



Updates

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A Community Newsletter
Summer 2005
of Washington County's Department of Land Use and Transportation

You have been asking...What's next on the MSTIP capital project list?



Looking east at Farmington and Kinnaman

Washington County and our partner cities are looking ahead to the next six years of Major Streets Transportation Improvements. The county commissioners are recommending these projects because they:

- improve safety
- reduce bottlenecks
- are used by residents of more than one city
- rank as a county or city priority
- address several transportation demands (cars, trucks, bikes, pedestrians, transit)
- are geographically balanced, providing fairness to residents all around the county

Here are the new projects we propose to complete between 2007 and 2012:

- **185th from Kinnaman to TV Hwy** - three lanes with bike and pedestrian facilities
- **Farmington Rd. from 170th to Kinnaman** - widen to three lanes with bike and pedestrian facilities
- **Scholls Ferry Bridge** - replace county bridge between Allen Blvd. and Denney Road
- **Murray Blvd. from Hwy 26 to Cornell** - widen to five lanes with bike and pedestrian facilities
- **Beaverton-Hillsdale/Oleson/Scholls Intersection** - preliminary engineering work only
- **185th from Westview HS to West Union** - widen to five lanes with bike and pedestrian facilities
- **Bethany Blvd. from Bronson to West Union** - widen to five lanes with bike and pedestrian facilities
- **Saltzman Road from Cornell to Burton** - widen to three lanes, intersection improvements with bike lanes and pedestrian facilities
- **Cornelius Pass Bridge** - replace one or both bridges between Baseline and Cornell Roads
- **SE County Arterial** - supplemental funding for local access to I-5 / 99W connector
- **Tualatin-Sherwood Road Improvements** - preliminary engineering work only
- **92nd Avenue Bridge** - replace bridge between Garden Home and Scholls Ferry Roads
- **West Union/Helvetia Intersection** - add turn lanes and bike facilities
- **Brookwood from TV Hwy to East Main** - widen to three lanes with bike and pedestrian facilities
- **Jackson School Bridge** - replace county bridge between Evergreen and Scotch Church Roads
- **Glencoe Bridge** - replace county bridge between Evergreen and Wren Roads
- **River Road Bridge** - replace bridge between Witch Hazel and Rood Bridge Roads
- **229th Avenue Bridge** - replace bridge between TV Highway and Rosedale Road
- **I-5 / 99W Connector** - corridor identification effort for a high capacity, limited access connector roadway between I-5 and OR 99W
- A section of **Walker Road west of Murray** - project based on results of corridor analysis
- **Scholls Ferry Road from Barrows to Teal** - design and possible construction of interim three lane arterial with bike and pedestrian facilities

The county commissioners will make a final decision this fall, but first they want to hear from you. What do you think of this list? See any fatal flaws? Please send your comments via e-mail to lutproj@co.washington.or.us, or call 503-846-7800, or write Dan Brown, Capital Projects Manager, Washington County DLUT, 1400 SW Walnut Street, MS 18, Hillsboro, OR 97123. For more information and a map, please check our Web site at www.wc-roads.com.

Measure 37 latest

As of late July Washington County has received 288 Measure 37 claims, a steady stream of about two or three per day. Five have been rejected as invalid, four were withdrawn, and 48 have been approved. About half are for a single home on a lot of record or one additional lot that would be eligible for a house. Although we have had some pre-application meetings, we cannot accept actual development applications from these property owners until they also receive Measure 37 waivers from the state (if required). Receiving waivers does not mean property owners can build whatever they desire. Health and safety requirements – water, sewer/septic and road access - all must be accounted for. For more information, please call 503-846-8761 or check our Web site at www.co.washington.or.us/dept/mls/lu/land_dev/37letter.htm

In Roads for Fish...Henry Hagg Lake, a summer treasure

Henry Hagg Lake and Scoggins Valley Park have been described as a "hidden gem in the western foothills of Washington County." Getting there is easy. Just go west on Highway 8 (TV Hwy) through Hillsboro until you see the Forest Grove junction with Highway 47. Go left (south) on Highway 47 until you see the Hagg Lake/Scoggins Valley Park signs (5.9 miles). Turn right at the signs and drive straight to the park entrance (3.7 miles). Print out a map from www.co.washington.or.us/dept/mls/sup_serv/fac_mgt/parks/haggmap.htm as a guide or ask the attendant at the gate for information.

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Henry Hagg Lake

The park has nominal fees for day use, season passes, and group picnic reservations. Call 503-846-8715 or 503-359-5732 for information and reservations. The facilities include special trails, picnic sites, boat launches and docks, ramps, pathways, restrooms and parking for the disabled.

On the Road Again...coming this summer to a roadway near you

SW Baseline Road - 201st to 231st Avenues

This project will improve the existing two-lane road to five lanes with sidewalks. Kerr Contractors continues work on both bridges. The south half of the existing roadway will be raised eight feet and paved to complete the five lanes. Landscaping, street lighting and wetland enhancement work will complete the project by December 2005. www.deainc.com/baseline.

