



Updates

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

Regular Pavement Maintenance Saves Money

Washington County's Department of Land Use and Transportation maintains nearly 1,300 miles of roads. While the average life of an asphalt road is 20 to 30 years, signs of distress and deterioration appear much sooner. In addition to normal wear and tear, summer heat causes drying and cracking—then rain can seep in and cause potholes and other failures.



Preventive sealing of road surfaces maximizes their useful life and saves tax dollars over the long term. One dollar spent on road maintenance typically saves five dollars on future rehabilitation costs. Sealing methods vary depending on the road's characteristics:

- Urban neighborhood streets are **slurry sealed** as needed, typically every 8-12 years. A mixture of asphalt emulsion, fine aggregates, water and additives is applied as a liquid. It must set up for 4 to 8 hours before the surface is ready for traffic, and the work is generally completed in one day.
- Some roads are **chip sealed**—a process of placing layers of liquid asphalt and rock chips on the road. After an initial layer has set, the road is swept to remove loose rock. A final layer of sand and liquid asphalt creates a smooth surface. It may be a few weeks between application of these layers. While the road remains open, it may be rough and covered with loose rock until the final layer is completed. Cyclists may want to avoid roads during this process.
- **Overlays** seal the road with a layer of new asphalt pavement.

Although road work may cause short-term inconvenience, the result is a long-term benefit. Please remember to slow down and be safe in work zones. For work zone safety tips, visit: www.co.washington.or.us/LUT/TrafficSafety/DrivingSafety/work-zone-awareness.cfm.

You can get the most current information on planned county road work at www.wc-roads.com. You can also sign up to receive a weekly "Washington County Roads" e-mail update (see eSubscriptions article on this page).

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MSTIP 3d Adopted

Since 1986, the county's innovative Major Streets Transportation Improvement Program (MSTIP) has funded more than \$555 million dollars in major transportation improvements that our residents and businesses rely on every day—whether travelling in a car, on transit, on a bicycle or on foot. On July 24, the Board of County Commissioners adopted the \$175 million MSTIP 3d Funding Program, which identifies major county transportation investments for the next five years, including:

- \$160 million for 19 multi-modal road projects. "In addition to expanding vehicular capacity, these projects will provide sidewalks and bike facilities in many areas where none currently exist," said Andrew Singelakis, Director of Land Use and Transportation.
- \$10 million for replacement of deficient rural bridges.
- \$5 million to help leverage other local, state and federal transportation funding to improve all modes of transportation.
- \$500,000 to expand the county's advanced traffic management system.

We received more than 400 public comments on the MSTIP 3d program, which were summarized and provided to MSTIP decision makers. Our sincere thanks to all who provided input and helped shape this program. For more information, visit: www.co.washington.or.us/mstip. A MSTIP eSubscription is also available (see article on this page).



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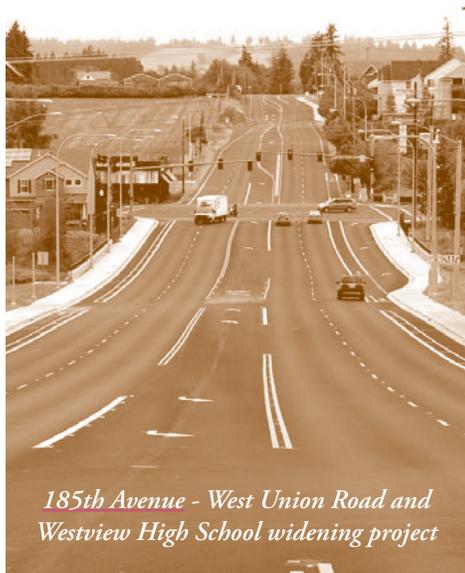
Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvement Prioritization Project and Bicycle Facility Design Toolkit: www.co.washington.or.us/bikeandped

Stay up-to-date on pending Land Use Ordinances: www.co.washington.or.us/LUT/Divisions/LongRangePlanning/land-use-ordinances.cfm

