

Priority: Accountability
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating
Related Programs:

Lead Agency: District 1
Program Contact: Maria Rojo de Steffey

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Commissioner Maria Rojo de Steffey is an elected official who sets policy. Her mission is to represent the County and listen to concerns and ideas from the community, provide constituents with high quality customer service and encourage citizen involvement in County government.

Program Description

Commissioner Maria Rojo de Steffey represents a portion of the inner east side and all of Multnomah County area west of the Willamette River. Her priorities include issues related to the elderly, transportation, supporting alcohol and drug treatment programs, sustainability, youth and the economic stability of the County.

Program Justification

Morrison Property: Human remains were discovered at the property. Commissioner Rojo identified funds to demolish the building, leveraged funds from Portland to abate the cement and donated the land to Metro. Her plan was presented to the BCC and supported unanimously. As Metro works with the public on next steps, Commissioner Rojo will collaborate on this project representing Multnomah County.

Sauvie Island Bridge: Final design & Right of way completed, contractor selected. Commissioner Rojo broke ground on construction of a new bridge in January 2006 (on time). A member of the project team, she will participate in public involvement with all stakeholders on this project.

The Sellwood Bridge: Commissioner Rojo secured \$23.3 million for the project in one year's time. In March of 2006, the first phase (NEPA process and public involvement) will begin. She will explore the possibility of a public-private partnership through ODOT and continue to seek funding. Commissioner Rojo is a member of the project team and chairs the Sellwood Bridge Policy Advisory Group. She will participate in a comprehensive public involvement process.

Roads Transfer: Commissioner Rojo introduced a Resolution stating it is in the best interest of Multnomah County and the City of Gresham to transfer jurisdiction over county roads within the City of Gresham to the City by January 2006. Four IGA's were unanimously supported by the BCC and Gresham City Council including Roads Transfer, Maintenance, signal and lease.

Commissioner Rojo will continue her support for sustainable policies, practices and initiatives and will continue her support for the arts. She is a staunch advocate for funding of services for elders and will continue her work through the County budget process and state legislature. Commissioner Rojo will continue to look at ways to ensure social services reach those in need and she will promote and work for basic human rights.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY04-05)	Current Year Purchased (FY05-06)	Current Year Estimate (FY05-06)	Next Year Offer (FY06-07)
Output	# of constituents who wrote letters and were responded to in writing	218	64	100	120
Outcome	# of constituent letters responded to in writing in under 2 weeks time	207	55	90	110

Performance Measure - Description

Of the \$23.3m Commissioner Rojo secured for the Sellwood bridge, \$7m was from federal funding (Transportation Reauthorization) which was high on the BCC's priorities and on the list for our federal agenda. The \$23.3m was secured in one year's time.

In January of 2006, Commissioner Rojo broke ground on construction of a new Sauvie Island Bridge. Full funding was secured for a new Sauvie Island bridge in just over 2 years time. Construction of a new bridge is consistent with the project timeline and is recognized as critical to our regional economy. The project will create over 500 new jobs.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Multnomah County Code provides for the following:

§ 3.101 Legislative Staff.

The Board may employ and fix the compensation of persons it considers necessary for the conduct of its legislative function. The persons employed shall constitute and be designated the legislative staff of the county.

§ 3.104 Expenses Of Board And Legislative Staff.

The budget of the county each year may provide a sum of money allocated to the Board for the purpose of paying Board expenses, including salaries, wages and expenses of the legislative staff.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2006	2006	2007	2007
Personnel	\$312,193	\$0	\$330,776	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$11,500	\$0	\$11,600	\$0
Internal Services	\$6,307	\$0	\$4,328	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$330,000	\$0	\$346,704	\$0
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$330,000	\$0	\$346,704	\$0
Program Total:	\$330,000		\$346,704	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	3.80	0.00
Program Revenues				
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

The BCC offices are funded by the County general fund.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #10044, District 1 - Office of Commissioner Maria Rojo de Steffey
None anticipated. Work will continue on key projects identified above.