

# FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

## For Council Action Items

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4a. To be filed (date) April 6, 2011	4b. Calendar (Check One) Regular      Consent 4/5ths x <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	5. Date Submitted to FPD Budget Analyst:	

**1) Legislation Title:**

Authorizes an Intergovernmental Agreement with Oregon Consensus, National Policy Consensus Center-Portland State University for \$14,000 to assess issues related to sedimentation and the need for maintenance dredging in the Central and South reaches of the Willamette River.

**2) Purpose of the Proposed Legislation:**

The above funding will support an assessment of issues related to maintenance dredging of sediment for public and private property owners along the Willamette River. Members of the Office of Healthy Working Rivers Advisory Committee raised concerns about the cost of maintenance dredging and the process to get such dredging permitted. This is an issue for Portland parks facilities as well as commercial docks, private docks and floating homes. The product of this IGA will be a report identifying key issues related to sedimentation and maintenance dredging and recommendations for possible next steps to resolve key issues identified in the assessment process.

**3) Revenue:**

**Will this legislation generate or reduce current or future revenue coming to the City? If so, by how much? If new revenue is generated please identify the source.**

The legislation does not impact revenues.

**4) Expense:**

**What are the costs to the City as a result of this legislation? What is the source of funding for the expense? (Please include costs in the current fiscal year as well as costs in future years) (If the action is related to a grant or contract please include the local contribution or match required)**

The legislation will result in an expenditure of \$14,000 to pay Oregon Consensus, Portland State University for the assessment performed under this intergovernmental agreement. Funding for this program was included in the Office of Healthy Working Rivers FY 2010-2011 approved budget.

**Staffing Requirements:**

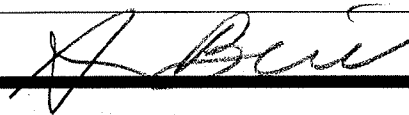
**5) Will any positions be created, eliminated or re-classified in the current year as a result of this legislation? (If new positions are created please include whether they will be part-time, full-time, limited term or permanent positions. If the position is limited term please indicate the end of the term.)**

No staff will be created, eliminated or re-classified as a result of this legislation.

**6) Will positions be created or eliminated in future years as a result of this legislation?**

No positions will be created or eliminated in future years as a result of this legislation.

Ann Beier, Director Office of Healthy Working Rivers



APPROPRIATION UNIT HEAD (Typed name and signature)

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OFFICE OF HEALTHY WORKING RIVERS

1120 SW Fifth Ave., #1000, Portland, OR 97204 ♦ Commissioner Amanda Fritz ♦ Ann Beier, Director

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TO: Commissioner Amanda Fritz

THROUGH: Patti Howard

FROM: Ann Beier

DATE: March 22, 2011

RE: Intergovernmental Agreement with Oregon Consensus-National Policy Consensus Center, Portland State University to assess issues related to sedimentation and the need for maintenance dredging in the Central and South reaches of the Willamette River. (Ordinance)

Requested Council Hearing Date: April 6, 2011

I. RECOMMENDATION

Authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement with Oregon Consensus-National Policy Consensus Center, Portland State University to assess issues related to sedimentation and the need for maintenance dredging in the Central and South reaches of the Willamette River. (Ordinance)

II. BACKGROUND

This project was identified as a priority by members of the Office of Healthy Working Rivers (OHWR) Advisory Committee. Members reported that sediment in the river builds up and impacts public and private uses of the river including marinas, boat ramps, park facilities and floating homes. Dredging of sediment is subject to regulatory requirements and management and disposal of dredged materials may be expensive. It is critical for watershed health that dredging and dredge material disposal be conducted in a manner that minimizes any environmental impact.

In response to the Advisory Committee, OHWR determined that it would be useful to have an independent assessment of the nature and extent of issues related to maintenance dredging. The assessment would be the basis for a report with recommendations to the OHWR and the Advisory Committee.

### Project Goals

- Determine and report on the nature and extent of sedimentation in the South and Central Reaches of the Willamette River based on a review and analysis of existing data sources.

### Project Elements

- Analysis of existing information on sedimentation in the South and Central Reaches of the Willamette River in Portland. Interviews with parties who have or need to conduct maintenance dredging to address sedimentation impacts to their floating homes, docks or other facilities. Case study of permitting activity related to Willamette Park's maintenance dredging project.
- Identification of costs associated with maintenance dredging.
- Assessment of permitting requirements.
- Final product will be a report identifying key issues related to sedimentation and maintenance dredging and recommendations for possible next steps to resolve key issues identified in the assessment process.

### III. FINANCIAL IMPACT

The Office of Healthy Working Rivers is committing \$14,000 to fund this Intergovernmental Agreement with Oregon Consensus – Portland State University. Funds are available in the Office of Healthy Working River's FY 2010-2011 budget.

### IV. LEGAL ISSUES

None

### V. CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES

None

### VI. LINK TO CURRENT CITY POLICIES

This project will help with our understanding of watershed health issues related to maintenance dredging. It may also help identify more cost-effective methods to address sedimentation issues in the Willamette River's South and Central reaches.

### VII. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

The OHWR's Advisory Committee will be directly involved in this project and will be asked to participate in reviewing final reports. Members of the public will be interviewed as part of the assessment.

## VIII. OTHER GOVERNMENT PARTICIPATION

This project will involve the Bureau of Environmental Services, Portland Parks, the State of Oregon's Department of State Lands, the Army Corps of Engineers, other appropriate regulatory agencies and other partners with an interest in this issue. Although the project scope is limited to the South and Central Reach of the Willamette, the Port of Portland may also be engaged in the project.

## X. FINANCIAL IMPACT ON LOCAL ECONOMY

IF APPLICABLE, PROVIDE INFORMATION ON ESTIMATED  
NUMBER OF JOBS CREATED BY THIS ACTION

Not applicable.

IF THIS ACTION IS CONTRACT-RELATED, PROVIDE  
INFORMATION ON M/W/ESB PARTICIPATION (NUMBER AND  
PERCENTAGE)

Not applicable.

XI. IF THIS IS A CONTRACT, DOES CONTRACTOR HAVE A CURRENT  
BUSINESS LICENSE? \_\_\_\_\_ WHAT IS THEIR BUSINESS LICENSE  
NUMBER? \_\_\_\_\_ IS THEIR ACCOUNT WITH THE CITY CURRENT?  
\_\_\_\_\_ IF NOT, HOW MUCH IS OWING? \_\_\_\_\_

Not applicable.