



## Public Affairs Office

501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Suite 600  
503-988-6800  
pao.org@co.multnomah.or.us  
www.co.multnomah.or.us/news

## NEWS RELEASE

Release: June 11, 2010

Contact: Mike Pullen, Public Affairs Office, 503-988-6804, [mike.j.pullen@co.multnomah.or.us](mailto:mike.j.pullen@co.multnomah.or.us)

### Project update planned for Sellwood Bridge stakeholders

A group of elected and appointed leaders will receive an update on the Sellwood Bridge Project on Tuesday, June 15 from 3 to 5 pm in Room 635 of the Multnomah Building at 501 SE Hawthorne Blvd. The meeting is open to the public and will include time for public comment.

The Public Stakeholder Committee is expected to recommend a bridge type for the new bridge in early October. The committee includes elected leaders from jurisdictions with an interest in the Sellwood Bridge as well as appointed leaders of transportation agencies involved in the project. Members include:

- Multnomah County Chair Jeff Cogen
- Multnomah County Commissioner Deborah Kafoury
- Portland Mayor Sam Adams
- Clackamas County Chair Lynn Peterson
- Metro Councilor and JPACT Chair Carlotta Collette
- Milwaukie Mayor Jeremy Ferguson
- Tri-Met incoming General Manager Neil McFarlane
- ODOT Region 1 Manager Jason Tell
- Federal Highway Administration Oregon Manager Philip Ditzler
- State Representative Carolyn Tomei
- State Senator Diane Rosenbaum
- Johnell Bell, Office of Senator Jeff Merkley

The meeting will include an update on project developments since the preferred alternative was recommended in 2009 and the project timeline and process for an upcoming milestone: selection of the structure type for the new bridge. Before making its recommendation, the committee will consider input from a citizen committee and the public. The committee's recommendation will inform the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners before they select a bridge type this fall.

The bridge type selection will follow a decision by the Federal Highway Administration approving the project's Final Environmental Impact Statement. The FHWA decision is expected in late August. If remaining funding can be secured, bridge construction is expected to begin in 2012. For more information, visit [www.sellwoodbridge.org](http://www.sellwoodbridge.org). Multnomah County maintains the Sellwood Bridge.