



Updates

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

You have been asking... What is happening on Cornelius Pass Road?

As befits a major north-south arterial for the county, it's being widened and getting a new bridge, bike lanes and sidewalks! And to replace the bridge over Beaverton Creek, the section between Kian Lane (near Quatama) and Samantha Lane (near Baseline) is closed for six months. The new bridge will be 12 feet higher at the center and 182 feet long. The detour route is Cornell Road, NE 229th/ NE 231st and W Baseline Road. Hillsboro police stepped up enforcement in the area to minimize speeding. Kian Lane was permanently



closed at CP Road July 17; NW 215th Terrace is the new access to that neighborhood.

The contractor completed driving piles (photo) for the new bridge foundation and is working on the bridge abutments. The bridge beams will arrive in early August. Utility companies are relocating lines and the contractor has started the widening work from Wilkins to Baseline. The work should be complete by July 2011. To e-subscribe to updates or learn more about the history of CP Road, check the web site at <http://www.co.washington.or.us/LUT/TransportationProjects/cornelius-pass-rd-baseline-to-alclek-dr.cfm>

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.

Bike and Ped power...

- **Walker Road Ped Bridge Is Win-Win for County and Community** 

A happy parade on August 4th will open a long-desired pedestrian and bicycle bridge over Willow Creek. It completes 4.2 miles of paved wide shoulders, pathways and sidewalks along Walker Road. The prefabricated metal bridge has an expected 75+ year life span and will need little or no maintenance. And it can be easily and inexpensively moved to another location when Walker Road is eventually improved – which is not expected anytime soon. Compared to constructing a wooden structure, this option shortened the construction time, is easy on the environment, and provides a low lifecycle cost, saving taxpayer money.



- **New Banks-Vernonia South Trailhead coming** 

Bikers and hikers have enjoyed the Banks-Vernonia Linear Trail for a number of years – but finding it from the Banks end has been tricky. An intersection complicated by a railroad crossing plus a missing section of trail meant you had to be a detective to launch from Banks. Thanks to a partnership between Washington County, the City of Banks, ODOT Rail Division, the Port of Tillamook Bay Railroad, and Oregon Parks and Recreation, help is here! The intersection of Sellers and Banks roads is being straightened out and made much safer. A rickety bridge is being replaced, the trail is being completed into town, and a parking lot being built. The project will connect the city of Banks with other destinations along the 26-mile long linear trail, including Buxton, L.L. Stub Stewart State Park and Vernonia. The total cost is \$1.2 million. The completion date is October 2010.

North Bethany Interests Collaborating for Progress

Over the past three months a mediation firm facilitated more than 22 meetings with North Bethany area property owners, CPO7, developers and staff to resolve a number of development and transportation funding issues. They agreed on many elements (such as overall density and use of the existing development code whenever possible) and drew up draft ordinance language. The emphasis was to find common interests and seek solutions that would be supported by all. County planners are incorporating the meeting outcomes into Ordinance No. 730 and a separate transportation funding strategy. The Planning Commission will hold their first public hearing August 11. Follow the process at <http://www.co.washington.or.us/LUT/Divisions/LongRangePlanning/2010-land-use-ordinances.cfm>

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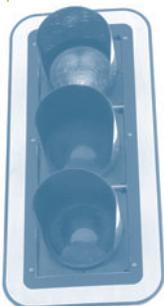
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On the Road Again

Improvements to **SW Pacific Highway 99W** at its intersections with Hall Boulevard and Greenburg Road/Main Street continue. Work is primarily at night during off-peak hours. Expect lane closures and delays. Total cost is \$7.5 - \$10 million. *Completion December 2010.*

The railroad crossing is closed at **NW Sellers at Banks Road** intersection through August 13 to construct the new alignment and railroad crossing. Sellers Road will be realigned east of the existing intersection. Total cost is \$2.5 million. *Completion October 2010.*

Construction on **SW 185th Avenue** (Kinman to Shaw) began in April. 185th between Aloha High School and Blanton Street is being widened to 3 to 5 lanes with bike lanes and sidewalks. Total cost is \$5.8 million. *Completion December 2010.*



Construction has begun on the **Kaiser/ NW Laidlaw and Kaiser/ NW Bethany Boulevard Intersections**, to modify the traffic controls and construct safety improvements. Total cost is \$2.1 million. *Completion September 2010.*

