



Updates

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Updates

A Community Newsletter
Autumn 2012

of Washington County's Department of Land Use and Transportation

Aloha-Reedville Study Update

In October, the community joined with the project team to celebrate possibilities for the future—and the study's midpoint—with an open house, a workshop and a community-wide celebration, which included entertainment, food and fun activities.

The community and its advisory committee have helped the Aloha-Reedville Study project team identify an array of concerns—and options for how to address those concerns. Aided by the community feedback we received in October, the project team will spend the next few months narrowing those options down to focus on alternatives that are realistic and can be implemented. We will be bringing those choices back to the community early next year for further input and refinement.



While we've received more than 2,500 comments so far, we encourage you to add your voice to the conversation! Visit the project website, www.co.washington.or.us/alohareedville to review materials, take the survey, or provide your thoughts through the comment box or comment map. An e-subscription is also available on the website - sign up to receive the latest project information.

Rules of the Road

Confused about what to do when you encounter a Flashing Yellow Arrow signal? We are here to help! Visit our Flashing Yellow Arrow web page for complete info (including a demonstration video) on how to properly navigate a flashing yellow arrow intersection: www.co.washington.or.us/LUT/TrafficSafety/DrivingSafety/flashing-yellow-arrows.cfm.

Drivers should stay behind the "stop bar" or pedestrian crosswalk when waiting to turn left—if you are in the intersection when the signal turns red, you may be ticketed. Be watchful for cyclists and pedestrians that may be approaching or crossing the intersection before you turn. Finally, be patient—remember, if you are unable to turn left safely on a Flashing Yellow Arrow, you will get a green left turn signal in the next cycle.

To report concerns with traffic signals, you can use the contact information provided for reporting road problems in "Click Worthy" below.



To find the Updates newsletter on the county web site:
www.co.washington.or.us/News/Newsletters

Washington County Transportation System Plan Update: www.tsp2035.com

Are you prepared for an emergency? Take 5 To Survive: www.take5tosurvive.com

News on major service disruptions in the Portland area: www.publicalerts.org

Washington County Code Compliance Resources:
www.co.washington.or.us/Sheriff/OtherServices/code-enforcement.cfm

Report a road problem or request a service: Call 503-846-ROAD (846-7623)
On the web at www.co.washington.or.us/LUT/Divisions/Operations/request-service.cfm
or email us at lutops@co.washington.or.us

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Be Seen and Be Safe

Riding a bike and walking are healthy, convenient and fun ways to get around. But with shorter days upon us, it's important to make sure you can be seen by motorists. On November 5, around 20 employees from the Department of Land Use and Transportation partnered with TriMet, the Washington County Sheriff's Office, the Beaverton and Hillsboro School Districts, AAA Oregon, the Oregon State University Extension Service, and other organizations as part of TriMet's annual Be Seen, Be Safe campaign.



We handed out lights and reflective items at several schools and TriMet stops around the county to encourage pedestrians and bicyclists to make themselves more visible.

Some additional tips to help keep you safe:

Bicyclists and Pedestrians:

- Be aware. Make eye contact with motorists and pedestrians before crossing paths.
- Obey all traffic laws, signs, lane markings and traffic lights.
- Pedestrians use crosswalks and sidewalks whenever possible.

Motorists:

- Watch for bicyclists and pedestrians, especially when it's dark.
- Drive at reasonable speeds and leave plenty of room when passing.

On the Road Again

Capital Projects Recently Completed

- **Glencoe Road** bridge replacement at McKay Creek.
- **Old Cornelius Pass Road** bridge replacement at Rock Creek.

Capital Projects Substantially Complete

- **119th Avenue** – Cornell Road to McDaniel Road sidewalk project.
- **Bull Mountain/Roshak Road** intersection project.

Capital Projects in Progress

- **Rock Creek Trail Crossing** at Evergreen Parkway signal project. *Estimated completion: November 30, 2012.*
- **Meacham Road** bridge replacement at East Fork Dairy Creek. *Estimated completion: November 30, 2012.*
- **Brookwood Avenue** – TV Highway to Baseline widening project. *Estimated completion: December 31, 2012.*
- **Scholls Ferry Road** bridge replacement at Fanno Creek (between Denney and Allen). *Estimated completion: May 31, 2013.*
- **Johnson School Road** bridge replacement at Davis Creek. *Estimated completion: June 3, 2013.*

Evergreen Road - 25th Avenue to 253rd Avenue widening project. Estimated completion: June 30, 2013.



