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## Washington County Bicycle and Pedestrian Related Updates

**December 17, 2012**

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### **School Sidewalk Action Plan** (Schedule: January thru August 2015)

Project to inventory the existing pedestrian network and identify gaps and deficiencies for approx. 50 public elementary, middle and high schools in the County or substantially impacted by County roads. The inventory will include a 1-mile radius and generate lists of potential improvement projects for discussion with each school and school district. While walking access is the primary focus, existing transit stops and bicycle lanes that provide access to high schools will also be included in the inventory. A consultant is being contracted to help with the inventory work. Based on the outcome of the County and school meetings, staff will work together to prioritize the potential projects and develop planning level cost estimates, and document the analysis in a report.

### **Neighborhood Bikeway Plan –Pilot Project Grant Application** **(Award in March 2015 Project begin July 2015)**

In June 2014 the County completed the Neighborhood Bikeway Plan which identifies a network of low speed, low-traffic residential streets that offer alternatives to or complete gaps for cyclists on major streets. The plan will also identify tools and elements that could be used to make the routes more pleasant for people who live, walk, and bike on them. The County has applied for a METRO grant for \$148,000 to conduct a pilot project to implement Neighborhood Bikeways in one of the plan sub-areas (7 Rock Creek). The grant would fund design and installation of wayfinding signage, shared lane arrows, street sign toppers and an active transportation map for the neighborhood.

### **170<sup>th</sup> –Merlo Roadway Conceptual Design Plan**

The 170th/Merlo corridor between Baseline Road and Tualatin Valley Highway (TV Highway) is a critical north-south connection between residential neighborhoods, major employment hubs, transit lines, schools and parks. However, this corridor is not currently serving the needs of users, including pedestrians, cyclist, vehicles and people accessing transit. Sidewalks and bike lanes are missing in many places and traffic congestion is increasing. The 170th Avenue/Merlo Road Conceptual Design Plan will develop a preferred design for the corridor that welcomes all users, provides safe access to surrounding destinations and carefully considers impacts to properties and natural features.

<http://www.co.washington.or.us/170Merlo>

Project Advisory Committee Meeting:

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM, Wednesday, December 17, 2014

Beaverton School District Offices (16550 SW Merlo Rd.)

Community Open House:

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM, Thursday, January 15, 2015

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