



## Updates

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# Updates

A Community Newsletter  
**Winter 2012**

of Washington County's Department of Land Use and Transportation

## You have been asking... what's next for the MSTIP program?

Our long range Transportation Plan envisions a well-connected multi-modal county-wide transportation system. Since 1986, the Major Streets Transportation Improvement Program (MSTIP) has invested \$555 million from countywide property taxes to deliver 111 projects our residents and businesses rely on every day. However, we still have a long way to go to complete our planned system. The county and our partner cities are planning now for the next stage of this program—**MSTIP 3d**.



*This Brookwood Parkway Project was funded by MSTIP*

The Board of County Commissioners is ultimately responsible for MSTIP funding decisions. The Washington County Coordinating Committee (WCCC)—a group of elected county and city officials that provide transportation policy input to the Board—is currently compiling a list of potential MSTIP 3d projects to be funded over the next five years. The WCCC is expected to forward a recommendation to the Board later this spring.

We invite you to stay informed and provide your input. Public input will be summarized and provided to the WCCC and Board for their consideration. For more information and to stay informed:

- Visit [www.co.washington.or.us/mstip](http://www.co.washington.or.us/mstip), where you'll be able to view a "virtual open house" beginning in early March
- Sign up for MSTIP e-mail updates at <http://washtech.co.washington.or.us/subscriptions>
- Attend an open house event on Thursday, March 22 from 5 to 8 p.m. Beaverton High School – Cafeteria 13000 SW 2nd Street, 97005
- E-mail questions or comments anytime: [lutdir@co.washington.or.us](mailto:lutdir@co.washington.or.us)

## TV Highway Corridor Plan (TVCP) Update

The TVCP is working to identify ways to make TV Highway (and the surrounding transportation network) between Beaverton and Hillsboro's downtowns work better for all users—whether travelling by car, bicycle, transit or on foot.

In January, the TVCP Policy Group (leaders from the Oregon Department of Transportation, Metro, TriMet, Washington County and the cities of Beaverton and Hillsboro) met for the first time. They unanimously recommended designating TV Highway as an "arterial" roadway—acknowledging it primarily serves shorter, local trips and should have a more equitable balance of travel modes—as opposed to a "throughway," which primarily serves longer distance travel through the corridor and has a stronger emphasis on auto use (and which might require additional vehicle travel lanes). Support for current and planned land uses, non-auto travel and livability were key reasons cited for the Policy Group's "arterial" recommendation.

This early policy direction allows the project team to begin developing solutions, which might include completing the sidewalk system, improving transit access, adding street lighting, and adding turn lanes at specific intersections. A draft solutions package will be presented to the community for feedback in April. Visit [www.tvhighway.org](http://www.tvhighway.org) to learn more about the project and how you can get involved. You can also provide online comments and sign up for project updates.

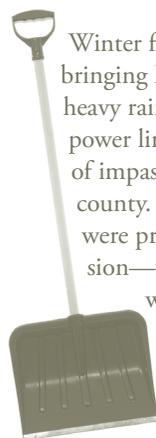
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## North Bethany Update

When Ordinance 739 was adopted by the Board of Commissioners last October, there were several remaining 'placeholder' issues pending resolution. We've been working with stakeholders over the winter and are preparing to file ordinances addressing those placeholders.

We'll be holding an open house on Thursday February 23 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Community Room of Bethany Village, 15220 NW Laidlaw Road. Stop by to review and comment on recommendations for addressing the placeholder issues. For more information, visit [www.bethanyplan.org](http://www.bethanyplan.org).

## Winter Storm Response



Winter finally arrived last month, bringing high winds, heavy snow, heavy rain, plus downed trees and power lines—resulting in a number of impassable roads in parts of the county. DLUT's response crews were prepared and rose to the occasion—working long days in difficult weather conditions to keep our residents on the move safely.

We focus our response resources on major roads first, and then address minor roads as quickly as we can. This sometimes leaves residents waiting a couple of days to get back on the road. We appreciate the patience, gratitude, and in a few cases, the assistance we received from many of our residents as we responded to this storm event.

