

SPRING 2013 - East County

## **Help Prioritize Transportation Projects!**

Walking? Biking? Driving? What are the transportation priorities of residents and businesses in unincorporated Clackamas County for the next 20 years?

Citizen members of a Public Advisory Committee (PAC) have been working with County staff and technical consultants for over a year to identify more than 300 projects for roads, bridges, sidewalks and bikeways that will be needed by 2035 in unincorporated Clackamas County. Since funds will only be available for a small fraction of these projects, the team has been working hard to set priorities. Let us know if we got it right – visit the online open house between May 15 and June 15 to review the list and let us know if you think any project priorities should be changed. You will be able to view projects just in your area of the County or throughout the County. Your input will help the PAC make its final decisions for project lists to send to the Clackamas County Planning Commission for consideration this fall.

Online Open House
May 15 – June 15, 2013
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# Three Tiers of Projects Under Consideration

Identified projects have been evaluated and ranked based on vision, goals, objectives and evaluation criteria set last year by the Public Advisory Committee (PAC). On the basis of that evaluation, they have been prioritized into the following tiers:

■ Tier 1: 20-Year Capital Projects –
Those that can reasonably be undertaken within current estimates of available funding. The County estimates that approximately \$444 million is available.



- Tier 2: Preferred Capital Projects Additional recommended projects the County hopes to undertake if additional funds become available during the next 20 years (approximately \$444 million of projects).
- Tier 3: Long-Term Capital
  Projects Almost all other projects
  identified during this process.
  Although funds are not expected
  to be available for these projects
  during the next 20 years, these
  projects are still needed to meet the
  County's projected transportation
  demands.

There are also a few projects that are recommended to be removed from the project list.

The prioritized project lists were refined by geographic area groups, the Technical Advisory Committee and the PAC.



The PAC developed and the Board of County Commissioners approved the following TSP vision and goals in 2012.

#### VISION

Building on the foundation of our existing assets, we envision a well-maintained and designed transportation system that provides safety, flexibility, mobility, accessibility and connectivity for people, goods and services; is tailored to our diverse geographies, and supports future needs and land use plans.

#### **GOALS**

- Equity
- Fiscally Responsible
- Livable and Local
- Local Business and Jobs
- Safety and Health
- Sustainable

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## **Types of Projects**

The pie chart below indicates the types of projects currently in Tier 1. It reflects the Public Advisory Committee's (PAC) priorities with input from the Geographic Area Projects (GAPS) groups and the Technical Advisory Council (TAC). The type of projects are defined as follows:

#### Upgrade

- Urban Projects in the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) that provide additional sidewalks, bicycle lanes and vehicle capacity.
- Rural Projects outside the UGB that add paved shoulders and vehicle capacity to roadways that do not have these amenities.

#### Upgrade - Active Transportation

- Urban Projects in the UGB that add sidewalks and/ or bicycle lanes to existing roadways.
- Rural projects outside the UGB that add paved shoulders to existing roadways.

#### ■ Upgrade: Vehicle Capacity

- Urban Projects in the UGB that add vehicle capacity to existing roadways or intersections. Existing sidewalks and/or bicycle lanes would be rebuilt.
- Rural Projects outside the UGB that add vehicle capacity to existing roadways or intersections, with reconstruction of any existing paved shoulders, sidewalks and/or bicycle lanes.
- **Safety** Projects or studies likely to reduce crashes, including railroad crossings.
- New Roadway A new roadway or roadway extension.

#### TSP Update Process

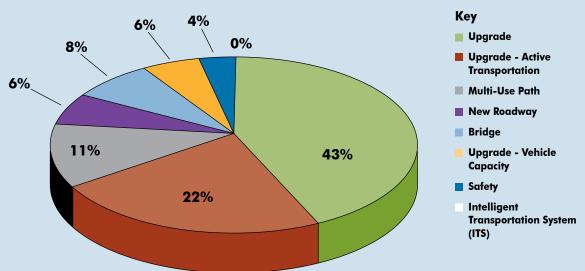
- ✓ Establish Vision, Goals, Objectives
- Evaluate Existing Conditions
- **✓** Project Future Conditions
- Re-evaluate Previously Planned Projects
- **Evaluate New Projects & Solutions**
- ✓ Prepare Draft Project List
- Prioritize Projects



- Multiuse Paths A new or extended multiuse path.
- Bridges PA new, replaced or updated bridge.
- Intelligent
   Transportation System
   (ITS) Projects that incorporate the latest technology, such as coordinated traffic signal systems.















