



## Updates

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# Updates

A Community Newsletter  
**Winter 2005**  
of Washington County's Department of Land Use and Transportation

### "We are REACHing for excellence."

In last fall's Updates, we asked, "What can we do better?" We had responses asking for electronic newsletters, quicker return of phone calls, more paving of gravel roads, more landscaping along roadways, and cracking down on smoky cars and noisy mufflers.

You can now receive this newsletter electronically! Simply go to <http://washtech.co.washington.or.us/subscriptions> to subscribe.

We sent your comments about smoky cars and noisy mufflers to the Sheriff's Office and the DEQ; the others we are working on. Keep your comments coming...

**Got another question? Ask Anne at [anne\\_madden@co.washington.or.us](mailto:anne_madden@co.washington.or.us) or call her at 503-846-4963.**

We, the staff of Washington County Land Use & Transportation, are REACHing for excellence through:

**Reliability** (consistent service)

**Efficiency** (timely response)

**Assistance** (resourceful solutions)

**Courtesy** (respect for all)

**Honesty** (open communications)

"We are proud to serve the citizens of Washington County!"

### You have been asking...what's up with Beaverton and annexations?

After years of work on future service boundaries, a long lull and then some surprising moves, the county and the city have signed a compromise intergovernmental agreement that gives everyone some clarity for the next decade. The IGA...

- Establishes the area that Beaverton can annex over the next 10 years, a boundary that may only be revised with county approval. This line addresses the city's concern that it was expected to provide services to its entire urban service area too soon. The IGA does not require, but only allows annexation within 10 years.
- Commits the county to serve areas outside of the boundary (Aloha, Reedville, Bethany, Cedar Mill) until such time (after 10 years) when the city is ready to serve additional unincorporated areas.
- Commits the city to coordinate with the county to develop and implement a strategy to talk with larger unincorporated residential areas in the area before the city initiates annexation.
- Commits the county to address remaining "double taxation" issues; this study will take place this year.

Questions? Check the website at <http://www.co.washington.or.us/deptmts/cao/news/bvtnplan.htm> or call Joanne Rice at 503-846-3965.

### Bike and Ped Power -- No more dark narrow dangerous curves ahead.

SW Baseline Road from 201st to 231st is a two-lane minor arterial that was inadequate to handle the 20,000 vehicles a day using it. Curves and dips added to the problems. There were no lights, and no bicycle facilities. Sidewalks were mostly substandard and segmented. Open ditches and narrow bridges impeded pedestrian travel and auto safety. But help is definitely on the way. Thanks to your MSTIP property taxes, you will soon enjoy four travel lanes, a center turn lane and two five-foot bike lanes. Curb, gutter, sidewalks and two new fish-friendly bridges are also being constructed. Curves will be milder and lights added. When this project is finished, bicyclists, pedestrians and motorists can enjoy a wide, (happy), well lighted corridor.

All together the Baseline MSTIP projects have created 11.4 miles of bike lanes and sidewalks, 2.2 miles of bikeways (widened shoulders) and connected a bike safety corridor from 10th Avenue / NE Cornell Road in Hillsboro east into Beaverton.

### How is Measure 37 affecting Washington County?

Measure 37, passed by voters last November, requires the county to respond to claims within 180 days. Although there is a compensation component in Measure 37, the more likely result from the many claims will be a decision to modify or not apply regulations that have devalued property since the current owner obtained it.

So far we have received 55 claims, the most in the state. Most of the claims concern rural properties, with many requesting the ability to construct a dwelling on an existing lot. Some are for more substantial requests, such as subdivisions on farmland. The Board of Commissioners will be adopting an ordinance to address all Measure 37 claims; a public hearing may occur in March. A claim registry and map of properties is available on our web site. Check [http://www.co.washington.or.us/deptmts/lut/land\\_dev/37letter.htm](http://www.co.washington.or.us/deptmts/lut/land_dev/37letter.htm) for more information.

### Your Community – Your Roads! Transportation 101 class being offered

Would you be interested in a seminar that would teach you the tools of transportation? Who decides what gets built, why, how is it paid for and how do citizens have a voice? The county and the CPO's are sponsoring six one-hour classes at TVTV on Wednesday evenings this spring. Call 503-846-4963 or 503-725-2117 to learn more or reserve a seat.

## Transportation improvements coming your way soon

### February:

- **Walnut Street / 121st to 135th Avenue, Phase 3** [http://www.co.washington.or.us/deptmts/lut/cap\\_proj/walnut.htm](http://www.co.washington.or.us/deptmts/lut/cap_proj/walnut.htm)

### March:

- **Walker Road at 158th Avenue**
- **Phillip Harris Bridge Replacement** [http://www.co.washington.or.us/deptmts/lut/cap\\_proj/p\\_harris/default.htm](http://www.co.washington.or.us/deptmts/lut/cap_proj/p_harris/default.htm)

### April:

- **Oak Street / 80th Avenue to Hall Boulevard** [http://www.co.washington.or.us/deptmts/lut/cap\\_proj/oak.htm](http://www.co.washington.or.us/deptmts/lut/cap_proj/oak.htm)
- **19th and 20th Avenues (Cornelius).** [http://www.co.washington.or.us/deptmts/lut/cap\\_proj/19th20th.htm](http://www.co.washington.or.us/deptmts/lut/cap_proj/19th20th.htm)

