



Improving reliability and safety of the county's 1,400 miles of roads

Clackamas County residents and businesses to benefit from road improvements and maintenance

Helping our growing population travel safely and reliably across our county road system, and keeping our local roads in good repair, requires greater funding than is currently available. For many years, Clackamas County has sought an ongoing and reliable means of funding road improvements to support our local needs. While the state provides revenue for some transportation programs, these funds do not provide enough to meet all the needs of our County's rural, city and local roads.

The **Community Road Fund** will focus on local projects we are not able to fund now. It is made possible by the vehicle registration fee approved in February 2019, which provides a consistent source of local funding for the projects most important to our residents and businesses.

Dedicated to our local priorities and needs

The **Community Road Fund** gives us the ability to complete the projects most important to our community.



Clackamas County will complete projects in rural and unincorporated areas, focused on safety, congestion relief and local road maintenance



Cities will fund city roadway projects according to their local priorities



A strategic investment fund will support shared county-city initiatives



What is the new countywide vehicle registration fee?

The new vehicle registration fee is a consistent source of local funding that allows us to complete the projects most important to our residents and businesses. It funds the new **Community Road Fund** program.

- Fees collected may only be used for road projects in Clackamas County.
- Other Portland area counties already have vehicle registration fees and other sources of local funding for roads to meet their local needs.
- Clackamas' vehicle registration fee is \$30 per year for most passenger vehicles, and \$15 per year for motorcycles.
- Funds from the vehicle registration fee are dedicated to County (50%), cities (40%, divided according to population) and strategic county-city partnership projects (10%).

Work is underway

The Community Road Fund is a new program. While funds will not start being collected until 2020, county staff members are working now to select and prepare for projects so they're ready to break ground once funding is available. Here are the types of projects you can expect coming up:



Safety Projects

Safety improvements, such as adding shoulders in areas without them and warning signs at curves and other risk areas. The Traffic Safety Commission will help recommend which of these many projects to fund through the **The Community Road Fund**.



Local Road Maintenance Projects

Funding for major road resurfacing and some safety improvements is supplemented through state programs, but these funds often do not extend to rural and urban local roads—which are usually the primary connection from people's homes to major streets and highways. These local road needs will be addressed by the **The Community Road Fund**, managed through the county's Pavement Management System.



Congestion Relief Projects

With growing congestion across the region, improvements to existing systems are needed to keep transportation operating smoothly. This includes, for example, intersection reconfiguration at Beaver Creek Road near Oregon City and Eagle Creek Road near Estacada. These projects will be reviewed and prioritized in conjunction with community member input through regional meetings and assistance of a community advisory committee.



Applications for the Community Advisory Committee will be available in April!

The county's goal is to create a committee representative of various interests and areas. **Visit the website for more information.**

Tell us your priorities

In 2013, community members from around Clackamas County identified 38 priority projects for relieving congestion during the update of the Transportation System Plan. Over the coming months, the County will be listening to community members to learn which of these projects are the highest priorities now, as well as whether any additional projects should be considered. Community engagement activities will include:

- Establish a Community Advisory Committee.
- Presentations to business and community groups.
- Meetings throughout the rural and unincorporated areas of the county.
- An online survey.

Sign up for the email list!

For more information and to sign up for the email list, visit the project website:

www.clackamas.us/transportation/vrf

We want to hear from you!

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