Saltzman Road (NW Cornell – Bauer Woods Drive) has been under construction since September 2009. Curbs, gutters and sidewalks have been installed on the west side of Saltzman and are being installed along the east side between Coleman and Cornell. The overhead and underground utilities are in place. The contractor is completing retaining wall work. Road reconstruction and repaving between 128th Terrace and Cornell is scheduled for August/September, followed by landscaping. Total cost is \$11.5 million. *Completion December 2010.*

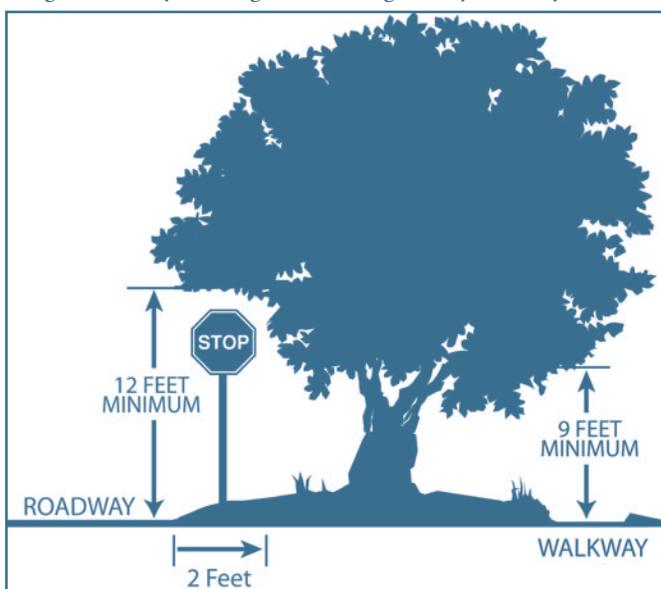
For more about these projects and road closure information go to www.wc-roads.com, or call 503-846-7800.

Roadside Vegetation – a Perennial Problem

It's the growing season in Washington County and vegetation along county roadways is no exception. When it grows into or hangs over the road, covers up signs, blocks visibility at an intersection, or blocks the light of a street light, it can create a hazardous situation.

Did you know that you are responsible for the vegetation in the right-of-way adjacent to your property? Please keep your roadside vegetation trimmed back, away from signs and street lights, out of the street and the walkway.

To report a hazardous road situation, call 503-846-ROAD (846-7623), e-mail wc-roads@co.washington.or.us or submit an [online road report](#). Be patient - service requests for vegetation can really stack up this time of year. For more, visit www.wc-roads.com and click on Roadside Vegetation.



In Roads for Fish: Adopt-a-Road Group Completes 50th Cleanup



The Forest Grove Rotary Adopt-a-Roaders have been picking up litter on Gales Creek and Thatcher roads since 1993. They completed their 50th cleanup last fall and have already scheduled their next. Many of the original volunteers are still on the job, including Jerry Hoerber who has been the group contact since the beginning. Jerry and his family have also adopted Martin Road.

Over 75 volunteer groups actively participate in Washington County's Adopt-a-Road program, taking care of over 115 miles of roadway. They remove several hundred pounds of litter each year, providing a cleaner and healthier community for us all. To volunteer, call 503-846-ROAD (846-7623) or e-mail wc-roads@co.washington.or.us.

Redesigning for a More Efficient Building Future

With the continuing downturn in the construction industry, we have adjusted our county building inspection staff levels. We have also used the time to improve customer service and efficiencies. Feedback from the development community resulted in an initiative to focus on "pinch-points" in the building review process, including Plan, Engineering and Inspection reviews. The emphasis has been on a smoother work flow and the initial response has been very positive. Building Official John McAllister says, "Our goal is to maintain flexibility by balancing current workload demands while keeping an eye on future trends in the construction industry." We'll be ready!

Be safe: please stay off train tracks

Walking, hiking, jogging, biking on or near train tracks is dangerous. And because railroad tracks are private property, it is also trespassing - a Class A Misdemeanor which can result in a fine up to \$6,250 and a year in prison. But the most costly outcome is injury or death. WES employees see trespassers on the tracks every month at many places, including the railway bridge near the Tualatin Community Park where some people seem to think is a good place to cross the river – NO! Always expect a train. The only safe and legal place to cross tracks is at a designated pedestrian or railroad crossing.

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

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: Philip Bransford, 846-8685

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