

Updates

A Community Newsletter
Spring 2013

of Washington County's Department of Land Use and Transportation

What you think of Updates?

We'd like to hear from our readers—what do you like about Updates? What could we improve? Please take our short online survey by June, 3 2013: www.surveymonkey.com/s/UpdatesNewsletter



Because of Public Works...we're having a fair!

Join us for the family-friendly **Public Works Fair** from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. **Saturday May 18** in Sears Court at Washington Square. Staff from the Department of Land Use & Transportation, Oregon Department of Transportation, TriMet, Clean Water Services, City of Beaverton Public Works Department, and Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District will be on hand. Kids can win prizes and take home fun educational materials. Grownups will find brochures and well-informed public works staff who can answer their questions. You can also find this event on Facebook.



"Because of Public Works..." is this year's theme. Because of Public Works... we have clean running water, effective storm drains and sewers, sturdy roads and bridges, safe building codes, livable communities with parks and green space, and sustainable public facilities—these are the foundations our communities are built on.

See you at Washington Square!

Watch out in Work Zones



Road work season is here. This year's Work Zone Awareness theme is "We're all in this together." Work zone safety involves all road users—motorists, bicyclists, pedestrians, roadway workers, law enforcement, and emergency responders. Statistics show drivers and their passengers are actually the most likely to be injured in work zones, and not paying attention is the number one cause of crashes in work zones. **Orange** is your clue to slow down and pay attention...the life you save may be your own!

Know of a minor road safety need?

We have two programs to fund small-scale safety or connectivity improvements on county-maintained roads—**Minor Betterments** and **URMD Safety Improvements**. The programs have different eligibility criteria, and identified needs exceed available funding. An advisory committee reviews eligible candidates for funding consideration. Committee recommendations are also subject to the county's budget approval process.

If you see a need, let us know. Nominations can be submitted any time. Those received by **July 15** will be considered for funding in 2014-2015. Community support is one consideration, so you may want to work with your Citizen Participation Organization to submit nominations or express support for a candidate in your area. For more information, visit www.co.washington.or.us/MB or www.co.washington.or.us/URMD or contact us at 503-846-ROAD (846-7623).

Rules of the Road – Bicycle Laws

Oregon law (ORS 801.150) defines a bicycle as a vehicle propelled exclusively by human power, operated with not more than three wheels on the ground and with a seat for the rider. Like drivers, cyclists are required to obey traffic control devices and laws. Here are four principles to help ensure your safety when cycling on the road:

- Be alert; maintain control of your bike—don't ride under the influence
- Ride with the flow of traffic
- Be visible, especially at night
- Protect yourself—wear a helmet

Visit our Bike Safety page for more info:

www.co.washington.or.us/LUT/TrafficSafety/BikeSafety



North Bethany takes off

The North Bethany community planning effort wrapped up in June 2012. The plan calls for between 3,800 and 4,700 residences with a range of housing types and affordability levels. It also includes commercial uses, schools and parks to serve residents. For more on the plan, visit www.bethanyplan.org.

The first proposed development, for 85 residences, is currently under consideration by the county Hearings Officer. Additional proposals currently at the pre-application stage could result an additional 1,000 units—more than 20% of the total units ultimately anticipated. While some of these potential projects may not advance, our development review staff are expecting a busy 2013!

SW Corridor Plan: investments to support communities' visions

The Southwest Corridor (Portland to Sherwood) is the region's next priority for high capacity transit investment. A holistic planning approach is being used to integrate transportation into the communities' land use visions. Want to have a say? Then come to the Community Planning Forum on Thursday, May 23 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Tualatin Library (18878 Martinazzi Avenue).

Not sure what this project is? Can't make the forum? "Catch Up with the Plan" and provide feedback at www.swcorridorplan.org or contact Mike Dahlstrom at 503-846-8101 for more information.

2035 Transportation System Plan (TSP) Update

Washington County
2035 Transportation System Plan
UPDATE

Over the past year, our TSP project team has worked with residents and other stakeholders to review and update the county TSP policy framework to:

- address diverse transportation needs,
- integrate social, economic, environmental, and community livability aspirations, and
- set the course for future transportation decisions.

Hearings on a policy framework ordinance are scheduled before the Planning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners this summer.

The TSP update's next phase will identify more specifically what the community wants the transportation system to look like in 2035 and beyond. For more information, visit www.tsp2035.com or contact Dyami Valentine at 503-846-3821.

On the Road Again

Capital Projects Recently Completed:

- **Johnson School Road** – Davis Creek bridge replacement.



Cornelius Pass Road – Wilkins to Aloclek, including Rock Creek bridge replacement completed April 2013.

Nearing Completion:

- **Scholls Ferry Road** – Fanno Creek bridge replacement (between Denney and Allen). *Completion: May 2013.*
- **Evergreen Road** – 25th to 253rd. Final striping this spring. *Completion: June 2013.*

In Progress:

- **Bethany Boulevard** – Cornell to West Union (includes U.S. 26 overcrossing). *Completion: June 2014.*

Beginning in 2013:

- **Boones Ferry Road** – Norwood Road to Day Street. *Start: May/June 2013. Completion: June 2014.*
- **Leahy Road (90th to 88th) and Stark Street (at 88th)** – Safe Routes to School project near West Tualatin View Elementary School. *Start: July 2013. Completion: September 2013.*
- **North Bethany Road “P15”** – Springville to Brugger. *Start: July 2013. Completion: December 2013.*
- **Old Highway 47** – Scoggins Creek bridge replacement. *Start: May 2013. Completion: November 2013.*
- **Scholls Ferry Road** – Teal Blvd to Roy Rogers Rd. *Start: July 2013. 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.

Citizen Involvement Calendar

Board of County Commissioners

meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 10 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 2 p.m.
meets 3rd Wednesday at 7 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 at 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 at 4 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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To find the Updates newsletter on the county web site: www.co.washington.or.us/News/Newsletters

Flashing Yellow Arrows in Washington County:
www.co.washington.or.us/LUT/News/fya-ped-safety-study.cfm

DLUT Office Locations and Hours: www.co.washington.or.us/LUT/lut-hours.cfm

Weigh in on regional transportation projects May 8-June 7: www.oregonmetro.gov/rffa

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- Engineering 846-7900
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- Surveying 846-8723
- Traffic Engineering 846-7950

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- Long Range Planning 846-3519

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