

CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Study Session Worksheet

Presentation Date: April 10, 2012 **Approx Start Time:** 2:45 **Approx Length:** 15 minutes

Presentation Title: Canby, the County Fair, and Improvements to 4th Avenue

Department: Business and Community Services

Presenters: Gary Barth, Director, BCS
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Other Invitees: Ugo Dilullo, Civil Engineer, Department of Transportation and Development
Scot Sideras, Legal Counsel, Senior

WHAT ACTION ARE YOU REQUESTING FROM THE BOARD? The City of Canby is making improvements to 4th Ave. The nature of these improvements requires that strips of land belonging to the County Fair be dedicated to road right of way. This dedication requires action by the Board at a subsequent Business Meeting. The purpose of the Study Session is to acquaint the Commissioners with the project, and to demonstrate that the road improvements will serve the interests of the travelling public while protecting the interests of the County Fair.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: Canby, with the assistance of a Community Development Block Grant provided through Health, Housing, and Human Services, has undertaken to improve 4th Avenue. 4th Avenue is the road that separates the Fairgrounds from its large parking areas immediately to the south. The widening of 4th Avenue will require that a portion of the Fairgrounds immediately in front of the offices as well as a strip of land at the southern parking facility become part of the road. This impacts the loading and unloading zone in front of the Fairground offices, and causes the loss of approximately 25 parking spaces.

Careful work by your staff in conjunction with Canby and the project's engineer has reduced the negative effect of this dedication of Fairground land to the road improvement. Improving the parking lot with dedicated parking along with some paving will offset the loss of land by making the parking more efficient. Improving the loading and unloading zone with bollards, striping, or other devices would preserve the utility of this area.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (current year and ongoing): There are no impacts on current or future budgets. The goal is to balance the loss of land at the Fairgrounds against the gain of improved safety, reduced transit times, and improved access at 4th Avenue in a manner that sets the Fairgrounds up for another century of successful operation.

LEGAL/POLICY REQUIREMENTS: The Board will need to approve the dedication of Fairground land to a city street. An important policy requirement is to make sure that our Community Development Block Grant money devoted to the improvement of 4th Avenue is spent in a manner that achieves its maximum utility.

PUBLIC/GOVERNMENTAL PARTICIPATION: This action requires the coordination of the Board of County Commissioners, the Fair Board, and the City of Canby.

OPTIONS: To encourage staff to work with the City of Canby so as to ensure that the Community Development Block Grant money allocated to the improvement of 4th Avenue is spent in a manner that improves the safety of the travelling public while reducing the burden and increasing the benefit of the street improvements to the Fair and other affected businesses, or to take such other action as the Commissioners may choose.

RECOMMENDATION: To proceed with the improvements to 4th Avenue in a manner that:

- Reduces the impact of the loss of Fairgrounds land by improving the dedicated parking on the south side of the street; and
- Also preserves the ability to load and unload at the Fairground offices.

ATTACHMENTS: There are no attachments, but a large scale view of the property will be provided at the Study Session.

SUBMITTED BY:

Division Director/Head Approval _____
Department Director/Head Approval _____
County Administrator Approval _____

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