- **Cornelius Pass Road** – Wilkins to Alocleck widening and bridge replacement at Rock Creek project. *Estimated completion: July 31, 2013.*
- **Bethany Boulevard** – Cornell Road to West Union Road widening project. *Estimated completion: June 30, 2014.*

Upcoming Projects

- **Boones Ferry Road** – Norwood Road to Day Street improvement project. *Estimated construction start: January 2013. Estimated completion: September 30, 2014.*
- **Leahy Road (90th to 88th) and Stark Street (at 88th)** Safe Routes to School project. *Estimated construction start: June 2013. Estimated completion: September 2013.*
- **Old Highway 47** bridge replacement at Scoggins Creek. *Estimated construction start: June 2013. Estimated completion: November 2013.*
- **Scholls Ferry Road** – Roy Rogers Road to Teal Boulevard widening project. *Estimated construction start: June 2013. Estimated completion: December 2014.*

For more details on Washington County road projects, visit www.wc-roads.com and click on “Construction Projects” or call 846-7800.

Bike and Ped Power

Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvement Prioritization Project

This project is nearly complete. We inventoried the 430 miles of major urban roadways in Washington County. With your input, we have identified areas where pedestrian and bicycle improvements would likely have the greatest impact on the largest number of existing and potential users. We considered factors such as safety, density, mix of uses, street connectivity, and proximity to transit, schools, parks, commercial centers and other essential destinations. Inventory and Suitability maps are available on the project website.

WASHINGTON COUNTY Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvement Prioritization Project

We’re now working to identify a list of 30-50 high priority needs, including generalized improvement costs. The list should be available on the project site by mid to late-November. Learn more and sign-up to the project’s email list by going to www.co.washington.or.us/bikeandped and clicking on the Prioritization Project link.

Bicycle Facility Design Toolkit

We’ve also finalized our Bicycle Facility Design Toolkit, which will help guide the design of future bicycle improvements on county roads. Our thanks to everyone who provided input on the draft earlier this year. For more information or to download a copy of the Toolkit, visit www.co.washington.or.us/bikeandped and click on the Bicycle Facility Design Toolkit project link.

Minor Improvement Projects Update

Through the county’s **Minor Betterment** and **Urban Road Maintenance District (URMD)** Safety Improvement programs, we’re also making smaller-scale transportation system improvements throughout the county. In October, the Minor Betterment Project Selection Committee recommended six projects for construction in the upcoming fiscal year (2013-14). In November, the URMD Advisory Committee will consider potential projects for the upcoming fiscal year.

For information, visit: www.co.washington.or.us/LUT/News/mbp-committee-recommends-six-projects.cfm and www.co.washington.or.us/URMD

Winter Road Readiness

Flooding, wind, freezing rain and snow may be ahead. Are you ready for another Pacific Coast winter? When the weather creates dangerous driving conditions, don’t drive. But if you must drive, make sure you and your vehicle are prepared. For tips, visit: www.co.washington.or.us/LUT/TrafficSafety/DrivingSafety/winter-driving.cfm

For up-to-date road information, please visit:

- www.wc-roads.com for county “Winter Road Operations” and “Road Closures and Traffic Advisories”
- www.tripcheck.com for state highway information

Citizen Involvement Calendar

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

Planning Commission meets 1st Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. meets 3rd Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Auditorium, Public Services Building 155 N First Ave, Hillsboro
Contact: Connie McCracken, 846-3519

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

Urban Road Maintenance District Advisory Committee (URMDAC) meets 3rd Wednesday @ 4:00 p.m. (4th Wednesday in November 2012) Training Room 1, Walnut Street Center 1400 SW Walnut St., Hillsboro
Contact: Stacia Sheelar, 846-7623

Citizen Participation Organizations (CPOs) There are 15 CPOs in the County, organized geographically. Most meet regularly. To find out more, visit <http://www.co.washington.or.us/CPO>

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