



Updates

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

You have been asking... about the Quatama row houses

For Washington County's Department of Land Use and Transportation, human safety is job one. In April our Building Official took the rare step of posting six relatively new row homes as unsafe for habitation, due to lateral movement of the buildings that had resulted in severe cracking of the walls and foundation. The three-year-old owner-occupied town homes are in the Quatama neighborhood. Consulting with the Fire Marshal, officials had grave concerns about the safety of the gas and electric lines within the structures, as well as the structural integrity of the buildings. They met with the property owners to inform them that monitoring the settling and cracking would not be enough; the stress on the utility lines



and the shifting of the structures meant they had to leave to ensure their families' safety. The homeowners are in a process of assessing the damage and determining possible engineering solutions. For more information, please contact Building Services Supervisor Dan Stricker at 503-846-8100 or e-mail dan_stricker@co.washington.or.us

Si a Usted le interesa recibir este boletín de noticias en Español, comuníquese con Angie Aguilar al 503- 846-7819, o via correo electrónico: angie_aguilar@co.washington.or.us. Gracias.

InRoads for Fish – Summer culvert work will make fish happy

Operations and Maintenance is getting ready for a busy 2006 season. Contracts are going out for 21.5 miles of pavement overlay, 38.3 miles of slurry seal, at least one landslide repair, four bridge repairs, and seven culvert replacements. County crews will machine patch 7.9 miles, chip seal 30.5 miles, upgrade 2.8 miles from gravel to chip seal, and replace three culverts. In addition our crews will provide drainage maintenance (ditching), vegetation maintenance (mowing, trimming, chipping, spraying), bridge inspections and repairs, guardrail repairs, and sign and pavement marking replacements.

That's a lot of work...and all of it will be done in compliance with our Best Management Practices that ensure the protection of our natural environment. The culvert replacements, in particular, have a positive environmental impact. The new culverts are bigger – at least as wide as the original stream before the road was built – and they are constructed to be fish- and critter-friendly.

What's ahead in long-range Planning?

The 2006 Planning Division and Land Use Ordinance Work Program was approved by the Board of Commissioners on April 18. In addition to large-scale projects such as the North Bethany concept planning and the Transportation Funding Plan, ordinances scheduled for hearings this year include Goal 5 natural resource implementation changes, termination of the county-Tigard intergovernmental agreement for Bull Mountain and making conforming changes as a result of 2005 legislative actions. The Board also directed the county's Engineering Division to hold a neighborhood meeting with residents along SW Jamieson Road and to create design options for addressing speeding on the road. The Board asked that staff also develop a means of funding the various design options. For more information, please contact Joanne Rice at 503-846-3519. www.co.washington.or.us/dept/mis/luit/planning/docs/workpgm_2006.htm



Drive Less. Save More.

Think you have little control when it comes to getting stuck in traffic? Think again! Trip chaining, or combining several errands into one trip, is an easy way to cut down on your road time, and save money, too. It's part of a new campaign developed by ODOT, Metro, TriMet, Washington County, Clark County and many other partners: Drive Less/Save More. It takes a little planning, but is easy to do.

TOP WAYS TO TRIP CHAIN

1. Plan ahead: make a list.
2. Find the most efficient route; avoid backtracking.
3. Combine errands.
4. Use closer stores and restaurants.
5. Group your appointments together.
6. Consider one-stop shopping.
7. Count the time and money you save!



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For the latest on county roadwork:
www.wc-roads.com

To get involved with your local Citizen Participation Organization (CPO):
<http://extension.oregonstate.edu/washington>

On the Road Again – Coming to a roadway near you

Call 503-846-7800 for more information on any of these projects.

19th Avenue/Susbauer Road/20th Avenue Realignment in Cornelius. Estimated completion: May 2006

NW 143rd Avenue at Burton Street Traffic Signal Project. Estimated completion: May 16, 2006

SW Baseline Road widening and two new bridges– SW 201st to NW 231st. Estimated completion: Late spring 2006

Cornell/Barnes Project

Come join the fun at the completion celebration May 19, 2006, beginning at 2:30 p.m. in Bales Thriftway's front parking lot. The party will be kicked off with a "non-parade" of colorful merchants' and antique vehicles, driving the newly reconstructed roadways. The "Get a Life" brass band will add sparkle to the occasion. County Commissioner John Leeper and County Capital Project Manager Dan Brown will head the list of featured speakers. Refreshments will be served courtesy of Bales Thriftway.

