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## **Sellwood Bridge task force to recommend bridge alternatives at meeting**

The Community Task Force for the Sellwood Bridge Project will meet on Monday, September 17 from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm in the first floor board room of the Multnomah Building, at 501 SE Hawthorne Blvd. The focus of the meeting will be a recommendation of up to four bridge alternatives to be analyzed in the project's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). An "alternative" is a complete concept that includes a bridge alignment, cross-section, westside interchange, and rehabilitation or replacement option.

The task force recommendation will be considered by the project's Policy Advisory Group, made up of elected and appointed leaders from jurisdictions, which will make the final selection of alternatives for the EIS at a meeting on October 1.

The task force includes nineteen citizens representing different interests in the Sellwood Bridge Project. Task force meetings are open to the public and include time for public comment.

The planning project will select a preferred alternative in 2008 to provide a long-term fix for the Sellwood Bridge, which is reaching the end of its service life. Multnomah County maintains the Sellwood Bridge, five other Willamette River bridges, and more than 300 miles of roads.

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