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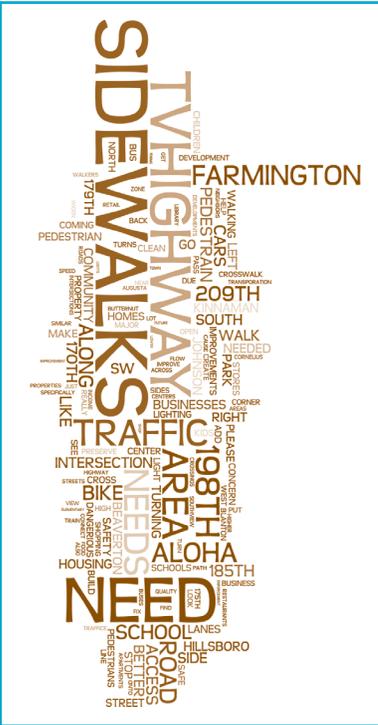
You have been asking... about the Aloha-Reedville Study and Livable Community Plan

What is it?
This County-led three-year project will determine strategies to enhance livability in this mostly unincorporated area that is home to approximately 50,000 people. The study is looking at transportation, land use, housing and economic factors. It is asking the community for its aspirations and ideas for addressing current needs and the growth anticipated over the next 20+ years. An open house on June 16 drew more than 125 community members and began an on-going discussion about what works and what doesn't in the area and how those issues might be resolved.

How can I get involved?
The project team is seeking opportunities to provide presentations, host neighborhood coffees, attend community events and provide information in Spanish (and other languages) to engage the community and gather input. Members of the community are encouraged to request presentations. In addition, the project website features an opinion survey and options for submitting your comments, concerns, and suggestions to the project team.

A second community-wide open house is scheduled for late October or early November. At that time the draft Existing Conditions Report will be available, and the public will be asked to help fill any gaps in the information. The report will then be used as the shared basis of information for the next phase. In Phase 2, the community will be extensively engaged in discussing alternatives to enhance the community.

Where can I get more information or provide feedback?
Please visit the project website at:
www.co.washington.or.us/alohareedville



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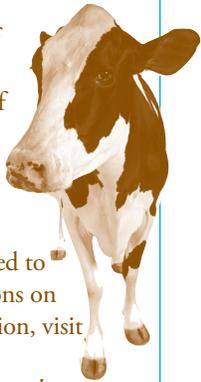
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TV Highway Corridor Plan Kicks Off

In addition to the Aloha-Reedville project already underway, residents along Tualatin Valley Highway will soon be asked to participate in a separate effort to analyze how TV Highway works (and doesn't work!). The Oregon Department of Transportation and City of Hillsboro are leading the Tualatin Valley Corridor Plan (TVCP) effort. The TVCP will look at 8.5 miles of the highway stretching between 10th Avenue in Hillsboro and Cedar Hills Boulevard in Beaverton. The TVCP will consider options for improving travel on the highway for vehicle, bicycle, pedestrian and transit users. Because of its geographic overlap with the Aloha-Reedville project, public involvement efforts are being coordinated. Input provided to either project will be collaboratively reviewed and discussed by the project teams. The TV Highway Corridor Plan website contains additional details and will publicize all future public events: www.tvhighway.org

Metro Considers Potential UGB Expansions

The Metro Council is considering potential expansions of the urban growth boundary. Metro's COO has issued a report containing recommendations for potential expansion areas, and most are in Washington County. They include an industrial area north of Hillsboro, and residential areas southeast of Cornelius, south of Hillsboro, west of Beaverton, southwest of Tigard, and west of Sherwood. The Metro Council will hold a public hearing on this issue at the Beaverton City Library at 5 p.m. on October 6, and they are tentatively scheduled to make their decision on expansions on October 20. For more information, visit Metro's website:
<http://www.oregonmetro.gov/greatestplace>



In Roads for Fish

In 2005, the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) approved our Routine Road Maintenance Program. This 'programmatic permit' relieves us from additional state and federal permitting for individual projects like culvert replacements in our streams and rivers. It reduces project costs and helps assure timely project delivery.