NW Cornell and Barnes Roads – Cedar Mill

This project widens Cornell Road to three lanes and Barnes Road to five lanes. Work on the storm sewer installations and underground utility construction is expected to be complete by the end of the summer along Barnes. Traffic has been switched to the south side of Cornell so that road sub-grade construction can begin on the north side. Substantial completion is targeted for December 2005. www.co.washington.or.us/deptmts/lut/cap_proj/cornell.htm.

Cornelius Pass Rd - Johnson to Frances

This project will widen Cornelius Pass Road and provide intersection and safety improvements, sidewalks, bike facilities and streetlights. Improvements along Ladd Acres School should be finished before Labor Day. Construction began in July and the estimated completion date is December 2005. www.co.washington.or.us/deptmts/lut/cap_proj/crnls_psl.

Phillip Harris Bridge – Tualatin River at Farmington Road

This project is replacing the unsafe 70-year-old wooden bridge with a new concrete bridge. Wildish Standard Paving demolished the old bridge and is now driving piles for the new and improved one. Next come retaining walls, roadway fill, paving, guard-rails and wetland enhancements. Please note that the contractor has obtained a permit that allows them to start work at 6 a.m. and work until 8 p.m. The bridge is scheduled to open by Thanksgiving 2005. ODOT and Federal Highway Administration are providing funding. www.co.washington.or.us/deptmts/lut/cap_proj/p_harris/default.htm.

SW Walker Road at SW 158th Avenue

This project will add a right turn lane from Walker Road north onto 158th. Construction began July 15; the estimated completion date is mid-August. Funding comes from Traffic Improvement Fees (TIF) and a grant from State Farm Insurance. For questions or more information please call 503-846-7800 or e-mail lutproj@co.washington.or.us.

SW Walnut Street – 121st to 135th Avenues

This project will add a new center lane, sidewalks, bike lanes and streetlights. Walnut Street is closed between 122nd and 128th until August 31, 2005 – please use Gaarde and 121st. The estimated completion date is spring 2006. www.co.washington.or.us/deptmts/lut/cap_proj/walnut.htm.

Timber Road Bridge at Beaver Creek

This project is removing a culvert and constructing a new bridge in its place. The new bridge will accommodate two 12-foot travel lanes with four-foot shoulders. The contractor has completed pile driving for both bridge footings. A road closure is in effect until September 6, 2005. The estimated completion date is December 2005. For more information call 503-846-7800 or e-mail lutproj@co.washington.or.us.

Transportation improvements in your near future

170th/173rd – Steele Park to Walker Rd

(November) www.co.washington.or.us/deptmts/lut/cap_proj/170173.htm



SW Oleson – Fanno Creek to Hall Boulevard (September)

www.co.washington.or.us/deptmts/lut/cap_proj/oleson.htm



Lombard from Broadway to Farmington (September)

www.co.washington.or.us/deptmts/lut/cap_proj/lombar.htm

19th & 20th Avenue in Cornelius

(August) www.co.washington.or.us/deptmts/lut/cap_proj/19th20th.htm

143rd & Burton Signal (November)

BYOB – Buy Your Own Bump?

In 1994 the Board of Commissioners adopted the Neighborhood Streets Program (NSP). It was revised in 2001. Since then, Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue (TVF&R) published new guidelines for traffic calming to help insure reasonable emergency response times, the original NSP scoring systems needed fine-tuning, and citizens asked for a Buy-Your-Own Program for residential speed cushions. Under the 2005 proposed NSP plan all neighborhood traffic calming projects, except for routine installations not on emergency response routes, will adhere to TVF&R guidelines. The scoring system is clarified, and neighborhoods that meet warrants will have the option of paying for speed cushions. Click on http://www.co.washington.or.us/deptmts/lut/eng_srvy/nsp.htm for the details, or call 503-846-7949 and let us know what you think.

Planning, Parks and Bull Mountain

Discussions continue about providing certain public services in the urban unincorporated area around Bull Mountain near Tigard. Aiming to provide more clarity, the Board of Commissioners asked planning staff to write seven papers addressing planning and park issues in the area. The issue papers can be found at http://www.co.washington.or.us/deptmts/lut/planning/docs/WorkProgram/wp_issuepapers.htm. The biggest surprises are the costs of park LID's, the fact that county R-6 zones actually allow for more units than the city's R-7 in most cases, and that Measure 37 has a very large bearing on any hoped-for

solutions. CPO 4B is asking the Board of Commissioners to put off taking any formal action on these issues until September 27.

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For the latest on road construction and maintenance, go to:

www.wc-roads.com

For the latest County news:

www.co.washington.or.us

Citizen Involvement Calendar

Planning Commission meets 1st Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. 3rd Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Auditorium, Public Services Building 155 N 1st Ave., Hillsboro
Contact: Angela Brown, 846-3968

Rural Roads Operations and Maintenance Advisory Committee (RRMAC) meets 3rd Thursday @ 7:30 a.m. Training Room 1, Walnut Street Center 1400 SW Walnut Ave., Hillsboro
Contact: Stacia Sheelar, 846-7623
www.co.washington.or.us/rrmac

Board of County Commissioners meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. 4th Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Auditorium, Public Services Building 155 N 1st Ave., Hillsboro
Contact: Noreen Lee, 846-8685

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