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### **Sellwood Bridge policy group to meet October 1**

The Policy Advisory Group for the Sellwood Bridge Project will meet on Monday, October 1 at 2 pm in the boardroom of the Multnomah Building at 501 SE Hawthorne Blvd. to choose up to four alternatives for further study. The advisory group includes elected and appointed representatives of jurisdictions with an interest in the Sellwood Bridge Project. The planning project will lead to a decision on a long-term fix for the Sellwood Bridge, which is reaching the end of its service life. The policy group is scheduled to recommend a preferred alternative for jurisdictional approval in spring 2008.

The focus of the meeting will be a selection 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 Policy Group will consider the recommendation of a 19-member Community Task Force as well as public comment.

Policy group meetings are open to the public and include time for public comment. A maximum of 20 minutes will be reserved for public comment, with each speaker limited to one minute. Written public testimony may also be submitted in advance. In order to be distributed to the Policy Group before the meeting, written testimony must be received by noon on Friday, September 28. Testimony should be sent to [david.martinez@co.multnomah.or.us](mailto:david.martinez@co.multnomah.or.us), faxed to 503-988-5440, or mailed to:

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"As we take this next important step to determine a long-term fix for the Sellwood Bridge, I want to express my appreciation to everyone who has participated in this process thus far," said Commissioner Maria Rojo de Steffey, who chairs the Policy Advisory Group.

Multnomah County maintains the Sellwood Bridge, five other Willamette River bridges, and more than 300 miles of roads. For more information, visit [www.sellwoodbridge.org](http://www.sellwoodbridge.org).

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