### May:

- **Cornelius Pass Road / Frances to Johnson** [http://www.co.washington.or.us/deptmts/lut/cap\\_proj/crnls\\_ps/](http://www.co.washington.or.us/deptmts/lut/cap_proj/crnls_ps/)
- **66th Avenue / Parkwest Culvert Replacement**
- **Timber Road Culvert / Beaver Creek** (an ODOT OTIA 3 project) <http://egov.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/OTIA/>

### June:

- **Oleson Road Fanno Creek to Hall Blvd.** [http://www.co.washington.or.us/deptmts/lut/cap\\_proj/oleson.htm](http://www.co.washington.or.us/deptmts/lut/cap_proj/oleson.htm)
- **Susbauer Road / Council Creek Bridge** (an ODOT OTIA-3 project) <http://egov.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/OTIA/>

## On the Road Again – under construction NOW

### SW Baseline Road –201st to 231st Avenues

The contractor anticipates moving traffic to Baseline Road's new alignment by March 1. Final paving will occur this spring during warmer, drier weather. The Rock Creek bridge deck has been poured; bridge railings will be next. Beaverton Creek bridge beams will be set mid-February. Forming for the architectural face of the soil nail wall between the two bridges should be completed by mid-February. Retaining wall construction continues near both bridges. This project is scheduled for completion late 2006. [http://www.co.washington.or.us/deptmts/lut/cap\\_proj/baseli.htm](http://www.co.washington.or.us/deptmts/lut/cap_proj/baseli.htm).

### NW Cornell and Barnes Roads

Utility relocations and storm sewer installations continue on both Cornell and Barnes. This underground work is a necessary preparation for the upcoming excavation and roadwork. Once the utilities and storm sewer installations are complete, progress will be more evident. Estimated completion date is May 1, 2006. [http://www.co.washington.or.us/deptmts/lut/cap\\_proj/cornell.htm](http://www.co.washington.or.us/deptmts/lut/cap_proj/cornell.htm)

### Cornelius Pass Road Interchange at Highway 26 (Sunset Highway)

This project is nearly complete, except for final paving which will occur during warmer, drier weather. Eastbound and westbound ramps are now open. Illumination will be completed in early February.

### Farmington Road from 198th to 209th Ave

Landscaping and final asphalt paving will be completed during warmer spring weather. [http://www.co.washington.or.us/deptmts/lut/cap\\_proj/farmngtn.htm](http://www.co.washington.or.us/deptmts/lut/cap_proj/farmngtn.htm)

## Lower Boones Ferry Road from SW Boones Ferry Road to SW Bridgeport Road

The scope of this project was extended to repair the poor condition of existing surfaces in the vicinity. It is now substantially complete. Asphalt paving, landscaping and planting will be completed when the weather warms up. [http://www.co.washington.or.us/deptmts/lut/cap\\_proj/lowerb.htm](http://www.co.washington.or.us/deptmts/lut/cap_proj/lowerb.htm)

### Phillip Harris Bridge Replacement

Final design, plans and specifications review are in the final stages. Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) will advertise this project to the public for open, competitive bids. Bids will be opened on March 10, 2005. Construction will begin approximately one month later. The new bridge is anticipated to open in November 2005. [http://www.co.washington.or.us/deptmts/lut/cap\\_proj/p\\_harris/default.htm](http://www.co.washington.or.us/deptmts/lut/cap_proj/p_harris/default.htm)

## Citizen Involvement Calendar

Planning Commission meets 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Auditorium, Public Services Building 155 N 1<sup>st</sup> Ave, Hillsboro  
Contact: Angela Brown, 846-3968

Board of County Commissioners meets 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Auditorium, Public Services Building 155 N 1<sup>st</sup> Ave, Hillsboro  
Contact: Noreen Lee, 846-8685

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## County may adopt TVF&R traffic calming policy

As our region has grown, traffic pressures have too. Our neighborhood streets feel the overflow from congested intersections and arterials. Traffic cutting through neighborhoods often exceeds posted speeds, creating safety concerns. In response, citizens often request traffic calming measures such as "speed bumps".

On the other hand, response time is critical for emergency services. Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue relies on an interconnected and safe circulation system to adequately service emergency needs. Recently TVF&R adopted traffic calming policies that the County Commissioners may soon incorporate into our own guidelines. Generally TVF&R does not support traffic calming measures that slow down emergency response time. That's not to say traffic calming is out of the question. On primary and secondary response routes we still could use street trees, curb extensions, medians, pavement texture or chokers. On secondary response routes "speed cushions" (bumps with grooves for the wheel track of the larger axle fire vehicle to go through) would be allowed. And we continue to offer creative approaches to education to county residents.

## Phillip Harris bridge work

During the time this rotting wooden bridge was under a 5-ton weight limit, sheriff's deputies monitored traffic over it. They ticketed a tremendous number of drivers who ignored the weight limit. It became apparent the weight limit was unenforceable 24-hours per day and the risk was too great that the bridge would collapse. Thus the county decided to close the bridge entirely.

Our engineers are scurrying at their fastest to get the new one built. The design is done and all the state and federal permits have been applied for. The biggest risk right now seems to be a late and wet spring in meeting the goal of having the bridge open to traffic in November 2005. Informational signs are going up near the site:

**Harris Bridge Construction Begins in May 2005**

[www.wc-roads.com](http://www.wc-roads.com)

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