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Clackamas County Commission approves vision, goals for 20-year transportation system plan

The first major step in creating Clackamas County's new 20-year Transportation System Plan (TSP) was taken by the County Board of Commissioners April 29 when they approved a vision, goals and objectives to guide the remainder of the project.

The 18-month TSP update process is being undertaken, as required by law, to review and update plans and policies for various forms of transportation – roads, transit, walking, bicycling, rail, air, freight, waterways and pipelines – in unincorporated Clackamas County. When complete in late 2013, the TSP will specify priority transportation projects for the next 20 years and address how those projects can be funded.

The vision, goals and objectives, which were recommended to the Commission after months of work by the TSP Public Advisory Committee, will be used to guide the work of the public, staff and the Commission in preparing a 20-year plan for transportation policies and projects in unincorporated areas of the county.

Commissioner Jamie Damon, stated that the 22-member Public Advisory Committee, "is an incredibly committed group of folks from all around the County, with all different perspectives and viewpoints."

TSP Public Advisory Committee Chair Chips Janger, a resident of the Oak Grove area in unincorporated Clackamas County, told the Commissioners that "this is the farthest thing from a rubber-stamp committee that you have ever seen."

The approved vision states: *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.*

The vision is support by six goals -- Sustainable, Local Businesses and Jobs, Livable and Local, Safety and Health, Equity and Fiscally Responsible -- each with specific objectives to be taken into consideration throughout the update process.

More information about the TSP update process, upcoming events and opportunities to give input can be found on the project website at www.clackamascountytsp.com.

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