### **Public Advisory Committee (PAC) Accomplishments**

The volunteer PAC has had 11 full committee meetings so far, with two more meetings to come. It has been a lot of hard work, but it shows in the well thought-out results. Through an extensive public process over the past year, including 17 smaller area meetings, the 21-member committee has:



- √ developed and agreed on a vision, goals and objectives for the TSP update process;
- ✓ obtained approval of the above by the Board of County Commissioners;
- √ developed and approved evaluation criteria for proposed transportation projects, and
- worked with staff and the public to identify, prioritize and evaluate transportation projects in five geographic areas of unincorporated Clackamas County East, Southwest, Northwest, Greater McLoughlin and Clackamas Regional Center / Industrial areas.

The initial project priorities were based on the evaluation criteria approved by the PAC. The priorities were reviewed and revised in light of feedback from: geographic area working groups of PAC members and other citizens, and a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) of transportation and planning experts from the County, cities within the county, and affected public agencies.

After placing each project in one of three categories (or on a removal list), the PAC agreed on a prioritized projects list to share with the public through a variety of public outreach activities this spring including the online open house – www.clackamascountytsp.com – and presentations at community and business meetings.

## **What's Coming Up Next**



The Next Steps Community feedback this spring will be considered by the PAC and TAC in the late summer and early fall to develop a final draft prioritized project list to present to the County Planning Commission and Board of County Commissioners in late 2013. Both the Planning Commission and County Commission will hold public hearings as part of their review process. Final action will be taken by the Board of County Commissioners.

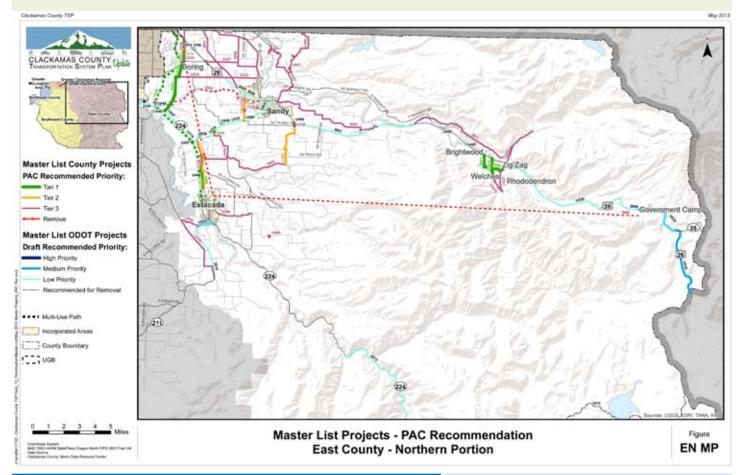
Where We're Headed In a thorough, two-year public process,
Clackamas County is reviewing plans and policies
for various forms of transportation (roads,
transit, walking, bicycling, rail, air, freight,
waterways and pipelines) in unincorporated
Clackamas County. When completed by the end of
2013, the TSP will specify priority transportation
projects for the next 20 years and address how
those projects can be funded.



## **Projects in East County - PAC Recommendation**

The map below shows the Master List Projects in East County, as recommended by the Public Advisory Committee (PAC). The projects are colored based on whether they are on a County or ODOT facility and the recommended priority of the project.

Visit the Online Open House (www.clackamascountytsp.com) to view interactive maps displaying the projects in each geographic sub area and to share your thoughts on the prioritization of County projects.



## **Transportation Policies**

During 2012 the Policy Working Group, a subcommittee of the Public Advisory Committee, reviewed transportationrelated issues such as economic development, safety, transit, bike/pedestrian, urban road operating standards and rural road operating standards, freight movement (including trucks, rail, waterways, airports and pipelines), and funding and suggested revisions.

After approval by the County Planning Commission and the Board, the revised policies will become part of the final Transportation System Plan and will be adopted as amendments to the County's Comprehensive Plan.

## **Participate Online!**

Visit the online open house anytime between mid-May and mid-June to review and comment on the prioritized list of projects in your area of the County.

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CLACKAMAS COUNTY Update Transportation System Plan