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of Washington County's Department of Land Use and Transportation

Former County Engineer Greg Miller Honored by Oregon APWA



On October 20, the Oregon Chapter of the American Public Works Association (OR APWA) announced former Washington County Engineer Greg Miller as the 2011 recipient of the William A. Bowes Award, which recognizes public works leaders for their influential and positive impact on public works programs, services and policies.

Regrettably, Greg passed away on October 19 following a serious illness. He retired from the Department of Land Use and Transportation (DLUT) earlier this year, but his 18-year legacy at DLUT includes many traffic and transportation projects we rely on every day. Many of these projects were complex collaborative efforts with our cities, state transportation officials, developers, major employers and citizen groups. Greg was well respected by his peers and was named 2010 *County Engineer of the Year* by the Oregon Association of County Engineers and Surveyors. Former longtime Washington County Administrator Charlie Cameron said, "I worked with Greg a number of years... his record of achievement, combined with a gentle, ethical and results-oriented manner, made him a model public service professional." He will be missed by his many friends and co-workers in DLUT.

On November 22, Kurt Corey, Public Works Director for the City of Eugene, presented the William A. Bowes Award to Greg's wife Marcia on behalf of OR APWA in a presentation before the Board of County Commissioners.

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DLUT-managed Projects Recognized

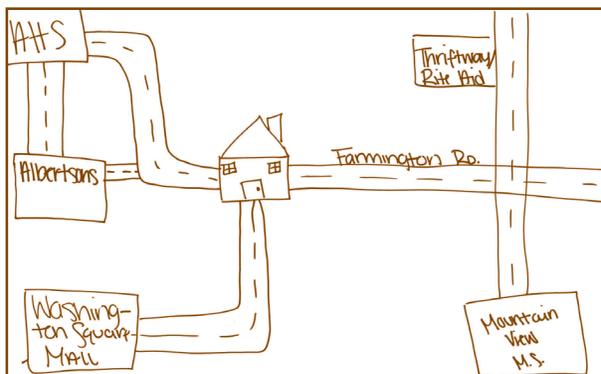
On October 20, OR APWA also recognized two projects managed by DLUT:

- **Transportation Project of the Year** to the **Banks/Vernonia Linear Trail Extension and South Trailhead** project, which paved the southernmost 2/3 mile of this popular 21-mile recreational trail, constructed a bridge over West Fork Dairy Creek and provided a much-needed trailhead parking area.
- **Honorable Mention** to the **Hwy 99W/Hall Boulevard/Greenburg Road-Main Street** project in Tigard, which provided improved bicycle and pedestrian facilities while expanding vehicle capacity.

Both projects were complex multi-jurisdictional efforts, and we want to recognize our agency partners: the Cities of Banks and Tigard, the Oregon Department of Transportation, and the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department. For more information on these projects, visit www.wc-roads.com and click "View all construction projects".

Aloha-Reedville Study Progressing

The draft 'Existing Conditions Report' is now available at <http://www.co.washington.or.us/LUT/PlanningProjects/alohareedville/document-and-maps.cfm>. You are invited to review the report and provide feedback to the Aloha-Reedville project team. When finalized, this report will form a basis for shared understanding of the study area as the project moves into the future planning stage.



Students from Aloha High School's leadership class were asked to create a map of what was important to them in the Aloha-Reedville community. Check out more of their ideas on our website!

On November 2, we held our second community-wide Aloha-Reedville Study open house in conjunction with the TV Highway Corridor Plan team (ODOT and City of Hillsboro). More than 100 community members came out to join us. They learned about the draft Existing Conditions Report, talked with several of their elected representatives and project team members, and provided feedback about both projects. Also on November 2, Aloha High School's leadership class participated in a mapping exercise and discussion about the community's existing conditions and its future possibilities (one of the student maps is depicted).

