



Scholls Ferry Road
Bridge
At Fanno Creek



Open House #1 Comments

COMMENT	RESPONSE
<p>1 Good to see bike/ped facility during construction. Would like to see bike/ped facility on BOTH sides of the bridge for as much of the duration of the project as possible. Remember: Bicycles travel on the right side of the street. Forcing bicyclists to cross over the motor vehicle traffic to reach a temporary bridge will be inconvenient enough that bicyclists just won't bother. Don't use the bike lane as a construction storage area. Or, if you have to, make a temporary bike lane using traffic cones.</p>	<p>In order to keep Scholls Ferry Rd open during construction, the new bridge will be constructed in stages - half at a time. The western half of the new bridge will be constructed first, which will require traffic to shift to the eastern portion of the existing bridge. Shifting traffic to the east side of the existing bridge will require the travel lanes to narrow and as a result the speed through the construction zone will be reduced to 25 MPH. Unfortunately, given the constraints of the existing bridge width, there will not be enough space to allow for two travel lanes and two bike lanes while constructing the new bridge. Bicyclist traveling through the construction zone will have to enter the adjacent travel lane and travel with motor vehicles or exit the roadway just outside the project limits and use the temporary bike/pedestrian path and bridge that will be provided to allow safe public access through the construction zone. The project will install temporary bike/pedestrian detour signs at the signalized intersections at Allen and Denney that will route users to the temporary bike/ped bridge. The county design team believes that the current staging plan will accommodate all modes of transportation for the duration of the project given the existing roadway and bridge width constraints.</p>
<p>2 Speaking with 4 of the Washington County staff, the questions on my mind at the time were answered. Between now and the project start date, I would like to have another opportunity to be even better informed. Thank you. Retired for 12 years; Beaverton resident for 22 years.</p>	<p>The county plans to hold another public open house prior to the start of construction. Open house flyers will be sent out to a minimum of two weeks prior to holding the event, so please watch for the flyer in the mail and/or follow us on the project website at: http://www.co.washington.or.us/LUT/TransportationProjects/schollsferrybridgefannocrk.cfm</p>
<p>3 Consider closing the northern leg of Merry Lane.</p>	<p>Closing a roadway like this requires engineering justification, community support, and funding. While some residents along Merry Lane might like this idea, others might find the closure unfair or inconvenient. The county briefly looked into the feasibility of closing the northern leg of Merry Lane near Fanno Creek and determined that due to the low volume of traffic and low number of reported traffic accidents, there is no engineering justification for closing the roadway as part of the bridge improvements on Scholls Ferry Rd.</p>
<p>4 A previous public works project on Scholls Ferry Rd destroyed my roof drain connection. Can anything be done with this project to fix this?</p>	<p>As part of the storm water improvements the project will connect existing roof drains into the storm system.</p>