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Public comments sought on ODOT projects

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) is asking citizens across the state for input to help shape transportation funding decisions for the next four years. The draft \$1 billion Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) is ODOT's project funding and scheduling document. It identifies the highest priority transportation projects to be funded in 2008-2011. Four of these meetings will be conducted jointly with Metro officials seeking comments on their first-cut list of transportation priorities for the 2008-2011 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program.

Public Meetings are scheduled in:

Hood River
Thursday, Nov. 2
5 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Public Library
502 State Street

Clatskanie
Monday, Nov. 6
5 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Clatskanie River Inn
600 East Columbia River Highway

Gresham*
Thursday, Nov. 9
5 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Springwater Trail Room
City Hall Building
1333 NW Eastman Parkway

Beaverton*
Monday, Nov. 13
5 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Beaverton Community Center
12350 SW 5th Street
Community Room (testimony) and Vose
Room (exhibits/information)

Oregon City*
Tuesday, Nov. 14
5 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Pioneer Community Center
615 Fifth Street

Portland*
Thursday, Nov. 16
5 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Council Chamber (testimony) and Council
Annex (exhibits/information)
Metro Central
600 NE Grand Avenue

*Joint public meeting with Metro

Earlier this year, ODOT received public comment on projects that totaled 150 percent of the available funds. Since that time, through a regional process, the project lists have been trimmed to match available funding.

Prioritization Factors included:

- Project readiness (an assessment of the likelihood of a project getting to construction in the timeframe contemplated).
- Projects that best support the policies of the Oregon Highway Plan.
- Projects that support freight mobility
- Projects that leverage other funds and public benefits.
- Projects that have completed an environmental milestone of a Record of Decision (ROD) or Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)

The public comment period is open through Friday, Dec. 1. Citizens unable to attend the public meetings can review the STIP documents online at:

www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/REGION1/r1stip

Reasonable accommodations will be provided for people with disabilities or needing language translation services. If an interpreter is needed, please call 503-731-3490 prior to the meeting. TTY 1-800-735-2900.

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