The Aloha-Reedville Study and TV Highway Corridor Plan project websites are updated regularly. To stay up to date or to get involved, visit www.co.washington.or.us/alohareedville and www.tvhighway.org

North Bethany Ordinance Adopted

On October 25, the **Board of Commissioners** adopted **Ordinance 739**, a milestone that clears the way for submission of the first development applications in North Bethany. DLUT staff will work with stakeholders over the winter to prepare an ordinance to address remaining 'placeholder' issues, including standards for Planned Developments, cluster housing, building design and variety, and land divisions to facilitate the acquisition of park land prior to development of certain properties. The placeholder ordinance should get its first hearing next March. For more information, visit www.bethanyplan.org

On the Road Again

In Forest Grove, construction of a project to extend **David Hill Road** 700 feet east of Brooke Street has commenced. The road will consist of two travel lanes, a center turn lane, bike lanes and sidewalks. *Estimated completion: November 2011.*

The new roundabout at the **Scholls Ferry Road/River Road** intersection is starting to take shape. The roundabout configuration will reduce traffic congestion and improve safety at this busy rural intersection. *Estimated completion: December 2011.*

Construction is moving right along on **NW 185th Avenue** between West Union Road and Westview High School in the Rock Creek area. Improvements include two travel lanes in each direction, a center turn lane, bike lanes and sidewalks. A trail crossing for Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District and sanitary sewer upgrades for Clean Water Services were also incorporated into this project. *Estimated completion: June 2012.*

Replacement of the **Glencoe Road Bridge** over McKay Creek north of Hillsboro is underway. Crews are prepping the area for installation of the new bridge structure, which will be 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. *Estimated completion: September 2012.*

Brookwood Avenue construction continues between Main Street/Baseline Road and Golden Road in Hillsboro. Upon reopening this section on November 18, 2011, the contractor will commence work between Golden Road and TV Highway. Improvements include one travel lane in each direction, a center turn lane, bike lanes and sidewalks. The project also includes major sanitary sewer upgrades in partnership with Clean Water Services. *Estimated completion: December 2012.*

For more details on these projects, check www.wc-roads.com or call 503 846-7800.

Bike and Ped Power – ‘Safe Routes to School’ Grant

In August, the Oregon Department of Transportation announced that DLUT had been awarded \$411,000 from the ‘Safe Routes to School’ grant program. The grant will fund pedestrian improvements on Leahy Road near West Tualatin View Elementary School, including ADA ramps, sidewalks and pedestrian paths. This was one of just ten ‘Safe Routes’ projects funded statewide. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2013.

Taking Steps to Improve Safety and Connectivity

DLUT is committed to improving safety and connectivity for all roadway users. Since 1986, we’ve constructed over 100 miles of bike lanes and sidewalks with major road improvements through the **Major Streets Transportation Improvement Program (MSTIP)**. However, roads in and around many neighborhoods still lack sidewalks, bike lanes or paved shoulders, discouraging residents from walking or biking to nearby destinations. In addition to MSTIP and grants (see Bike and Ped Power), two DLUT-managed programs are also helping deliver these enhancements.

In September, the Board of County Commissioners adopted an ordinance allowing the **Urban Road Maintenance District (URMD)** to fund safety improvements on roads within the District (urban unincorporated areas). Improvements may benefit motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians. There will be no change to the District’s current \$0.245/\$1,000 tax rate or its primary mission of neighborhood street maintenance. A citizen advisory committee will provide recommendations to the Board on the selection of safety improvement projects and their funding allocation each year. Recommendations for fiscal year 2012-13 funding will be developed soon, and resident input is encouraged. For more information, visit www.co.washington.or.us/URMD

The **Minor Betterment Program** uses gas tax revenues to fund small-scale interim road improvements. Any county road is eligible for consideration. After careful evaluation and opportunity for public comment, a committee of citizens and DLUT staff recommended the following projects for construction in fiscal year 2012-13:

- Pedestrian pathway on **Walker Road** from Roxbury to Cedar Hills Blvd
- Widening and bike lane on **Barnes Road** from the county line to Leahy Road
- Pedestrian pathway on **Rock Creek Blvd** from 185th to Columbia
- Pedestrian pathway on **197th Avenue** from Rock Road to Baseline
- Road widening and turn lane on **River Road** at Rosedale

These projects address safety and connectivity issues, benefit multiple transportation modes (motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians), and achieve geographic diversity (four CPOs; three Commissioner districts; urban and rural). The total estimated cost of these projects is within the \$500,000 budget target. For more information, visit www.co.washington.or.us/LUT/Divisions/Operations/Programs/Minor-Betterments.cfm

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: Juli Mills, 846-3519

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.
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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Metro UGB Expansion Decision: <http://www.oregonmetro.gov/greatestplace>