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Membership

CITIES:

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| Amity | Keizer |
| Aumsville | Lafayette |
| Aurora | McMinnville |
| Carlton | Monmouth |
| Dallas | Mt. Angel |
| Dayton | Newberg |
| Detroit | Salem |
| Donald | Scotts Mills |
| Dundee | Sheridan |
| Falls City | Silverton |
| Gates | Stayton |
| Gervais | Sublimity |
| Hubbard | Turner |
| Idanha | Willamina |
| Independence | Woodburn |
| Jefferson | Yamhill |

COUNTIES:

Marion County
Polk County
Yamhill County

TRIBAL GOVERNMENT:

The Confederated Tribes of Grand
Ronde

SPECIAL DISTRICTS:

Chehalem Park and Recreation
District
Chemeketa Community College
Salem-Keizer Transit District
Salem-Keizer School District
Willamette Education Service District

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From the Executive Director ...

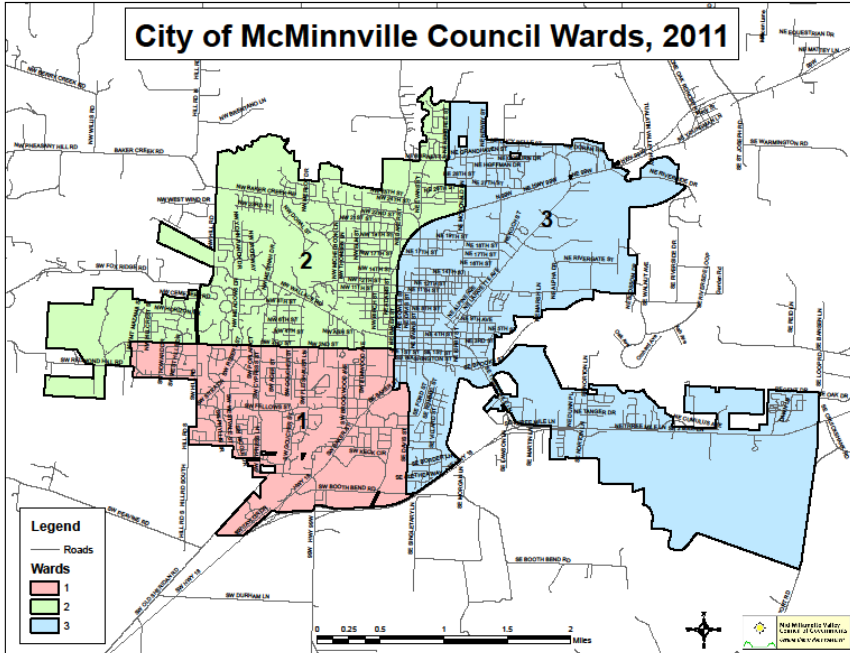


'is the Season

The holiday season can be a wonderful and magical time of year --- lots of twinkling lights, festive decorations, family gatherings and holiday music wherever you go. And, in the spirit of the season, many of our member organizations are participating in amazing projects and activities to spread holiday cheer throughout our communities and beyond. A few examples include:

- ✳ The **City of Dallas** employees will host their **4th Annual Christmas Dinner**. Anyone in need of a holiday dinner is invited to join them for an evening of good food and cheer at the local middle school. The attendance is usually around 100 to 150 people and they are hoping for 200 this year. The food that is cooked but not eaten at the dinner is delivered that night to places around town that can use the food such as nursing homes, low-income housing developments, etc. Employees raise the money throughout the year through fundraisers and donations.
- ✳ **Yamhill County Sheriff's Department** is holding their **8th Annual Toy Drive** to help ensure that hundreds of Yamhill County children do not go without a Christmas gift. Donations of unwrapped toys, gift cards and/or new or slightly used coats and blankets can be dropped off at the County Courthouse and the City Halls of Dayton, Sheridan and Willamina.
- ✳ For the 4th consecutive year, **Spirit Mountain Casino** is staging its annual **Holiday Toy Drive** to benefit Doernbecher Children's Hospital at OHSU. Casino guests who bring in one or more toys receive \$10 in free slot play per visit and are encouraged to make multiple trips to receive a maximum of \$50 in slot play during the period. Last year, two semi-trailer trucks delivered 28 pallets loaded with 254 boxes of toys to the hospital's receiving dock. In addition, a **Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde tribal teen** is collecting **Pennies for Presents**. For the second year, she is collecting pennies to buy Christmas presents for less fortunate families. Last year, she collected 75,000 pennies (\$750) which helped three families have a better Christmas.
- ✳ The **Marion County Sheriff's Office and the Marion-Polk Foster Parents Association** team up annually for the **Santa Central Program**, which raises funds to provide presents for thousands of children in foster care in Marion and Polk counties. They collect "wishes" from the children and then County employees purchase the gifts.

Redistricting Projects Completed Following 2010 Census



Every ten years, following each decennial Census, cities and special districts with electoral districts are required by the Secretary of State to redraw their electoral district boundaries to rebalance the population among electoral districts. Population growth occurs unevenly, which causes the population of city council wards and special district board zones/districts to become unbalanced. Redistricting is the process of analyzing current district boundaries to determine the population and redraw the boundaries in order to more evenly distribute population among districts. This is accomplished utilizing data from the decennial census, which the Census Bureau releases in the P.L 94-171

Redistricting File. The data contained in this file, which is for census block geography, are analyzed in GIS (Geographic Information System) software, maps are created, and boundaries are redrawn for use for the next ten years, until after the next decennial census takes place.

MWVCOG has offered redistricting services for at least three decades, and this was the second Census for which GIS software was utilized to perform the work. The use of GIS technology has enabled staff to perform the work more quickly and easily, and therefore offer redistricting services to more COG members, as well as a few non-member agencies. This year, redistricting services were performed for the following agencies:

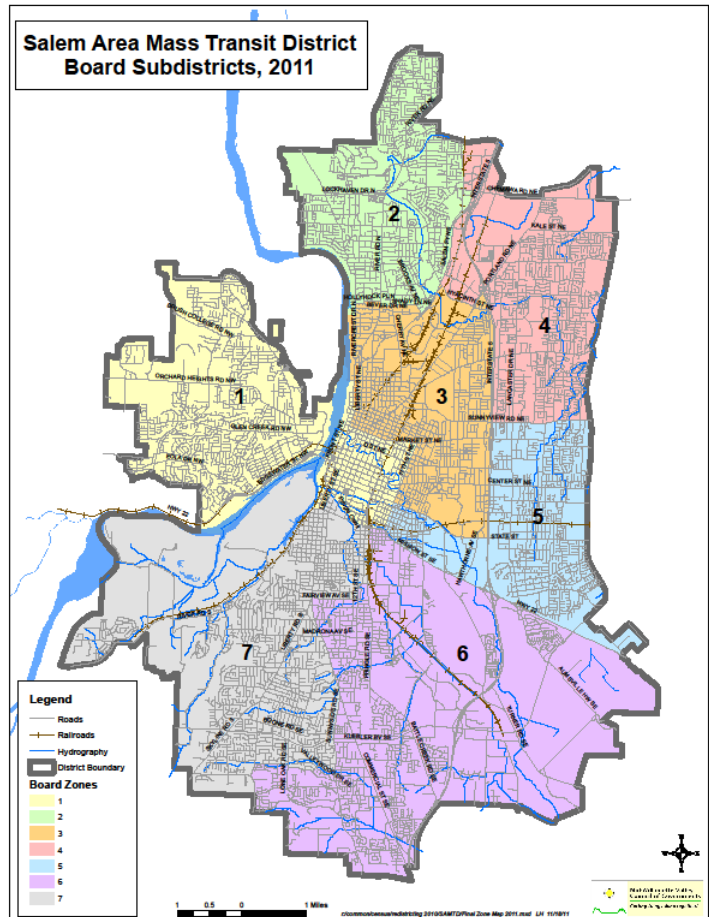
- ◆ City of Salem
- ◆ City of Woodburn
- ◆ City of McMinnville
- ◆ Salem-Keizer School District
- ◆ Newberg School District
- ◆ Silver Falls School District
- ◆ Salem Area Mass Transit District

