

# APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FORM

## OREGON HOUSE DELEGATION

### FISCAL YEAR 2010

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: FEBRUARY 13, 2009

**PLEASE NOTE: As required by the House Appropriations Committee, all requests will be made public on the requesting Member's website.**

**1. Project Title:** Sellwood Bridge Replacement Project

**2. Organization Name and address:**

Multnomah County  
Land Use and Transportation Program  
1600 N.E. 190<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Portland, OR 97233

**3. Primary Contact name, phone number, mobile phone number, fax number and email:**

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**4. Project Location Address (if different from Organization):**

Multnomah County

**5. Please describe the requesting organization's main activities, and whether it is a public, private non-profit, or private for-profit entity:**

Multnomah County's Land Use and Transportation Program plans, builds and maintains transportation facilities.

**6. Briefly describe the activity or project for which funding is requested (please keep to 500 words or less.)**

The Sellwood Bridge is a regionally significant transportation facility. It links two state highways and is the only crossing of the Willamette River in a 12-mile reach. The Sellwood Bridge provides a critical segment for inter-county trips between Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington Counties. The existing crossing is a narrow two-lane bridge used by over 30,000 vehicles daily. It is the busiest 2-lane bridge in the State of Oregon. It has narrow, substandard sidewalk and no bike lanes. Congested conditions and slow travel speeds occur because the

travel demand served by the Sellwood Bridge exceeds the available capacity for several hours each day. The bridge is part of the regional freight and regional transit system. However, in 2004, the County prohibited trucks and buses from using the bridge based on the deteriorated structural integrity. This included approximately 100 Tri Met bus trips and nearly 1,200 trucks from using the bridge daily. After 80 years, the Sellwood Bridge has reached the end of its useful service life. The project will improve connections, operations and safety for vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians.

The current 80-year old Sellwood Bridge is both functionally and structurally obsolete (rating 2 out of 100). Replacing the Sellwood Bridge will remove deficiencies of the existing bridge. This project will reduce congestion at each of the bridge heads as well as enhance safety by reducing the hazard of head-on collisions between vehicles traveling on the narrow lanes. Bicycle and pedestrian facilities will replace the one narrow sidewalk and will bring the bridge into compliance with the American with Disabilities Act (ADA). These improvements will also create better connections to the trails at both ends of the bridge. Eliminating existing structural deficiencies of the bridge will allow trucks, buses and emergency response vehicles weighing more than 10 tons to safely use the structure. Economic and congestion mitigation benefits will come from removing the existing tight turning radii and weight restrictions that force trucks to travel out-of-direction. The existing bridge is seismically vulnerable which will be corrected when a new bridge is in place. Environmental benefits will also result from a new structure. The existing structure discharges roadway stormwater runoff directly into the Willamette River, home to several federally listed fish species. The new bridge will include state-of-the-art stormwater treatment facilities to capture and treat run-off before it is released to the Willamette River. Removing the current structure will also eliminate lead based paint from falling into the Willamette River. The total cost of the bridge replacement is \$320 million. This will create 3,654 jobs.

**7. Has this project received federal appropriations funding in past fiscal years?** No

**7a. If yes, please provide fiscal year, Department, Account, and funding amount of any previous funding.** N/A

**8. Federal agency and account from which funds are requested (Please be specific –e.g. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiatives account):**  
Department of Transportation: Federal Highway Administration - Transportation & Community & System Preservation

**9. What is the purpose of the project? Why is it a valuable use of taxpayer funds? How will the project support efforts to improve the economy and create jobs in Oregon?**

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**10. Have you requested funding for this project from other Members of Congress?  
If so, who?**

Yes, Senators Wyden & Merkley, Congressmen Wu & Schrader

**11. Funding Details:**

**a. Total project cost (all funding sources and all years):** \$320,000,000

**b. Amount being requested for this project in Fiscal Year 2010:** \$2,000,000

**c. What other funding sources (local, regional, state) are contributing to this project or activity? (Please provide specific dollar amount or percentage.)**

\$7M SAFETEA-LU Authorization bill  
\$2.7M Multnomah County  
\$1.5M State of Oregon  
\$12.8M Highway Bridge Program (local)  
\$2M STP Local

**d. Do you expect to request federal funding in future years for this project?** Yes

**e. Breakdown/budget of the amount you are requesting for this project in FY 2010.  
(e.g. salary \$40,000; computer \$3,000):**

Final Design: \$23M  
Right of Way: \$36M  
Construction: \$261M  
Total: \$320M

**f. Please list public or private organizations that have supported/endorsed this project:**  
City of Portland, Clackamas County

**g. Is this project scalable? (i.e. if partial funding is awarded, will the organization be able to use the funds in FY 2010?):**  
Yes

**Please return this form no later than February 13, 2009 (via email) to:**

[appropriations.blumenauer@mail.house.gov](mailto:appropriations.blumenauer@mail.house.gov)

