



Updates

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

Meet our new Director, Andrew Singelakis

Washington County Administrator Robert Davis welcomed Andrew Singelakis to lead the county's Department of Land Use and Transportation (DLUT) in March. Most recently Andrew was the deputy director of Tucson's Department of Transportation, after being their deputy director of Urban Planning and Design. From 1997 to 2004 he was the executive director of the Nashua, New Hampshire, Regional Planning Commission. Earlier he served as the director of planning for Brunswick, Maine, and as a planner for communities in Vermont and New York. Andrew has master's degrees in urban planning and in public health from Columbia University in New York City. "Andrew's experience covers most of the areas that comprise our DLUT, in both size and scope," said Davis. "He comes to us highly recommended as a respected, talented and dedicated professional, and we are very pleased to have him on our team."



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.

Public Works: Above, Below, and All Around You

Come to the Public Works Fair May 15 and 16 at Washington Square! We're partnering with Clean Water Services, the Joint Water Commission, and the Oregon Department of Transportation to provide kid friendly displays and activities related to public works. Spin the "Wheel of Safety"; design your own water quality magnet; learn how "Permits Protect" at the Good-Wall/Bad-Wall; get a free "Freeze the Grease, Save the Drain" kit; "See and be Seen" on the roadway; "Share the Road" for safety – plus much more.

You have been asking... what are the trends in building activity?

Our statistics show a small uptick in development plans submitted for review and residential plans pending – **30 more** than this time last year. Permits for single family homes were up from 308 last year to **375** this year; manufactured homes were up from 18 to **22**. Plumbing and mechanical permits are also up. Remodeling of single family homes and commercial properties, on the other hand, is down slightly.

In Roads for Fish

Washington County's Operations Division recently became the first transportation agency in Oregon to enter into a Fish Passage Programmatic Agreement with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. This agreement allows us to undertake road stream crossing projects without project-by-project regulatory approval. It benefits the county by the reducing the regulatory permit process required for culvert and bridge projects. And it benefits the environment by ensuring environmentally friendly road maintenance practices. A win for tax payers and a win for fish! <http://www.co.washington.or.us/LUT/News/fish-passage-agreement.cfm>

Summer Road Maintenance

Orange signs and orange cones on the road mean one thing: work zone ahead. The single biggest factor in work zone crashes is driver inattention. Couple this with speeding and you have the ingredients for a serious, potentially fatal traffic crash within a work zone.



Keeping county roadways in good condition is a year-round effort. But some activities require warm dry weather. This summer we'll pave and seal almost 80 miles of roads and we'll repaint almost 450 miles of road striping. We'll also replace three culverts; that work must be done during the water window between July 1 and September 30 to avoid fish migration periods in our rivers, streams and creeks. To see if we'll be working in your neighborhood or along your commute route, check the Washington County Roads Web site at www.wc-roads.com and click on 2010 Road Work Map. And remember: Orange is your clue to slow down and pay attention.



To find the Updates newsletter on the county web site, go to <http://www.co.washington.or.us/News/Newsletters>

To subscribe to this newsletter electronically, go to <http://washtech.co.washington.or.us/subscriptions/>

Seeing lots of new Flashing Yellow turn Arrows? Go to <http://www.co.washington.or.us/LUT/lut-videos.cfm> to watch a video and learn how to drive them safely!

Want to help influence the decisions that affect your community? Your Citizen Participation Organization (CPO) provides an opportunity for involvement in local land use and livability issues: <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/washington/cpo>

On the Road Again

Cornelius Pass Road (Frances to Wilkins)

Improvements on SW 231st, preparing for the Cornelius Pass Road (Frances to Wilkins) project, have begun. Wider shoulders and continuous bike lanes will help improve safety. In June we begin widening Cornelius Pass Road itself between the MAX bridge and Baseline Road to five lanes, and replacing the bridge over Beaverton Creek with a longer and wider structure. A six-to-eight month road closure between Kian Lane and Samantha Lane will start in June, after school is out. Total estimated project cost is \$15.1 million; *completion date is July 2011.*

SW Pacific Highway 99W

Improvements to SW Pacific Highway 99W at its intersections with Hall Boulevard and Greenburg Road/Main Street have begun. Lane closures will be necessary, primarily at night during off-peak hours - expect delays. Call the project hotline with any questions, 503-846-7807. Total estimated cost is \$7.5 - \$10 million; *completion date is December 2010.*

