

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION NO. _____

Directing Proceeds from the Disposition of the Morrison Bridgehead Property to Help Fund a New or Remodeled Downtown Courthouse

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. Oregon Revised Statute § 1.185 requires Multnomah County to “[p]rovide suitable and sufficient courtrooms, office and jury rooms for the court, the judges, other officers and employees of the court and juries in attendance upon the court, and provide maintenance and utilities for those courtrooms, offices and jury rooms.”
- b. There have been at least 25 separate studies on the Downtown Courthouse to replace or rehabilitate it since 1968.
- c. Since 2006, the Board of County Commissioners adopted several resolutions related to the earmarking of proceeds from the sale of the Morrison Bridgehead property.
- d. Resolution 06-121 established the 2006 Board of County Commissioner’s intent that “[a]ll net proceeds from the sale of the property shall be deposited in the County’s General Reserve Fund and earmarked for use toward a downtown courthouse site”.
- e. Resolutions 07-055 and 07-147, and the attached Memorandum of Understanding and Intergovernmental Agreements, established the 2007 Board of County Commissioner’s intent and agreement to make good faith efforts toward the development of a new or remodeled downtown courthouse.
- f. The 2007 Memorandum of Understanding attached to resolution 07-055 states that “the County agree[s] that the timely redevelopment of the Morrison Bridgehead properties . . . would both provide revenue for the new courthouse from the sales proceeds and be of significant benefit to the City.”
- g. In 2010, 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. A recommendation is expected to be presented to the Board in 2011.
- h. In February, 2011 the Chair’s office issued a request for proposals for the acquisition and redevelopment of the Morrison Bridgehead property. This parcel of land is located at the eastern edge of the central business district and retail core of downtown Portland.

- i. It is in the interest of the county to use funds from the disposition of the Morrison Bridgehead property in the downtown core area of Portland to fund the rehabilitation or replacement of the Downtown Courthouse, also in the downtown core area of Portland.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:

1. It is the intent of the Board that proceeds from the disposition of the Morrison Property be earmarked for use toward rehabilitation or replacement efforts for the Downtown Courthouse.

ADOPTED this 26th day of May, 2011:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

Jeff Cogen, Chair

REVIEWED:

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FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

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