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Sellwood Bridge task force and policy meetings scheduled

Two meetings related to the Sellwood Bridge Project will be held the week of November 6. Both are working committee meetings which are open to the public and include limited time for public comment.

On Monday, November 6 the project's Community Task Force will meet from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm at Sellwood Baptist Church, 1104 SE Spokane St. The task force includes 20 citizens representing various groups interested in the project. The meeting agenda includes a report on the results of a recent open house and public survey, recommendation of a purpose and need statement for the project, and discussion of the criteria that will be used to evaluate different bridge alternatives in 2007.

On Thursday, November 9 the project's Policy Advisory Group will meet from noon until 2:00 pm in Room 635 of the Multnomah Building, 501 SE Hawthorne Blvd. The group includes elected and appointed officials from jurisdictions impacted by the project. The agenda includes a presentation on development of the project's purpose and need statement, a review of public input and possible adoption of the statement. The purpose and need statement is a federal requirement for the project.

The Sellwood Bridge Project, which began in June, will identify a preferred alternative to provide a long-term fix for the Sellwood Bridge, which is reaching the end of its service life. The alternative should be selected with input from citizens and local jurisdictions in early 2008.

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

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