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A Community Newsletter
Spring 2012

of Washington County's Department of Land Use and Transportation

Join us for the Public Works Fair on May 19 and 20

Come join us for the family-friendly Public Works Fair at Washington Square on May 19 and 20. Kids can win prizes and take home fun educational materials. Grownups will find brochures and handouts, and well-informed public works staff from Washington County, the City of Hillsboro, Clean Water Services, the Joint Water Commission, the Oregon Department of Transportation, TriMet and others who can answer their questions. You can also find [this event on Facebook](#).



Well-built and maintained roads and bridges, clean running water, and effective sewers and storm drains are the foundations on which we build our communities. Working together with businesses and citizens, local public works agencies plan, build, operate and maintain our county's vital infrastructure. On May 15, the Board of County Commissioners will proclaim May 20 through 26 as **National Public Works Week** in Washington County. This year's theme, *Public Works: Creating a Lasting Impression*, speaks to the never-ending efforts of public works professionals to improve the quality of life in their communities.

We hope to see you at Washington Square!

MSTIP 3d Update

As noted in the Winter 2012 Updates newsletter, we're working with our partner cities to plan which major road projects to fund over the next five years under phase 3d of the Major Streets Transportation Improvement Program (MSTIP 3d).

We want to thank everyone who visited our open house on March 22 or participated in our online virtual open house in late March/early April. We received nearly 400 comments, which have been summarized and provided to MSTIP decision makers for their consideration.

On April 24, the Board of County Commissioners advanced six MSTIP 3d projects for construction in 2014: **Farmington Road** (Murray to east of 141st); **Walker Road** (158th to 173rd); **Tualatin-Sherwood Road/Roy Rogers Road** (Langer Farms to Borchers); **Walnut Street** (116th to Tiedeman) in Tigard; **Martin Road** (Hwy 47 to Verboort); and **10th Avenue** (Baseline to Holladay) in Cornelius.

Selection of projects for the remainder of the MSTIP 3d program will continue through the spring. We invite you to stay informed and provide your input:

- Visit <http://mstip.org/3d>
- Sign up for periodic MSTIP e-mail updates at <http://washtech.co.washington.or.us/subscriptions>
- E-mail questions or comments anytime to lutproj@co.washington.or.us

Si a usted le interesa recibir este boletín de noticias en español, comuníquese via correo electrónico: UpdatesNewsletter@co.washington.or.us. Gracias.

Summer Work Zones Ahead

Keeping county roadways in good condition is a year-round effort, but many activities require warm dry weather. This summer, we'll be paving, sealing, and striping hundreds of miles of roadways throughout the county. We'll also be repairing bridges, maintaining traffic signs and signals, and performing a variety of other road-related tasks. To find out if we'll be working in your neighborhood or along your commute route, go to www.wc-roads.com and click on 2012 Road Work Map.



Work zone crashes killed 576 people and injured an estimated 37,000 nationally in 2010. Surprisingly, 85 to 90 percent of those killed in work zones are drivers and their passengers. Work zone crashes are preventable—how you drive in work zones has a direct impact on your own safety, as well as the safety of workers. **Don't Barrel through Work Zones. When you see orange, slow down and pay attention!**

Thanks for helping us improve and maintain Washington County's roadway system in a safe manner. For more traffic safety information, visit www.co.washington.or.us/LUT/TrafficSafety

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Aloha-Reedville Study: www.co.washington.or.us/alohareedville

Washington County Visitors Association Bike Map:
www.visitwashingtoncountyoregon.com/bikemap/

Share the Road: www.co.washington.or.us/LUT/TrafficSafety/DrivingSafety/share-the-road.cfm

On the Road Again

Capital Projects in Progress

The **185th Avenue** project between West Union Road and Westview High School is wrapping up. The base layer of pavement and temporary striping are in place and the additional lanes have been opened. Crews will apply the final layer of pavement this summer. In addition to this project, Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District will be adding a signalized pedestrian crossing to connect their trail near Bethany Lake.