The Port of Portland's Hillsboro Airport Issues Roundtable (HAIR) meets quarterly, and meetings are open to the public. For more information, visit: www.portofportland.com/HIO_HAIR_Home.aspx

On the Road Again

Capital Projects Recently Completed



185th Avenue - West Union Road and Westview High School widening project

- **Scholls Ferry Road/River Road** roundabout project

Capital Projects in Progress

- **Glencoe Road** bridge replacement at McKay Creek. *Estimated completion: September 30, 2012.*
- **119th Avenue** – Cornell Road to McDaniel Road sidewalk project. *Estimated completion: October 31, 2012.*
- **Bull Mountain/Roshak Road** intersection project. *Estimated completion: October 31, 2012.*
- **Meacham Road** bridge replacement at East Fork Dairy Creek. *Estimated project completion: November 30, 2012.*
- **Brookwood Avenue** – TV Highway to Baseline widening project. *Estimated completion: December 31, 2012.*
- **Old Cornelius Pass Road** bridge replacement at Rock Creek. *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.*

Upcoming Projects

- **Rock Creek Trail Crossing** at Evergreen Parkway signal project. *Estimated completion: October 31, 2012.*
- **Bethany Boulevard** - Cornell Road to West Union Road widening project – construction starts in October. *Estimated completion: June 30, 2014.*

For more details on Washington County road projects, visit www.wc-roads.com and click on “Construction Projects” or call (503) 846-7800. eSubscriptions are also available for some of these transportation projects (see article on previous page).

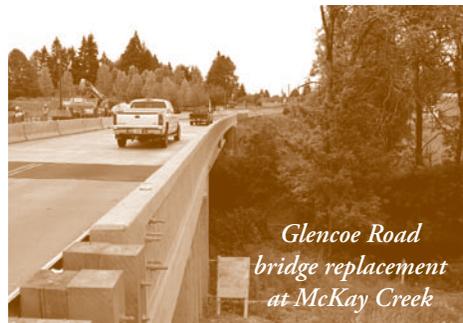
Aloha-Reedville Study update

We’ve been busy listening to the community. Over the past year you’ve been telling us what is important to you and what you would like to see in the future. The project team is taking that information and creating a series of alternative ways to address community issues and concerns. We will bring those alternatives back to the community starting with the September Citizen and Technical Advisory Committee meetings - please join us. And we are still looking for more input from the community. Join us at a meeting, request a neighborhood coffee, or host a meeting yourself with our new “Meeting-In-A-Box” kit on the website.

In mid-October, we are planning a **CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY** - a way to envision change. We’ll celebrate the mid-point of the study and the wonderful diversity of the community. Join us for entertainment, food, games for young and old, and an opportunity to weigh in on those alternatives! Find out more and stay tuned: www.co.washington.or.us/alohareedville. An “Aloha-Reedville Study” eSubscription is also available (see article on previous page).

In-roads for Fish....

The word “bottleneck” is often used in reference to traffic congestion. However, fish often find themselves in rush hour gridlock when they try to pass under narrow older bridges. Our waterways are critical lifelines for fish when they migrate—seeking food, shelter, and a mate. Bridges are being replaced around the county—six are in progress as you read this! New bridges benefit roadway commuters up above, but also benefit fish down below by improving fish passage.



Bridge engineers design these new structures to span the waterways, ensuring minimal impacts to the surrounding area and restoring the natural stream flow. During the replacement process, regulatory agencies also mandate specific guidelines to minimize impacts to fish. Guidelines include limiting dates when work can be performed, keeping workers and equipment out of the waterway, not disturbing the water flow, containing debris to ensure nothing falls into the stream during construction, and working nighttime hours to prevent the casting of unfamiliar shadows over the waterway. Water quality systems are also installed to collect and treat roadway runoff to prevent it from entering into the waterway.

So the next time you cross over one of our newly replaced bridges, you can rest assured that not only is your commute safer and more efficient, but our fish friends down below are also experiencing similar benefits. A win-win for all!

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 (RROMAC) 
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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