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Online survey open until October 26

Sellwood Bridge project Web site now available

A Web site for the Sellwood Bridge project is now available at www.sellwoodbridge.org. The site is a key element in the project's public outreach program. The goal of the two-year planning study is to find a long-term solution for the deteriorated Willamette River crossing.

The current phase of the project will determine whether the Sellwood Bridge is rehabilitated or replaced as well as how it should be designed and funded. Public input will be considered at key decision points in the planning process. A Community Task Force representing stakeholder groups is meeting regularly and will factor public input into their deliberations.

The Web site includes a link to an online survey designed to gather input about the public's use of the bridge, as well as community values and issues that should be considered early in the project. The survey will be available until Thursday, October 26, 2006. Future online surveys will gather public input on possible alternatives and other key decisions.

Web site visitors can also:

- Learn about the history of the Sellwood Bridge and its problems
- Read about the project's decision-making process and who is involved
- View meeting materials
- Submit a comment
- Request a speaker
- Sign up for the project mailing list

"The Web site is a great way for residents to learn about this project and share their ideas," said County Commissioner Maria Rojo de Steffey, who is leading efforts to secure funds for the bridge. "We are committed to keeping citizens informed and involved as we work toward a solution."

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

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