



**MULTNOMAH COUNTY**  
**AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST (short form)**

**Board Clerk Use Only**

**Meeting Date:** 5/26/11  
**Agenda Item #:** R.6  
**Est. Start Time:** 10:30 am  
**Date Submitted:** 5/18/11

<b>Agenda Title:</b>	<b>Directing Proceeds from the Disposition of the Morrison Bridgehead Property to Help Fund a New or Remodeled Downtown Courthouse</b>
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*Note: If Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation, provide exact title. For all other submissions, provide a clearly written title.*

<b>Requested Meeting Date:</b>	<u>May 26, 2011</u>	<b>Amount of Time Needed:</b>	<u>15 minutes</u>
<b>Department:</b>	<u>Non Departmental</u>	<b>Division:</b>	<u>Shiprack, Kafoury</u>
<b>Contact(s):</b>	<u>Matthew Lashua, Beckie Lee</u>		
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<b>Presenter(s):</b>	<u>Judge Jean Maurer, Stephen T. Janik, Sandra McDonough, Sarah J. Crooks</u>		

**General Information**

**1. What action are you requesting from the Board?**

Approval of Resolution

**2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer this action affects and how it impacts the results.**

Multnomah County is required by state statute to provide a courthouse for the delivery of justice to the citizens of Multnomah County. An average of 3,000 visitors walk through the front door of the Multnomah County Courthouse each day. The current Courthouse is inadequate and beyond useful service life in its current condition.

Over the past 20 years there have been numerous studies on how to address the long-term facilities needs of the state courts in Multnomah County. Over the past year, Commissioners Shiprack and Kafoury have convened work groups to examine previous proposals for the Downtown Courthouse, options for its rehabilitation and/or replacement, and a financing structure. A recommendation will be forthcoming.

Whatever the recommendation, it is in the interest of the county to use funds form the disposition of the Morrison Bridgehead property in the downtown core area of Portland to fund the rehabilitation or replacement of the Downtown Courthouse.

**3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).**

The Chair's office issued a request for proposals for the acquisition and redevelopment of the Morrison Bridgehead property. Any proceeds from that disposition will be earmarked for use toward rehabilitation or replacement efforts for the Downtown Courthouse.

**4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.**

In 2006, the Multnomah County Board of County Commissioners adopted resolution 06-121, stating an intention to earmark funds from the sale of the Morrison Bridgehead property for the use of a downtown courthouse.

In 2007, the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners secured \$9 million in Downtown Urban Renewal Funding from the Portland Development Commission. Part of the MOU describes the county to make good faith efforts toward a new courthouse and full development potential for the Morrison Bridgehead.

[See the 2006 Resolution](#)

[See the 2007 Memorandum of Understanding](#)

[See the 2007 IGA](#)

**5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.**

Throughout 2010 and 2011, Commissioners Shiprack and Kafoury convened work groups to examine previous proposals for the Downtown Courthouse, options for its rehabilitation and/or replacement, and a financing structure. The work groups included judges and administrators for the courts, business leaders in the community, capital development experts and other community members and stakeholders.

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## ATTACHMENT A

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### Required Signatures

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Elected Official or  
Department/  
Agency Director:



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