



# MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST NOTICE OF INTENT

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### Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 10/13/11  
Agenda Item #: R.5  
Est. Start Time: 9:55 am  
Date Submitted: 9/27/11

**Agenda Title:** NOTICE OF INTENT To apply for \$22.7 million from the TIGER III grant program for the Sellwood Bridge.

*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:** October 13, 2011 **Time Needed:** 5 minutes  
**Department:** Community Services **Division:** LUT Planning  
**Contact(s):** Karen Schilling  
**Phone:** 503-988-5050 **Ext.** 29635 **I/O Address:** 455/1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
**Presenter Name(s) & Title(s):** Karen Schilling, Planning Director

### General Information

**1. What action are you requesting from the Board?**

Approval to apply for \$22.7 million from TIGER III for the Sellwood Bridge Replacement.

**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 County is preparing to replace the 86-year old Sellwood Bridge with a new bridge built to modern standards with capacity for motor vehicles, transit, bicycles and pedestrians. The estimated cost for the bridge replacement is \$268.8 million. Working with our regional partners, the funding plan includes contributions from the following sources:

Multnomah County: \$127 million

City of Portland: \$73.5 million

State of Oregon: \$30 million

Previously secured federal funds: \$15.6 million

The current gap in funding is \$22.7 million, the request for TIGER III funds. The Sellwood Bridge project meets the criteria for TIGER III funds including improving the condition of

existing transportation facilities and systems, economic competitiveness, livability, environmental sustainability, and safety. The projects are required to have a 20% local match and can increase their overall competitiveness by demonstrating significant non-Federal contributions. With State and Local funds there will be an 85% match to the federal dollars previously secured and the TIGER III funds. Projects are considered more favorable also by the partnerships demonstrated in the financing package. The project is multi-modal (vehicles, bikes, pedestrians, and streetcar-ready) making it more competitive as well.

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

This funding source is a grant, not a loan, so it will not have an impact on the Transportation Fund in the long run. By securing these funds, it will make it possible to construct the Sellwood Bridge on schedule.

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

NA

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

Numerous public meetings have been held as part of the environmental planning phase for the Sellwood Bridge. A Community Advisory Committee assisted with the selection of the bridge type and design features. The Public Stakeholders Committee, comprised of regional partners including the City of Portland, the State, Metro, and TriMet have continued to meet throughout the duration of the project making unanimous recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners.

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**Grant Application/Notice of Intent**

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If the request is a **Grant Application** or **Notice of Intent**, please answer **all** of the following in detail:

• **Who is the granting agency?**

US Department of Transportation (USDOT)

• **Specify grant (matching, reporting and other) requirements and goals.**

The pre-application was due October 3, 2011 and applications are due by October 31. The goals of TIGER III are Long-term Outcomes, Job Creation and Economic Stimulus, Innovation, and Partnership. The criteria for Long-term Outcomes include State of Good Repair (improving the condition of existing facilities), Economic Competitiveness, Livability, Environmental Sustainability, and Safety. There is a 20% matching requirement but priority must be given to projects for which Federal funding is required to complete an overall financing package.

• **Explain grant funding detail – is this a one time only or long term commitment?**

This is a one-time grant request for capital construction of the Sellwood Bridge. Awards will be made in early 2012.

- **What are the estimated filing timelines?**  
Pre-applications are due October 3; applications are due October 31, 2011.
- **If a grant, what period does the grant cover?**  
Grant funds must be obligated by September 30, 2013. Construction of the Sellwood Bridge is anticipated to begin in late 2011.
- **When the grant expires, what are funding plans?**  
The grant is not for on-going operations but rather the capital construction cost of replacing the bridge.
- **Is 100% of the central and departmental indirect recovered? If not, please explain why.**  
Yes.

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### Required Signatures

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Elected Official  
or Department/  
Agency Director:



Date: 9/27/2011

Name/Title:

M. Cecilia Collier, Director of the  
Department of Community Services

Budget Analyst:



Date: 9/26/11

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