



# Updates

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# Updates

A Community Newsletter  
**Winter 2013**

of Washington County's Department of Land Use and Transportation

## New year, new roles and new faces at LUT

At the beginning of the year, LUT Director **Andrew Singelakis** appointed **Andy Back** to manage the department's new Planning and Development Services division—a merger of our Long Range Planning, Current Planning, and Building Services programs. The merger was identified in LUT's Strategic Plan. "This is part of our ongoing efforts to improve our service," said Singelakis. "The staff writing our plans and code standards will now be working directly with the staff implementing them. They will be able to benefit from each other's perspectives and expertise, which will benefit our customers. We also expect to realize some administrative efficiencies." Back has been with LUT for more than 20 years, most recently serving as Interim Long Range Planning Manager.



Andrew Singelakis



Andy Back

In January, Singelakis also announced his selection of **Christina (Chris) Deffebach** as LUT Policy Analyst. "This position in the Director's Office will assist me with policy development and coordination on local, regional, state and federal efforts affecting LUT," he said. Deffebach will represent the department on regional planning projects and will also assist with strategic direction for county-led planning efforts. She brings more than 20 years of public and private sector planning and policy experience to LUT.



Chris Deffebach

You can find additional information on these changes and other LUT news at: [www.co.washington.or.us/LUT/News/](http://www.co.washington.or.us/LUT/News/)

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## Imagine the Possibilities for Aloha-Reedville!

That's exactly what we're asking the community to do, starting with a community event on **Tuesday, March 5, from 6 – 8 p.m.** at Aloha High School. We're now entering the final year of the three-year Aloha-Reedville Study. The project team is excited to present a variety of options to address issues important to the community, and we need your feedback to help shape the future of Aloha-Reedville!

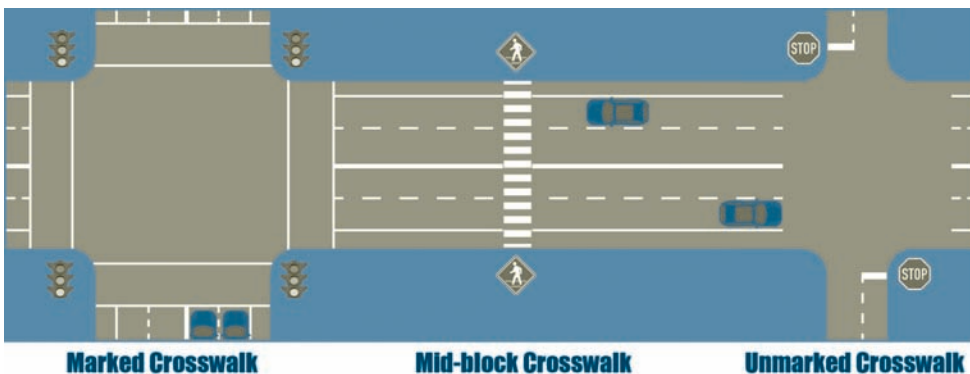
Can't make the March 5 event? No problem—the same questions will be asked online. Follow the project at [www.co.washington.or.us/alohareedville](http://www.co.washington.or.us/alohareedville). There is always an opportunity to share your thoughts through the online comment box or comment map. To date we've received more than 2,700 comments. If you haven't yet, please **ADD YOUR VOICE** to the conversation! A project e-subscription is also available. Visit the "Click Worthy" section (below) for the sign-up link.

*Imagine  
the Possibilities!*



## Rules of the Road – Is it a crosswalk?

Did you know that there is a crosswalk at every public street intersection (3 and 4 way), even if it is not marked by painted lines? Pedestrians do have the right-of-way at these marked and unmarked crosswalks. Motorists and bicyclists are required to stop, allowing the pedestrians to cross.



Pedestrians need to allow enough time for cars and bikes to stop and they need to make sure they are visible to motorists, especially on dark rainy nights that create poor visibility for motorists. Visit our Pedestrian Safety page to learn more: [www.co.washington.or.us/LUT/TrafficSafety/PedestrianSafety](http://www.co.washington.or.us/LUT/TrafficSafety/PedestrianSafety)

## Click Worthy

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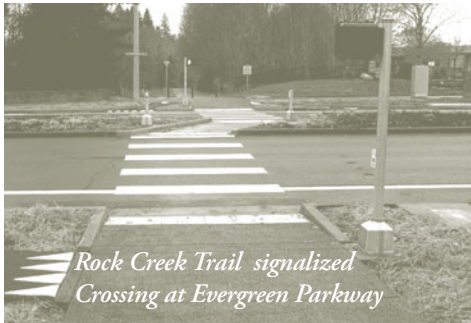
## On the Road Again

### Capital Projects Recently Completed



Brookwood Avenue –  
TV Highway  
to Baseline

- **Meacham Road** bridge replacement at East Fork Dairy Creek (see *In Roads for Fish*).



