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Community Task Force for Sellwood Bridge Project to meet September 18

The Community Task Force for the Sellwood Bridge Project will meet on Monday, September 18 from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm at Sellwood Baptist Church, 1104 SE Spokane St.

The task force includes twenty citizens interested in the Sellwood Bridge Project. The planning project, which began this summer, will select a preferred alternative to provide a long-term fix for the Sellwood Bridge, which is reaching the end of its service life.

The agenda for the meeting includes:

- Remarks from County Commissioner Maria Rojo de Steffey
- Presentation on the history of the Sellwood Bridge by task force member and author Sharon Wood Wortman
- Presentation on traffic patterns, safety and Metro's 1999 South Willamette River Crossing Study
- Discussion of bridge rehabilitation versus replacement

The task force is scheduled to recommend a preferred alternative in early 2008. A Policy Advisory Group made up of elected officials from jurisdictions impacted by the project will consider recommendations of the Community Task Force.

Task force meetings are open to the public and include time for public comment.

Multnomah County maintains the Sellwood Bridge, five other Willamette River bridges, and more than 300 miles of roads.

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