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Carl Hosticka represents District 3, which includes portions of Washington and Clackamas counties and the cities of Beaverton, Durham, King City, Sherwood, Tigard, Tualatin and Wilsonville.



## Public weighs in on regional transportation funding

A 45-day public comment period on allocating regional flexible transportation funding for 2010-13 closed at noon on December 1, 2008. Regional flexible funds come from two federal funding categories established by Congress—the Surface Transportation Program and Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality funds. These funds are administered in the Portland metropolitan region by Metro, and a total of \$67.8 million is expected to be available during the 2010-13 funding cycle.

A new, two-step process for allocating regional flexible funds was developed by the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) after extensive stakeholder and community input. During Step 1, JPACT identified nine regional programs and recommended that \$46.14 million be apportioned among them, subject to public comment.

During Step 2, local jurisdictions and agencies submitted 26 competitive applications to fund projects that totaled \$57.8 million in requested funding—about twice the \$21.65 million expected to be available. Public comments will help narrow the project list to more closely match the available funding.

In total Metro received 797 comments as letters, emails, comment forms, online and written summaries of oral comments offered at four public “listening posts.” Of that total, 574 comments—72 percent of the total—came in through the Metro web site. Regardless of category, projects that featured bicycle, trail and pedestrian improvements garnered the most support, accounting for 553 (69%) of all the comments received.

Next, the Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee (TPAC), a technical committee that provides recommendations to JPACT, is scheduled to make its final draft recommendation by February 2, 2009, for further public review and comment. On February 12, 2009, JPACT and the Metro Council are scheduled to hold a public hearing on the recommendations before JPACT and the Metro Council consider approval in early March.

For more about the regional flexible transportation fund process, the candidate projects, and updates to the decision making schedule, visit the project website at: [www.oregonmetro.gov/regionalflexiblefund](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/regionalflexiblefund). You may also call 503-797-1551 to request e-mail updates about the funding process.



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## Swales and rain gardens at Green Building Week

Metro is offering another session in its popular “Green from the Ground Up” series. Designed to help builders learn more about nature-friendly design practices, the series features a number of green development techniques and demonstrates how to add value to projects while preserving and enhancing a property’s natural assets.

The next session, to be held Tuesday, January 27, focusing on rain gardens and swales, will be lead by Paul Dedyo of KPFF Engineering, Kevin Robert Perry of Nevue Ngan Associates, and Alan Hipolito of Verde.

Dedyo is a LEED-accredited senior civil engineer who specializes in innovative sustainable site planning and design. His extensive experience in stormwater drainage and utility design includes rainwater harvesting, low-impact stormwater management and hydraulic/hydrologic modeling. His firm, KPFF, designed the sustainable stormwater management systems at the New Columbia and Humboldt Gardens developments.

Perry, whose prior work with the City of Portland’s Sustainable Stormwater Management Program helped city policy makers develop a toolbox of design strategies, has designed several of Portland’s most prominent green street and rain garden demonstration projects, including the award winning SW 12th Avenue and the NE Siskiyou Green Streets.

Verde is a Portland-based non-profit organization that focuses on improving the economic health of disadvantaged communities as well as fostering the connection between economic vitality and environmental protection and restoration.

The session runs from 1:15 to 3:15 p.m. at the Doubletree Hotel on NE Multnomah Street.

Builders, developers, and landscape architects, as well as civil engineers, planners and jurisdiction staff who review building and development plans and permit applications, are encouraged to attend.

Rain gardens and swales are relatively simple techniques that have practical applications in many types of developments. They capture rainwater that runs off from hard surfaces and allows it to slowly filter into the ground. Native plants filter out pollutants and clean

water before it moves “downstream,” therefore protecting water quality and keeping local streams and rivers healthy for people, fish and wildlife.

The session will cover their applicability, benefits and costs, and will also demonstrate how to install and maintain them.

Metro’s “Green from the Ground Up” seminars are designed to inspire developers and builders to adopt nature-friendly practices into their repertoire in order to make them become them part of standard designing and building. The sessions provide a higher level of education and provide the information needed to use these practices. Seminars also provide a forum for idea sharing and for people to connect in the interest of furthering nature-friendly design practices.

To register, contact [www.homebuildersportland.org/calendar](http://www.homebuildersportland.org/calendar) or call 503-684-1880.

## Events to note in District 3

### Ivy removal at Fanno Creek Greenway Trail Saturday, January 17 , 9 a.m. to noon

Help remove English ivy from the natural areas surrounding a new trail connection to the Fanno Creek Greenway Trail near Allen Boulevard. Bring heavy-duty work gloves, loppers, a round-tipped shovel and a reusable water bottle if possible. Refreshments are provided. To register, call 503-629-6305.

### Winter waterfowl walk at Greenway Park Saturday, January 24, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Join ranger Kelly Perry to learn how to identify local grebes, geese and ducks. See many winter species and develop your identification skills. Meet at Fanno Farmhouse at 8405 SW Creekside Place in Beaverton. Cost is free. Registration not required. For more information, call 503-629-6350.

## 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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