

**CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
Sitting/Acting as (if applicable)

**Study Session Worksheet**

**Presentation Date:** November 27, 2012 **Approx Start Time:** 11:00 am **Approx Length:** 15 minutes

**Presentation Title:** Landscaping in the Right of Way

**Department:** DTD-Transportation Engineering and DTD-Transportation Maintenance

**Presenters:** Mike Bezner and Sam Irving

**Other Invitees:** Randy Harmon

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

No action requested at this time. This is informational only.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

For approximately 15 years, Clackamas County has been constructing landscape strips and medians as part of transportation capital projects in the urban areas. Most of the areas were maintained by the low-bid contractor who built the original project for an establishment period of 5 years. Once this establishment period ends, Transportation Maintenance has been tasked with taking over the long-term maintenance. Although the original projects' construction is usually funded by sources other than Road Fund, Road Fund is the only available funding source to pay for the long-term maintenance. This has resulted in an ongoing cost that will only increase in the future due to new trends in stormwater management with the use of planter boxes.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (current year and ongoing):**

See attached graph for historic costs and future projections.

**LEGAL/POLICY REQUIREMENTS:**

The County's Comprehensive Plan requires landscaping in certain urban areas.

**PUBLIC/GOVERNMENTAL PARTICIPATION:**

N/A

**OPTIONS:**

While options might be considered in the future, this presentation is only informational at this time.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

N/A

**ATTACHMENTS:**

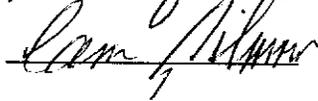
Graph of historic and future landscape maintenance costs.

**SUBMITTED BY:**

Division Director/Head Approval



Department Director/Head Approval



County Administrator Approval

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# Fiscal Summary

## Landscape Areas in the Urban Area: Cost Summary by Fiscal Year

