

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: *Authorize joint application with the Port of Portland to the U.S. Department of Transportation for a TIGER 7 Discretionary grant in the amount of \$11,033,000 for the Portland Marine Terminal Freight and Jobs Access Project (Ordinance)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

The purpose is to authorize the City to apply for federal grant funding for constructing a grade separated overcrossing of North Rivergate Boulevard and the Union Pacific Railroad to address on-going roadway blockages in a major industrial employment district. This project supports the policy objectives of the adopted Portland Freight Master Plan to develop a safe, reliable and efficient freight system and coordination and partnerships in planning and funding freight infrastructure improvements.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

This request is to apply for federal TIGER grant funding and there is no additional funding obligations associated with this request. If this legislation is not approved then the City will need to seek other potential funding sources for project construction.

The total estimated project cost is \$19,253,000, and project partners are requesting \$11,033,000 in TIGER 7 Discretionary Grant funds. The Port of Portland and City of Portland are partnering to contribute \$5,000,000 for local match which represents 26% towards the total project cost. Local match in the amount of \$2,500,000 will be provided by funds from City of Portland Transportation System Development Charges (TSDC) for the Rivergate Overcrossing segment of this project. A separate ordinance accompanying this ordinance will modify the project description for the N Lombard (Rivergate to T-6) Multi-Modal Improvements identified in the City's 2007 TSDC Capital Improvement Projects list to include the project area improvements to North Rivergate Boulevard.

Community impacts and community involvement:

This project is located in North Portland which contains a workforce population with a significantly higher percentage of African-American (12 percent) and Latino (24 percent) populations and lower-income households compared with the rest of Multnomah County, which has a 6 percent African-American population and a 10 percent Latino population. Based on U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics data, the manufacturing, wholesale trade, transportation, and construction sectors provide primarily middle-income jobs and are a major source of middle-income and upward-mobility jobs for communities of color. In 2008, manufacturing and transportation sectors made up 18 percent of jobs held by people of color in Multnomah County, compared to 10 percent of the jobs held by white employees. This project will assist the economic productivity of labor in the St. Johns neighborhood area, which is designated by the Oregon Business Development Department as Economically Distressed, by removing transportation

barriers and creating better access to a major industrial employment center and the family-wage jobs and training they provide.

PBOT and Port staff held several public involvement meetings with South Rivergate stakeholders and this project is supported by the Port of Portland, Evraz Steel and a variety of business located in South Rivergate through previous letters of support from other grant funding requests for this project.

Budgetary Impact Worksheet

Does this action change appropriations?

- YES: Please complete the information below.
- NO: Skip this section

Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount

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