# CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

# **Policy Session Worksheet**

Presentation Date: Aug 9, 2016 Approx Start Time: 3 pm Approx Length: 15 Min

**Presentation Title:** Monroe Neighborhood Street Application for the 2019-2021 Regional Flexible Funds Allocation program

Department: Department of Transportation and Development – Engineering Division

**Presenters:** Mike Bezner, Steve Williams

#### Other Invitees:

# WHAT ACTION ARE YOU REQUESTING FROM THE BOARD?

Approval to apply to the 2019-2021 Regional Flexible Funds Allocation program for funds to implement the Monroe Street Neighborhood Design Plan.

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Currently, the project solicitation is open for the 2019-2021 Regional Flexible Fund Allocation (RFFA) program. This program include two categories: Active Transportation and Freight Investments. There is \$25.81 Million available for Active Transportation project requests and \$7.34 M available for Freight investments.

County staff reviewed the projects identified as Tier 1 in the County's Transportation System Plan and then considered projects that generally would fall within the Active Transportation and Freight categories, as outlined in the RFFA application packet. In the last two rounds of RFFA funding, the County received Freight funds to undertake and implement an Intelligent Transportation System Plan (ITS). Since this project is currently underway, the County does not have a project that is the appropriate scale and scope for the Freight category at this time.

For the Active Transportation category, the projects that were discussed as potentially appropriate for this round of funding included:

- 1) Monroe Neighborhood Street Design Implementation
- 2) Completion of sidewalk improvements along Mcloughlin / 99E and supporting streets (proposed by members from MAP-IT).
- 3) Infill of 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave sidewalk gaps
- 4) Pedestrian / bikeway improvements to Sunnyside Road / I-205 overcrossing

Each of the above projects were discussed in relation to the following competitiveness factors

- a. Assessment of project readiness
- b. Availability of matching funds from other sources
- c. Geographic balance

Monroe Neighborhood Street Plan Implementation / Active Transportation Corridor project emerged as the strongest candidate for this round of RFFA funding. The primary reasons for this are:

- Complements similar adjacent project in Milwaukie
- Community has been engaged for the past year in the development of the Monroe Neighborhood Street Design Plan
- It is an important regional active transportation / bikeway connection
- It is partially within the North Clackamas Revitalization Area urban renewal district and has been identified as a priority project in the NCRA Plan.

There are two options for the grant proposal request:

- A. Request funding for the preliminary engineering, ROW acquisition and construction of the improvements along Monroe Street, between Linwood Ave and Fuller Road, as well as the improvements from 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave to the I-205 path along Spencer. This project is estimated to cost \$6.2 Million. The project would only implement a portion of the improvements included in the Monroe Neighborhood Street Plan.
- B. Request funding for preliminary engineering and ROW acquisition for the entire project. The estimated cost is \$2.2 Million

The North Clackamas Revitalization Area funds will be used as the match for this project. Applications for the 2019-21 funding cycle are due August 26, 2016.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

There would only be funding implications if the projects are selected and then would occur within the 2019-21 timeframe.

In the event the project is funded, the County would be responsible for the 10.27% match required. The North Clackamas Revitalization Area will provide the match funds for this project.

# STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

How does this item align with your Department's Strategic Business Plan goals?

The study supports county decision makers so they can plan and invest based on a coordinated set of goals and policies.

How does this item align with the County's Performance Clackamas goals?

- This item aligns with the Strategic Priorities of
- (1) Building strong infrastructure, and
- (2) Ensuring safe, healthy and secure communities.

# LEGAL/POLICY REQUIREMENTS:

N/A

# PUBLIC/GOVERNMENTAL PARTICIPATION:

There have been two public open houses to discuss the Monroe Neighborhood Street Design Plan as well as six Public Advisory Committee meeting related to this project.

# **OPTIONS:**

- A. Approve the submittal of an application to the 2019-21 RFFA Program for preliminary engineering, ROW and construction of the Monroe Neighborhood Street Design Plan along Monroe Street between Linwood Ave and Fuller Road, as well as the portion between 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave and the I-205 Path along Spencer Ave. The project cost is \$6.2 Million.
- B. Approve the submittal of an application to the 2019-21 RFFA Program for preliminary engineering and ROW acquisition for the entire project, including Thompson Road. The cost would be \$2.2 Million.
- C. Do not move forward with an application for the 2019-21 Regional Flexible Fund Allocation program.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends **Option B**: Approve the submittal of an application to the 2019-21 RFFA Program for the preliminary engineering and ROW acquisition for the project identified in the Monroe Neighborhood Street Design Plan.

# ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1 – Project Area Map (Figure 4.1 Monroe-Thompson Corridor Design Sections

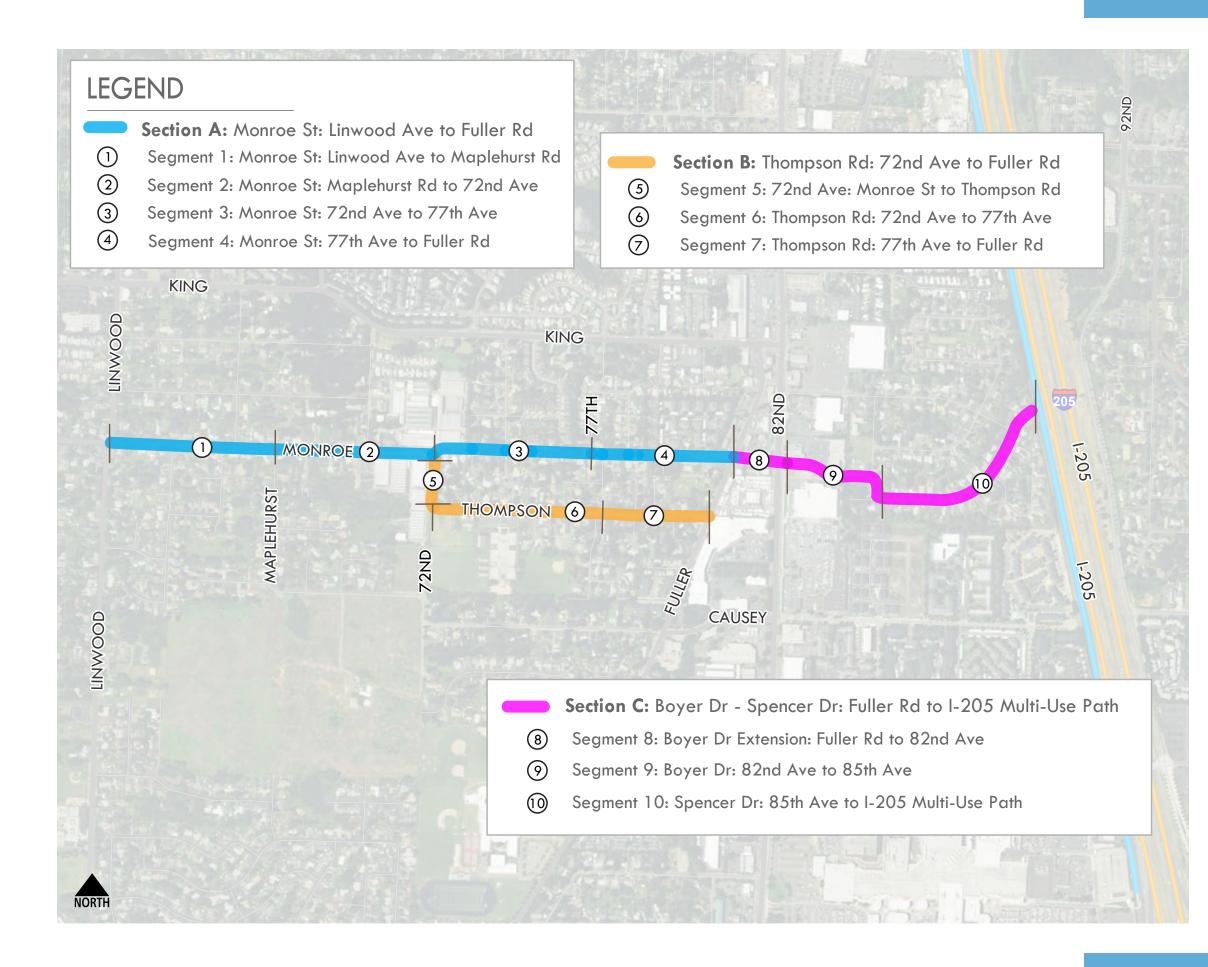
#### SUBMITTED BY:

Division Director/Head Approval

Department Director/Head Approval

County Administrator Approval

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**Figure 4.1** Monroe—Thompson Corridor Design Sections: Segments For analysis purposes, the plan recommendation has been organized into Sections A, B, and C.