Winter may not be over yet... for winter driving tips, visit: [www.co.washington.or.us/LUT/TrafficSafety/DrivingSafety/winter-driving.cfm](http://www.co.washington.or.us/LUT/TrafficSafety/DrivingSafety/winter-driving.cfm)

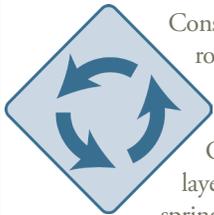
## On the Road Again

The **David Hill Road** extension project is complete. This project extended David Hill



Road 700 feet east of Brooke Street, and includes bike lanes and sidewalks.

Work on the **185th Avenue** project between West Union Road and Westview High School is progressing on schedule. Improvements include two travel lanes in each direction, a center turn lane, bike lanes and sidewalks. A Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District trail crossing and Clean Water Services sanitary sewer upgrades have also been incorporated into this project. *Estimated completion: June 2012.*



Construction of the new roundabout at the **Scholls Ferry Road/River Road** intersection continues.

Crews will place the final layer of pavement in the spring when weather is warmer.

The roundabout configuration will reduce traffic congestion and improve safety at this intersection. *Estimated completion: June 2012.*

The **Glencoe Road Bridge** replacement over McKay Creek is moving along. Crews have installed the new bridge beams and poured the concrete deck. Road and bridge construction will continue into the spring. The new bridge is wider, longer and built above the flood plain. In addition to improving roadway safety, this project will also help restore the natural stream channel of McKay Creek by removing the old bridge structure from within the waterway. *Estimated completion: July 2012.*

**Brookwood Avenue** construction continues between Main Street/Baseline Road and TV Highway. Project improvements include one travel lane in each direction, a center turn lane, bike lanes and sidewalks. The project also included a major sanitary sewer upgrade in partnership with Clean Water Services. *Estimated completion: December 2012.*

For more details on these and upcoming Washington County road projects, check [www.wc-roads.com](http://www.wc-roads.com) or call 503 846-7800.



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**SW Corridor Plan:** [www.oregonmetro.gov/southwestcorridor](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/southwestcorridor)

**February 23 Tualatin River Access Study Open House:**  
[www.oregonmetro.gov/tualatinriverstudy](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/tualatinriverstudy)

## Bike and Ped Power

### Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvement Prioritization Project

This effort will result in a countywide list of priority improvement projects on collector and arterial roadways that may be competitive for funding opportunities in the near-term. In December and January, the project team rolled out the bicycle and pedestrian system 'gap maps' for public review. Thank you to everyone who reviewed the maps and provided input—we've already received over 700 comments!

Our next step will be getting public input on draft prioritization criteria related to land uses, safety and connectivity. The criteria will help identify priority improvement areas around the county where bikeway and sidewalk projects will provide the greatest benefit. Draft criteria will be posted soon to the project website. Please visit [www.co.washington.or.us/bikeandped](http://www.co.washington.or.us/bikeandped) for project updates and to access the interactive mapping system.

### Bikeway Design Toolkit

In addition to prioritizing gaps in our bikeway system, we're also working to expand our bikeway design options. Design practices have evolved rapidly over the past five years, and like many jurisdictions, Washington County's existing road design standards don't include the latest innovative bikeway treatments. Last summer, we began developing a Bikeway Design Toolkit to provide engineers and planners more options for new roadway design projects and to address safety concerns. We've reviewed our existing bikeway design guidance plus current bikeway standards and best practices from a group of peer communities. We presented the best practices information to several stakeholder focus groups and asked:

- Which bikeway treatments best support users in Washington County?
- What are potential barriers to implementation of the various treatments?
- What criteria should we use to identify the most appropriate bikeway treatment for various types of county roads?



We've compiled the stakeholder comments and are in the process of assembling the draft Bikeway Design Toolkit and Bikeway Selection Process guide. The drafts

will be available for review and comment on our website in early March. We look forward to receiving and incorporating your input prior to finalizing both documents in May 2012. Visit [www.co.washington.or.us/bikeandped](http://www.co.washington.or.us/bikeandped)

## 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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