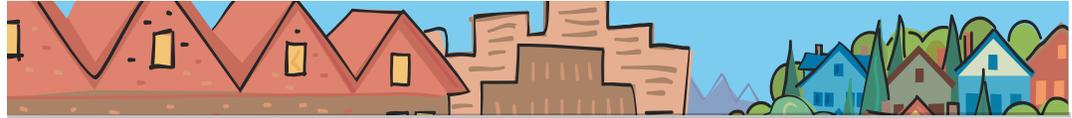


Brian Newman

METRO COUNCIL DISTRICT 2 NEWS



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Brian Newman represents District 2, which includes a portion of Southwest Portland and much of urban Clackamas County including Gladstone, Johnson City, Lake Oswego, Milwaukie, Oak Grove, Oregon City, Rivergrove and West Linn.



A message from Brian Newman

Transportation shapes our communities and daily lives in profound and lasting ways. Metro is working on a significant update to the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), a long-range transportation plan that includes policies, programs and projects that foster a healthy economy, protect the environment and support vibrant communities. The RTP is a guide that Metro will use for making transportation investments over the next 30 years. Transportation projects and programs must be in the RTP to receive federal—and some state—funding.

The RTP is updated every four years. This year we are undertaking a significant update in response to several major developments, including new federal regulations, rapid growth in the region and increasing cost of fuel and petroleum-based road construction material. We need to ensure that the RTP invests in programs and projects that achieve goals important to the region that we can afford and that will keep this region a great place to live and work.

To find out more or get involved, visit www.metro-region.org/rtp or call the Metro transportation hotline at (503) 797-1900.

— Brian Newman

Salmon Festival celebrates return of fall Chinook

The 23rd annual Salmon Festival at Oxbow Regional Park celebrates the return of fall Chinook salmon to the Sandy River. This year's event takes place from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 14 and 15 and emphasizes a better understanding of the importance of healthy rivers and streams and ways to ensure that salmon continue to be part of our local story. Admission is \$8 per vehicle or \$12 per bus at the gate. Pets are not allowed.

The festival literally has something for everyone: informative exhibits, live music, interactive activities for children, arts and crafts demonstrations, a salmon barbecue and a food court. The Wy-Kan-Ush-Pum Village, hosted by the fishing tribes of the Columbia River Basin, will offer traditional activities

including storytelling, beading, weaving, dancing, drum making, a traditional salmon bake, as well as lessons about the tribes' efforts to restore salmon runs.

For those seeking a quieter experience, self-guided walks along a peaceful forest trail will take you to the best places to view spawning salmon. Biologists will be on hand to help spot fish and answer questions.

Festival hosts are Metro, Mt. Hood National Forest, Portland Water Bureau, Western Rivers Conservancy and the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission. Event sponsors are Portland General Electric, Bureau of Land Management, Columbia Sportswear and The Portland Tribune.

For more information, visit www.metro-region.org/salmonfestival or call Metro at (503) 797-1850.

Oregon Zoo increases funding of conservation efforts

Over the past few decades, the Oregon Zoo has gained a reputation among zoos as a leader in protecting the environment. The most visible conservation projects include a California condor breeding program that has produced seven chicks since 2003, and efforts to save western pond turtles in the Columbia Gorge and Oregon silverspot butterflies on the Oregon Coast.

To expand these and other conservation initiatives, the Oregon Zoo joined an alliance of Pacific Northwest zoos, aquariums and wildlife parks interested in conservation. Members are in the process of generating new money, which they hope to pool and spend on projects around the Northwest.

To contribute to this effort, the Metro Council approved a 25-cent surcharge on admission, starting in January, to help save endangered animals and wildlife habitat. The fee is expected to raise \$102,000 per year for projects such as breeding endangered butterflies, California condors and pygmy rabbits. This will triple the money available through the Future for Wildlife program, a joint venture of the Oregon Zoo and the Oregon Zoo Foundation. Funds will be targeted toward preserving animals native to the Pacific Northwest.

2008-11 Transportation Priorities seeks public comment

The 2008-11 Transportation Priorities process started in April, soliciting project applications from local jurisdictions. Funds for the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) will target economic development in the region's mixed-use and industrial areas and help meet transportation-related air quality requirements.

This summer, Metro staff ranked projects to create a "First Cut" list, which contains 67 projects and programs requesting \$133.5 million. Since only \$45.4 million is actually available, Metro is looking to the public to help narrow the list. The official comment period begins with the release of the First Cut list on October 13 and ends on December 1, 2006. The First Cut list will be posted on the Metro website, www.metro-region.org.

Comments can be submitted in several ways, including attending one of the public Listening Posts Metro will host around the region in November. A Clackamas County Listening Post will be held 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14 in the Pioneer Community Center, 615 Fifth St., Oregon City (TriMet buses 76, 78, and 88). To ensure that oral testimony is accurately recorded, please also submit comments in writing.

For more information, including the full list of Listening Posts, and to submit comments, contact Metro at:

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After the First Cut list is narrowed, a draft final list will be released for further public comment next January before the Metro Council's final adoption of the plan in March 2007. Project funding will begin in October 2007.

Events of note in District 2

9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 7

Willamette Narrows paddle

Join Jim Labbe and Ron Carley to explore the wildlife, geology and spectacular scenery of this unique section of the Willamette River near West Linn. Bring your own kayak or canoe; personal floatation device required. Free. Register online at www.audubonportland.org.

9:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 28

Camassia Nature Preserve work party

This 27-acre preserve near West Linn is home to more than 300 plant species, including several rare species. Camassia is a special gem in a rapidly growing urban area. Volunteers will assist with removal of invasive species. Advance registration required; call (503) 802-8100.

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About Metro

Clean air and clean water do not stop at city limits or county lines. Neither does the need for jobs, a thriving economy and good transportation choices for people and businesses in our region. Voters have asked Metro to help with the challenges that cross those lines and affect the 25 cities and three counties in the Portland metropolitan area.

A regional approach simply makes sense when it comes to protecting open space, caring for parks, planning for the best use of land, managing garbage disposal and increasing recycling. Metro oversees world-class facilities such as the Oregon Zoo, which contributes to conservation and education, and the Oregon Convention Center, which benefits the region's economy.

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