

# CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

## Study Session Worksheet

**Presentation Date:** February 12, 2013 **Approx Start Time:** 11:00 am **Approx Length:** 30 mins

**Presentation Title:** Regional Travel Options Grant Overview

**Department:** Department of Transportation and Development – Engineering Division

**Presenters:** Mike Bezner, Karen Buehrig

### WHAT ACTION ARE YOU REQUESTING FROM THE BOARD?

1. Support application for the implementation of a way-finding sign program in the Clackamas Regional Center Area. The amount requested for the Regional Travel Options Grant (RTO) will be \$150,000. The required Road Fund match is 10.27% of the grant request.
2. Sign the letter of support to accompany the RTO grant application.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY (why and why now):

The Clackamas Regional Center is a hub for commercial activity and home to the largest employer in the County, Kaiser Permanente. An increasing number of pedestrians and cyclists use facilities in this area to access home, work, and businesses. The Clackamas Regional Center Pedestrian/Bicycle Plan, adopted in September 2012, identifies opportunities to improve access for two major employers in the area. One of the major outcomes identified in the plan is to implement the sign plan to support way-finding for pedestrians and bicyclists. This action was unanimously supported by the Project Advisory Committee that included the general manager of the Town Center, the communications and external affairs manager at Kaiser Permanente, the Dean of College Advancement at Clackamas Community College (Harmony Campus) and others.

Clackamas County is proposing to submit an application for the 2013-2015 Regional Transportation Options (RTO) grant program to develop and construct pedestrian and bicycle way-finding signs in the Clackamas Regional Center area. Regional travel options include alternatives to driving alone; including carpooling, bicycling, walking and other transportation options. This regional funding presents a significant opportunity for the County to complete this high priority project in the pedestrian and bicycle plan for this major economic center.

For the 2013-2015 Grant cycle, \$2.1 million is available for projects carried out from July 2013 through June 2015. Grant proposals and project requests must be a minimum of \$50,000. Applications for this grant cycle are due February 22, 2013.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

RTO grant funds pay for 89.73% of the total projects costs of \$150,000. A match of 10.27%, equaling \$15,405, is required of Clackamas County if awarded a grant. The proposed matching funds will be provided by the Road Fund and will be credited against the 1% minimum expenditure of the Road Fund for bicycle and pedestrian improvements.

**LEGAL/POLICY REQUIREMENTS:**

N/A

**PUBLIC/GOVERNMENTAL PARTICIPATION:**

The proposed way-finding project is identified in the adopted Clackamas Regional Center Pedestrian /Bicycle Plan, which underwent considerable public involvement through its development and adoption.

**OPTIONS:**

- Approve DTD's application for RTO grant, due February 22, 2013.
- Not approve the application for RTO funding for pedestrian and bicycle way-finding.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the Board of County Commissioners support the application for the RTO grant and the implementation of the way-finding signage in the CRC by signing the letter of support supplementing the RTO grant application

**ATTACHMENTS:**

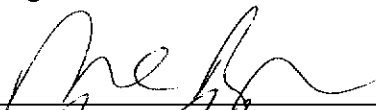
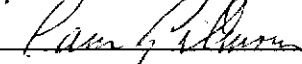
- Drafted letter of support for Board signature

**SUBMITTED BY:**

Division Director/Head Approval

Department Director/Head Approval

County Administrator Approval

  
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