

CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Study Session Worksheet

Presentation Date: August 2, 2011 **Time:** 10:30 am **Length:** 1 hour
Presentation Title: Federal Agenda Update
Department: Public and Government Affairs (PGA)
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POLICY QUESTION:

Does the Board reaffirm the County's 2011 Federal Agenda or are there any revisions to previously identified priorities?

ISSUE & BACKGROUND:

In February, the Board of County Commissioners approved the County's 2011 Federal Agenda.

Funding priorities include:

- Biomass Innovation Opportunity Fund
- Interagency Prescription Drug Enforcement and Treatment Initiative
- District Attorney's Office Vulnerable Adult Unit

Policy priorities include:

- Protect Critical Safety Net Funding
- SAFETEA-LU Reauthorization: Sunrise System
- SAFETEA-LU Reauthorization: Practical Design and Project Delivery
- Housing and Sustainable Communities
- County Timber Payments

Regional priorities include:

- Regional Transportation Priorities
- Willamette Falls Locks

These priorities were outlined in the Federal Agenda Briefing Book submitted to the Board in March.

In March, then County Chair Peterson and Commissioners Bernard and Lininger visited Washington, D.C. to promote the County's federal agenda by meeting with Congressional members and staff and agency representatives.

In July, Commissioner Damon met with Congressional members and staff also to promote the County's federal agenda.

The County contracts with the lobbying firm Ball Janik to develop and implement strategies to accomplish County goals. Today, the Ball Janik team is present to discuss the current federal climate and update the Board on the status of the County's federal priorities. Attached is a memo from Ball Janik.

Public and Government Affairs (PGA) continues to work closely with the Board of Commissioners, County Administration and County departments to develop strategies and approaches to pursue federal funding for important County projects and to guide federal policy issues that have the potential to impact Clackamas County. PGA also continues to build and maintain effective partnerships with the Congressional delegation members and staff to work together on these shared priorities.

QUESTION PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Does the Board reaffirm the County's 2011 Federal Agenda or are there any revisions to previously identified priorities?

OPTIONS AVAILABLE:

1. Reaffirm the County's 2011 Federal Agenda.
2. Direct staff to investigate or research additional priorities for consideration.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff recommends the Board reaffirm the County's 2011 Federal Agenda. Today's session is also an opportunity to answer any questions about the federal agenda and discuss future steps and opportunities.

SUBMITTED BY:

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