same burden of disease as white Americans, the savings nationally would be \$23.9 billion. Medicare alone spent an extra \$15.6 billion and private insurers an additional \$5.1 billion due to higher rates of chronic illness among African Americans and Hispanics.

They reviewed trends in Maternal Child Health, Chronic Disease Mortality, Homicides, Infectious Diseases, and Teen Births. They showed how the gap between the health of populations of Color and white non-Hispanics is narrowing, but many disparities persist. Differences in health status based on race and ethnicity have been persistent over time. The Health Department must continue to take a leadership role in working to reduce racial and ethnic health disparities.

Intervention strategies related to health and access to economic, educational, employment, and housing opportunities will be necessary to reduce disparities. The comprehensive Report Card on Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities can be accessed and read at: <http://web.multco.us/health/reports>.

The presenters responded to Board questions and comments.

The Board thanked them for attending and presenting the report.

**B.2 Informational Monthly Board Briefing on Sellwood Bridge Project.  
Presenters: Ian Cannon, Bridge Services Mgr., John Ferguson & Sophia Cavalli.**

Introductions and opening remarks were made by Mr. Cannon. He gave a brief overview of the project goals, milestones and provided information about the current project status, upcoming activities and decisions, and the project schedule. He discussed potential upcoming briefing topics, including: cost risk assessment, value engineering and introducing the CMGC in May (if selected); sustainability in June; 30% CMGC estimate in July; and, 60% design milestones in Fall 2011.

Mr. Ferguson updated them on the current contracting activity and spoke of the CMGC preconstruction deliverables. He explained the reasons the CMGC method was chosen is that it gives the County control over design; increases early budget confidence; gives the potential to advance schedule; and, allows them to be adaptable to change and proactively manage risk. He reviewed the sustainability phases instituted in this project.

Ms. Cavalli addressed the aspects unique to Sellwood project in the diversity plan. Phase 1 - Pre-Solicitation, is completed and included DMWESB participation and workforce criteria in Engineering Services and CMGC Request for Proposals (RFPs) by assigning 10% of overall points. Phase 2 - Post-Award and Contract Negotiations, is in progress and involves working with both Ty Lin International (A&E) and Slayden Construction (CMGC). CMGC contractor conducts outreach, attends community meetings and gives presentations regarding the project, bid packages and opportunities. ODOT, DOJ, and FHWA may want to approve the CMGC Subcontracting Plan. Phase 3 – Design - CMGC in collaboration with County staff finalizes Subcontracting Plan in September, 2011. Phase 4 - Construction CMGC will implement the Subcontracting Plan. County staff oversees implementation of plan, conduct site visits, and reviews reporting and documentation and monitors progress.

The Board thanked them for their presentation.

**B.3 Informational Board Briefing Concerning the Resolution Authorizing Negotiations to Acquire Real Property Interests for the Purpose of Constructing Road Improvements in the City of Troutdale. Presenters: Patrick J. Hinds, Program Manager, LUTP & Matt Ryan, Assistant County Attorney.**

Mr. Hinds briefed the Board concerning a request for Board approval of the resolution authorizing the Land Use and Transportation Program (LUTP) to begin negotiations for the purchase of real property associated with the construction of right-of-way improvements on the east side of SE Troutdale Road, County Road No. 533, in the City of Troutdale.

This acquisition of real property supports a project that has been identified in the Capital Improvement Program as an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)/Sidewalk Infill project. This project will benefit the community by providing continuity of the Transportation system and completion of approximately 1.2 linear miles of continuous sidewalk on the eastern side of Troutdale Road. It will enhance the existing transportation facilities and accommodate and encourage multimodal transportation uses. The immediate surrounding area is residential. There are several City parks and a private elementary school nearby. Acquiring the property will allow Road Services Engineering to construct this portion of sidewalk, curb, bike lane, and potential parking strip along Troutdale Road. The minimum desired right-of-way width for this road classification is 60 feet. The existing right-of-way width of this section of Troutdale Road is 55 feet, which is substandard. The overall project area is approximately 225 feet in length and 20 feet in width.

Mr. Ryan reported that this project is expected to cost less than \$100,000. Negotiations to purchase impacted property at fair market value will be made in good faith. Property will need to be purchased from three property owners; none of whom will be displaced by this project. If real property cannot be purchased through negotiations, and LUTP decides it is in the best public interest to proceed with the project, LUTP will brief the Board and seek the Board's direction regarding proceeding to a "Step 2" resolution pursuant to Multnomah County Administrative Procedure TRAN-01.

Chair Cogen and the Commissioners thanked them for attending and presenting their report.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:41 a.m.