Rock Creek Trail signalized  
Crossing at Evergreen Parkway

### Capital Projects in Progress

- **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. Substantially complete; final paving in spring. *Estimated completion: June 3, 2013.*
- **Evergreen Road** – 25th to 253rd Ave widening. Substantially complete; final paving in spring. *Estimated completion: June 30, 2013*
- **Cornelius Pass Road** – Wilkins to Alocleck widening and bridge replacement at Rock Creek. *Estimated completion: July 31, 2013.*
- **Bethany Boulevard** – Cornell Road to West Union Road widening (including Hwy 26 overcrossing). *Estimated completion: June 30, 2014.*

### Upcoming Projects

- **Boones Ferry Road** – Norwood Road to Day Street improvement. *Estimated construction start: March 2013. Estimated completion: December 30, 2013.*
- **Leahy Road (90th to 88th) and Stark Street (at 88th)** – Tualatin View Safe Routes to School. *Estimated construction start: June 2013. Estimated completion: September 2013.*
- **North Bethany Road “P15”** – *Estimated start: July 2013. Estimated completion: November 2013.*
- **Old Highway 47** – Bridge replacement at Scoggins Creek. *Estimated construction start: June 2013. Estimated completion: November 2013.*
- **Scholls Ferry Road** – Teal Blvd to Roy Rogers Rd. *Estimated construction start: June 2013. Estimated completion: December 2014.*

For more details on Washington County road projects, visit [www.wc-roads.com](http://www.wc-roads.com) and click on “Construction Projects” or call 846-7800.

## Bike and Ped Power

### Ice Age Tonquin Trail

Metro has released the Ice Age Tonquin Trail master plan. When completed, this 22-mile trail will connect the Willamette and Tualatin rivers and the cities of Wilsonville, Tualatin and Sherwood. It will provide a safe walking and biking route to work, shopping, schools and natural areas, including the Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge and Graham Oaks Nature Park. It will also connect to the Fanno Creek Trail, the future Westside Trail, and local bike and pedestrian networks. Portions of the trail exist now; the remainder will be constructed in the future as funding is secured. Get more information at: [www.oregonmetro.gov/index.cfm/go/by.web/id/31143](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/index.cfm/go/by.web/id/31143)

### URMD Safety Projects

The county’s Urban Road Maintenance District (URMD) can fund small-scale safety improvement projects in urban areas outside of cities. For the upcoming 2013-14 fiscal year, the citizen URMD Advisory Committee recommended six pedestrian projects. The projects will improve safety for all road users by providing a place for pedestrians to walk outside of the vehicle travel lane. For details, view our January 15 news item at: [www.co.washington.or.us/LUT/News/](http://www.co.washington.or.us/LUT/News/)

### Care about transportation? Let’s Talk!

We’re in the process of updating the county’s Transportation System Plan (TSP). It will lay out the vision for our transportation network in 2035, which will inform future funding decisions. We need your input—What’s important to you? What would you like to see in 2035? What policies do we need to put in place to help us get there? Let us know what you think. More information and our draft Existing Conditions and Future Needs Report can be found at: [www.tsp2035.com](http://www.tsp2035.com)


### In Roads for Fish


Work on the Meacham Road Bridge replacement at East Fork Dairy Creek wrapped up in December. The bridge is a critical crossing, providing the only access for 68 properties. The previous bridge, built in 1957, had supports located within the creek. Over time, the bridge had been badly damaged by large debris hitting the supports during storm events.




The new steel bridge spans the creek, allowing debris to flow freely under it. In addition, removal of the old bridge supports improved the natural habitat by providing an unobstructed path for fish and wildlife. Seventy-five percent of the bridge replacement funding was provided through a FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant administered through the Oregon Office of Emergency Management. The Short Span Steel Bridge Alliance recently wrote a case study of the Meacham bridge replacement, which can be viewed on their website: <http://bit.ly/VFk2gJ>


## 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 2:00 p.m.  
meets 3rd Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.  
Auditorium, Public Services Building  
155 N First Ave, Hillsboro  
Contact: Connie McCracken, 846-3519

New Times

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.  
(4th Wednesday in November 2012)  
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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Andrew Singelakis

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