I. Title: Sustainable Cities Initiative Research Hub

II. Abstract:
The Sustainable Cities Initiative (SCI) is an existing, well-established, award-winning, internationally recognized, multi-disciplinary effort focusing on sustainability, an area of deep strength at the UO and an area of urgent national and international importance. SCI’s work spans five UO schools and colleges (AAA, Law, Journalism, CAS, Business) and works across all institutional functions, including education via its internationally recognized Sustainable City Year Program (SCYP), applied research via more than $1,000,000 in externally funded research over the last four years, service to Oregon communities, reforming higher education nationally through nationalization of SCYP, policy engagement through submission of Congressional testimony, and international professional training in China and Africa. SCI already functions as a cross-disciplinary hub of activity, in part due to its award winning, cross-disciplinary pedagogical model - SCYP - and in part due to cross-disciplinary research and training work. There exists an enormous potential to expand this cross-disciplinary activity and transform SCI into a nationally and internationally recognized think-tank on Sustainability and the Built Environment. Our focus is on sustainable urbanism, which squarely addresses the planning, design, policy, and economics of cities with an explicit interest in linking rigorous research with policy change and professional implementation. The proposed faculty positions would be supported 60% in a tenured home department and 40% in SCI with expectations that a portion of FTE will be directed toward SCI-oriented service, including leading symposia, developing new initiatives, organizing complex grants, etc., This cluster hire would be a significant investment that would transform an area full of individual strengths, to a coordinated think-tank that raises UO’s international prominence.

III. Proposing Faculty
Cluster Coordinators: Nico Larco (SCI Co-Director / Architecture)
Marc Schlossberg (SCI Co-Director / PPPM)
Name: Adell Amos (Law)
Heather Brinton (Environmental and Natural Resources Law)

IV. College/Units Involved
Dean(s): AAA – Frances Bronet (LEAD), Law - Michael Moffitt
Department(s): Sustainable Cities Initiative (technically not a college or unit) (LEAD), PPPM, Architecture, Law

V. Number and Level of each New Position Proposed:
Professor in Land Use and Green Development Law – Associate or Full. Law School.
Professor in Sustainable Real Estate – Associate or Full. AAA – PPPM Program.
Professor in Transportation Modeling and Metrics – Associate or Full. AAA – PPPM Program.
Professor in Sustainable Urban Design – Associate or Full. AAA – Architecture Program.

Working with Cluster of Excellence proposers and participating deans, central administration will refine specific hiring plans based on available facilities, funding and institutional support structures.