This year, NMFS approved our request for a five-year extension. In the notice of approval, the NMFS Regional Administrator stated, "Washington County has spent significant effort updating the Program and making modifications to improve protections for fish... Thank you for your commitment and efforts and those of your staff on behalf of ESA-listed endangered species."

Washington County is one of just four agencies in Oregon with this type of approval, and we remain committed to protecting and enhancing fish and wildlife habitat with our projects.

On the Road Again

The wet, cool start to summer created challenges for our roadwork contractors. Paving work is weather-dependent, and construction schedules are subject to change. Routine road maintenance and paving projects are happening throughout the County. For roadwork schedule information, check www.wc-roads.com or call 503 846-ROAD.

We also have a number of capital improvement projects underway or starting up soon:

Construction of the **David Hill Road** extension project in Forest Grove will begin in September. The project will extend David Hill Road 700 feet east of Brooke Street, with three travel lanes, bike lanes and sidewalks. *Estimated completion: November 2011.*

Construction of a roundabout at the **Scholls Ferry Road/River Road** intersection is scheduled to begin in September. The improvement should reduce traffic congestion and improve safety. *Estimated completion: December 2011.*

Evergreen Road between 25th Avenue and 253rd Avenue in Hillsboro is slated to begin construction in October. Improvements include widening the road to five lanes with sidewalks and bike lanes to match the existing sections of Evergreen Road. *Estimated completion: April 2012.*

Construction has started on **185th Avenue** between West Union Road and Westview High School. The road will be widened to five lanes with bike lanes and sidewalks, and the West Union Road/185th Avenue intersection will be improved. A trail crossing for Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District and sanitary sewer upgrades for Clean Water Services have also been incorporated into this project. *Estimated completion: June 2012.*

Replacement of the **Glencoe Road Bridge** over McKay Creek has begun. The new bridge structure is wider, longer and built above the flood plain, which will help restore the creek's natural stream flow and benefit the local habitat. *Estimated completion: September 2012.*

Brookwood Avenue construction continues between TV Highway and East Main Street/Baseline Road in Hillsboro. Crews are widening the road to three lanes and adding bike lanes and sidewalks. The project also includes major sanitary sewer upgrades in partnership with Clean Water Services. The road will remain closed until October 19, 2011. *Estimated completion: December 2012.*

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

North Bethany Update

Proposed **Ordinance 739** was filed on July 6 to address issues including urban and rural compatibility along the community's edges, transfers of land for parks, park locations, provision of community service uses, and interim bicycle network connections (prior to ultimate build-out of the community). Neighbors, developers, and other community stakeholders attended an open house on July 19.

The **Board of Commissioners** is scheduled to hold its first hearing on Ordinance 739 at its August 23 meeting. Approval of the ordinance would allow development to proceed in this new community. Review a copy of the Ordinance and get more information at: <http://www.bethanyplan.org>

Bike and Ped Power

In early July, we completed a project that provided a continuous walkway on the east side of **NW 143rd Avenue** between NW Cornell and NW West Union Roads.



The project was funded by the 'Minor Betterment' program, which constructs small-scale interim improvements to address safety, capacity, environmental and/or connectivity issues on county roads. Pedestrian projects funded for fiscal year 2011-12 include paths on **153rd Avenue** from Cornell to Arcadia, **Barnes Road** from 70th Terrace to Miller, **Cornell Road** from 119th to Saltzman, and **Kinnaman Road** from Farmington to 185th; an ADA ramp at **158th Avenue/Walker Road**; and shoulder widening on **Miller Hill Road** at Farmington. The **Minor Betterment Project Selection Committee** is currently reviewing potential projects for funding in 2012-13. To review the list of nominated projects, or for more details on the program, visit: <http://www.co.washington.or.us/LUT/Divisions/Operations/Programs/minor-betterments.cfm>

This summer, we are also repaving and restriping **SW Tualatin-Sherwood Road** between Highway 99W and Teton Avenue. The improved road will feature Washington County's first 'buffered' bike lanes, which increase the distance between vehicles and bicyclists. The project should be completed by end of summer.

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: Gretchen Olson, 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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Potential Changes to Urban Road Maintenance District:
<http://www.co.washington.or.us/URMD>

LUT 2010 Annual Report:
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