



# MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

(revised 03/25/11)

### Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date:	<u>7/21/11</u>
Agenda Item #:	<u>R.8</u>
Est. Start Time:	<u>11:15 am approx.</u>
Date Submitted:	<u>7/13/11</u>

**Agenda Title:** RESOLUTION Authorizing Issuance of a Permit to Close the **Hawthorne Bridge for the PDX Bridge Festival**

*Note: If Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation, provide exact title. For all other submissions, provide a clearly written title sufficient to describe the action requested.*

<b>Requested Meeting Date:</b>	<u>July 21, 2011</u>	<b>Amount of Time Needed:</b>	<u>15 minutes</u>
<b>Department:</b>	<u>Community Services</u>	<b>Division:</b>	<u>Land Use &amp; Transportation</u>
<b>Contact(s):</b>	<u>Brian Vincent, County Engineer</u>		
<b>Phone:</b>	<u>503-988-5050</u>	<b>Ext.</b>	<u>29642</u>
<b>Presenter Name(s) &amp; Title(s):</b>	<u>Brian Vincent, County Engineer and Mike Pullen, Public Affairs Coordinator</u>		

## General Information

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

Approve Resolution authorizing issuance of a permit to close the Hawthorne Bridge to vehicle and river traffic, for the PDX Bridge Festival's annual Brunch on the Bridge community event on Saturday, August 6 from midnight to 8 p.m. and permitting alcohol service at the event.

### 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.

The [PDX Bridge Festival](#) is a local non-profit organization dedicated to educating the public about Portland's Willamette River bridges and organizing community events that use art to celebrate the bridges. In 2010, in honor of the Hawthorne Bridge's Centennial, the organization launched an annual, citywide cultural arts festival, which included the first Brunch on the Hawthorne Bridge. The festival plans to repeat this event on Saturday, August 6, as part of the 2011 festival. A closure to bridge traffic is needed for event set-up and take down and for the public to safely attend the event, which takes places from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Board approval is also required to allow the festival to serve champagne cocktails at the brunch. The festival plans to organize celebrations to mark the centennials of the Union Pacific Railroad's Steel Bridge in 2012 and of the County's Broadway Bridge in 2013.

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

The Department of Community Services is providing limited in kind support to the event, such as permitting and traffic control. The rationale is that the mission of the festival is to educate the public about the county's Willamette River bridges and organize community events that celebrate the county's bridges.

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

County Code MCC 29-700 "Bridge Special Events" provides the authority and requirements for a closure of this type. Notice to potentially affected areas and parties as described in the ordinance will be provided by the County Communications Office. This closure will require US Coast Guard approval since river traffic will be impeded. Staff will review and approve any potential structural integrity impacts to the bridge. Construction work on the Morrison Bridge is likely to increase congestion on downtown bridges during the proposed Saturday Hawthorne Bridge closure, but will not impact peak commute traffic. The County will have reviewed and approved a traffic control plan with an emphasis on coordination with the City of Portland's Traffic Engineer regarding those streets and routes most impacted. The applicant will provide for emergency medical coverage during the closures and has provided assurance that any potentially hazardous materials will be handled in a manner consistent with applicable State and Federal regulations. The applicant will obtain needed approvals from the Oregon Liquor Control Commission and the City of Portland to allow alcohol to be served at the event.

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

As provided in County Code MCC 29-700 the County's Communications Office (formerly the Public Affairs Office) will provide notice of this meeting giving the public opportunity to comment on the proposed application. Should the resolution be adopted additional notice will be provided.

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**Required Signature**

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Elected Official or  
Department/  
Agency Director:



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