Estimated completion: July 2012

Construction of the new roundabout at the **Scholls Ferry Road/River Road** intersection is nearly complete. Crews will place the final layer of pavement in the spring or early summer, when warmer weather arrives. Once the final paving and striping is complete, the roundabout will be opened up to traffic.

Estimated completion: July 2012

The **Glencoe Road Bridge** replacement project over McKay Creek continues. Crews are constructing the new roadway and backfilling the approaches at both ends of the new bridge. A base layer of pavement will be placed this spring and traffic will be moved to the new road and bridge while crews remove the old roadway and bridge. The final layer of pavement will be placed later this summer.

Estimated completion: September 2012

Brookwood Avenue construction continues between Main Street/Baseline Road and Golden Road. The contractor recently installed the base layer of pavement between Golden Road and TV Highway. They anticipate placing the final layer of pavement for the entire stretch of the project either late spring or early summer, depending upon the arrival of warm and dry weather.

Estimated completion: December 2012

Replacement of the bridge on **Meacham Road @ East Fork Dairy Creek** has begun. The contractor will replace the existing substandard four-span bridge with a new single-span steel bridge. Spanning across the creek will restore natural stream flow and prevent debris build up at the bridge location. This project is funded in part by the **Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program** as a result of the December 2007 flood disaster declaration in the county.

Estimated completion: December 2012

For more details on these, and upcoming Washington County road projects, visit www.wc-roads.com and click on "Construction Projects" or call (503) 846-7800.

Minor Betterments Coming Soon

Minor Betterment projects are small-scale interim improvements on county roads. We recently completed a pedestrian path on Cornell Road at 123rd Avenue, and the following projects are scheduled for construction before June 30, 2012:

- Pedestrian path on Barnes from 70th Terrace to Miller Road
- Pedestrian path on Kinnaman Road from Farmington to 185th
- ADA ramps at 158th and Walker Road
- Shoulder widening and right turn lane at Miller Hill Road and Farmington
- Center refuge lane improvement on Murray Boulevard near Tierra Del Mar Dr.
- Sight distance improvements at Blooming-Fern Hill and Winters

You can find out more about the Minor Betterment program and propose a candidate project by visiting www.co.washington.or.us/LUT/Divisions/Operations/Programs/minor-betterments.cfm. Project proposals received by July 15 will be considered in the next round of project selection (for construction in 2013-14).

Bike and Ped Power

Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvement Prioritization Project

We received over 800 comments on our inventory mapping process, so thanks to everyone who provided input.

We have completed a draft suitability analysis to identify 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 and other essential destinations. Draft suitability maps are now available online, and we are asking you to **take a quick online survey** to give your input on the relative importance of land use, safety, street network density and social equity in prioritizing bicycle and pedestrian system improvements. The survey will be available until May 31.

Project outcomes will include the development of a recommended list of 20-50 high priority bike, trail, and pedestrian projects with specific definitions and costs. While the project doesn't include funds for construction of these projects, we'll be seeking funding from a variety of sources for the identified priority projects. Learn more about the project and take the survey by going to www.co.washington.or.us/bikeandped and clicking on the Prioritization Project link.

Bicycle Facility Design Toolkit

We're also working to develop better bicycle facility design options. A draft toolkit is available online. More than 80 comments on the draft were collected in April. Beginning in May, we'll be refining the draft prior to presenting it to the Board of County Commissioners for review. To review the draft, visit www.co.washington.or.us/bikeandped and click on the Bicycle Facility Design Toolkit link.


North Bethany Update

The North Bethany planning effort is targeted for completion at the end of June. On April 24, the Board of Commissioners adopted Ordinance 744, which contained primarily technical and housekeeping amendments.


Ordinance 745 addresses several "placeholder" topics including planned development standards, cluster housing and work force housing. Ordinance 748 has several new placeholder items and remaining amendments. These ordinances will be heard by the Board of County Commissioners in May and June.


For more information: www.bethanyplan.org


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.
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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