The Cornell and Barnes Road project limits extend from Murray to Saltzman on Cornell and from Saltzman to the future 119th (near Stark Street) on Barnes Road. The emphasis was to address multi-modal transportation needs including features consistent with the goals of the Cedar Mill Town Center. <http://projects.ch2m.com/cornellbarnes>

Cornelius Pass Road - SW Johnson to SW Frances

Final paving, striping and landscaping will be completed as soon as conditions permit. Once striping is completed, traffic will be opened to all three lanes. Estimated completion: End of April 2006 (weather permitting). www.co.washington.or.us/deptmts/lut/cap_proj/crnls_ps/

NE Elam Young Parkway to NE Ray Circle on NE Cornell Road

Contractor Eagle-Elsner is re-constructing the existing islands to add bike lanes and improve street lighting. Underground boring work is in progress along the sides of the roadway to install wiring for new lighting. Expect one-lane traffic delays weekdays from 9 am to 4 pm. Estimated completion: May 2006.

Oleson Road - Fanno Creek to Hall Blvd.

Construction will begin in early June with clearing operations and relocation of overhead utilities. Contractor Emery and Sons will start work at Hall and work north toward Fanno Creek (Beaverton-Hillsdale Highway). Utility relocation will take most of 2006 to complete. This project will make intersection and safety improvements to the two existing travel lanes and add bike and sidewalk facilities the length of the corridor. Other improvements will include a traffic signal at 80th Avenue, illumination, drainage and utility upgrades. Estimated completion: November 2008. www.co.washington.or.us/deptmts/lut/cap_proj/oleson.htm

Susbauer Road/Council Creek Bridge replacement

2KG Contractors, Inc. is expected to begin work in July. They will remove the existing 75-foot-long bridge and construct a 145-foot-long, single span bridge with two 12-foot travel lanes, two six-foot shoulders/bike lanes, sidewalks and a railing on both sides. The existing grade will be raised eight feet. The bridge will be closed to all traffic starting in July. Estimated completion: November 2006

SW Walnut Street – SW 121st Avenue to SW 135th Avenue and SW Fern Street

Final paving and striping should be complete by mid-May. Punch list items and clean-up work will continue thru June. Estimated completion: June 2006. www.co.washington.or.us/deptmts/lut/cap_proj/walnut.htm

Answer the phone – it might be our Transportation Funding survey...

If you get a call one of these days asking your opinion on transportation funding, please answer. It's part of county efforts to get your views on how local officials should fund transportation system improvements and maintenance in the future. The cost of local improvements is approximately \$2.6 billion. Based on past trends, approximately \$1 billion might be available. The purpose of the funding plan development process -- expected to occur over the next 12 to 18 months -- is to decide how much of this gap we can or should fill.

Washington County residents have demonstrated a willingness to tackle these problems. Since 1986 local voter-approved initiatives, including the Major Streets Transportation Improvement Program (MSTIP) and the Traffic Impact Fee (TIF) have generated more than \$450 million for system improvements, and a voter-approved and funded Urban Road Maintenance District (URMD) has provided money for maintaining local neighborhood streets. How should we proceed from here? If you have questions—or answers!—please call Blair Crumpacker at 503-846-3878.

Measure 37 Update

On February 21st the Oregon Supreme Court unanimously overturned a decision by a Marion County Judge that Measure 37 was unconstitutional. Washington County has been busy processing claims, which now number 440. Of this number over one-half will have been approved some time during the month of May.

The first applications for building a new house on an existing lot and the partitioning of land have been submitted, with at least one request being accepted for development review. Several hundred new applications for a new house or the dividing of property will be submitted over the next year or so. During this process the county will apply the appropriate standards for development. Although some land development requirements will be waived, health and safety standards are not. Also, all of the usual notification and neighborhood meeting notices (if required) will be in effect. www.co.washington.or.us/deptmts/lut/land_dev/37letter.htm

Transportation improvements in your near future

May:

- Scholls Bridge at Groner's Corner
- Timber Bridge/Nehalem River
- Vernonia Bridge/Nehalem River

June:

- Sunset/Beal to University
- NW 205h Ave & NW Quatama Rd Signal
- Brookwood - Witch Hazel at TV Hwy
- 170th/173rd

July:

- Washington County Sidewalks (5 locations)
- Lombard/Broadway to Farmington

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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