NW Sellers Road at NW Banks Road

Work has begun on the NW Sellers Road at NW Banks Road Intersection Realignment. The existing RR crossing on Sellers Road will be closed. The RR crossing on Banks Road will be upgraded with new signals, gates, and advance warning signs. Sellers Road will be realigned east of its existing intersection with Banks Road. Both roads will be closed at the RR crossings from July 26 through August 13, 2010. Estimated total project cost is \$2.5 million; *completion date is October 2010.* *Read on for more news...*

Banks-Vernonia South Trailhead

Adjacent to the Sellers Road realignment is the Banks-Vernonia South Trailhead project. Construction begins on the trailhead in early June and should be completed in October 2010. The project will complete the existing Banks-Vernonia Linear Trail, which currently ends 2/3 of a mile north of the city of Banks. The improvements include a new paved trailhead with parking for 25 cars, a 10-foot wide multi-use path and a new concrete pedestrian bridge over the West Fork of Dairy Creek. The project will connect Banks with other destinations along the 26-mile long trail, including Buxton, the L.L. Stub Stewart State Park and Vernonia. The total estimated project cost is \$1.2 million; *completion date is October 2010.*

Saltzman Road (NW Cornell – Bauer Woods Drive)

This project has been under construction since August 2009. Saltzman Road is being widened along both sides between Lovejoy and Coleman. The utility companies continue work on conduits, overhead lines and the transfer of services along the east side of Saltzman. The contractor is busy installing retaining walls and a 24" water line between Coleman and Cornell Road. Total estimated project cost is \$11.5 million; *completion date is December 2010.*

SW 185th Avenue

Construction on SW 185th Avenue (Kinman to Shaw) began in April. 185th Avenue will be widened to three-to-five lanes and get new bike lanes and sidewalks. Total estimated project cost is \$5.8 million; *completion date is December 2010.*

Kaiser/ NW Laidlaw and Kaiser/ NW Bethany Boulevard Intersection

Projects were bid in February. Kerr Contractors Inc. was awarded the construction contract. The project will modify the current signals and construct safety improvements. Utilities are currently being relocated; roadway construction will start in mid June. Total estimated project cost is \$2.1 million; *completion date is September 2010.*

Cornelius-Schefflin Road Segment "E" over Council Creek

This project under construction since September 2009, is now complete. 1.1 miles between Verboort Road and Council Creek were widened and improved. The contractor did final paving in late April, a couple of months ahead of schedule. Total estimated project cost is \$2.3 million; *completion date is June 2010.*

Spieschaert Road Bridge over Council Creek

This project, under construction since September 2009, is now complete. The new road was built a couple of months ahead of schedule. In July the contractor will remove the existing bridge over Council Creek, which will take a couple of days and have no impact on traffic. Total estimated project cost is \$877,011; *completion date is June 2010.*

Council Creek Bridge on Cornelius-Schefflin Road

Under construction since July 2009, this project is now complete. The bridge was raised above flood elevation and now has sufficient width to carry trucks, autos, farm equipment, bicyclists and pedestrians. The contractor did final paving a couple months ahead of schedule. Total estimated project cost is \$4.4 million; *completion date is June 2010.*

For more about these projects and road closure information go to www.wc-roads.com or call 503 846-7800.

Portland to Tigard to Sherwood: best laid plans?

This summer regional and local partners will kick off planning for transportation improvements in the corridor connecting Portland, Tigard and Sherwood. Land use and transportation options will be strategically linked and considered on a comprehensive scale. Local communities will be asked for their aspirations for employment, housing and land use patterns. The transportation system--bike, pedestrian, auto, freight and transit--will be analyzed as a whole. An important objective is to ensure future improvements, including new high capacity transit, both complement local goals and meet regional needs. Find more online at www.oregonmetro.gov/goingplaces, or contact Blair Crumpacker at 503-846-3878 or blair_crumpacker@co.washington.or.us for more information.

Signs Sprouting Along County Roadways

Garage sale, real estate, political campaign, and other temporary signs are allowed on private property with the property owner's permission. They should never be placed in the public road right-of-way, which includes the ditches, shoulders and sidewalks. Signs must also not be placed on traffic signposts, utility poles or signal cabinets. Property owners can help by removing temporary signs from the right-of-way adjacent to their property. To report problem locations, call 503-846-ROAD (846-7623) or go to wc-roads@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: Dixie King, 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 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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