In addition to providing full redistricting services to the above agencies, COG staff also provided technical assistance to staff at Chemeketa Community College, in order for them to complete redistricting for their board districts.

Examples -

Above: The Ward Map for the McMinnville City Council.

At Right: The Zone Map for the Salem Area Mass Transit District Board.



Executive Director cont.

- ❄ Here at the **COG** staff is making donations to assist a local family with a variety of needs during the holiday season and is also collecting food for **Marion-Polk Food Share**.

The spirit of giving is alive and well in the Mid-Willamette Valley thanks to all of you.



Housing Rehabilitation News

The City of Turner is wrapping up their \$400,000 Community Development Block Grant award from Oregon Housing and Community Services. The grant funded housing rehabilitation loans to low and moderate income homeowners in the cities of Turner and Jefferson.

COG staff assisted the City of Turner with the application, administration, and servicing of all loans under the program. Twenty-one owner occupied homes were rehabilitated with work such as new roofing and gutters, flooring repairs, heating improvements, and window replacements. We are happy to report that the project also received no Findings or Concerns when monitored by Oregon Housing and Community Services.



The home shown above was rehabilitated through a loan from the Turner housing rehabilitation program. Work included siding and sub-sheeting replacement, exterior painting, window replacements, and roofing repairs. Left is "before" and Right is "after".

Cascades West Financial Services...

Lending the Money that Keeps Oregon Working!

Cascades West Financial Services, Inc. (CWFS) is a non-profit corporation that is certified by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) as a Certified Development Company for purposes of packaging and servicing SBA loans in Oregon and Skamania & Clark counties in Washington. CWFS was organized in 1983 through a collaborative effort between the Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments (MWVCOG), Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments (OCWCOG), and Lane Council of Governments (LCOG). CWFS's mission is to facilitate the growth, expansion and diversification of the local economy by providing financial assistance to start-up and expanding businesses through offering a variety of SBA loans and programs. CWFS is the largest Oregon-based certified development company participating in SBA's Accredited Lenders and Certified Closing Programs. With this status, CWFS is able to quickly process complex commercial loan transactions.

CWFS offers SBA 504 loans, which can be used by small businesses that do not qualify for conventional commercial loans through lending institutions for financing land and building acquisition, construction, or remodeling, and machinery and equipment. CWFS does not loan the money to the borrowers, but acts as an intermediary between the borrower, investors, and the SBA. These services are offered to for-profit small businesses located in the State of Oregon and Southwest Washington. CWFS receives a packaging fee when the loan closes with the SBA, and loan servicing fees over the life of the loan. CWFS contracts with MWVCOG, OCWCOG and LCOG for packaging, closing and servicing of SBA 504 loans.

The organization is governed by a 12-member Board of Directors that is made up of professionals from lending institutions, community associations, government agencies, and business corporations. David Dahlin with the Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments serves as the Executive Director for CWFS.

Some of the CWFS highlights for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2010-2011 include:

- ◆ Total loans funded: 20
- ◆ Total loans value: \$7.9 million
- ◆ Total private investment leveraged: \$10.8 million
- ◆ Total jobs created: 104.

SBA 504 loans originated by MWVCOG:

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| No. of loans | 48 |
| SBA Loan Amount | \$26.5 million |
| Bank Loan Amount | \$39.4 million |
| Total Project Amount | \$72.0 million |

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Update

The Salem-Keizer Area Transportation Study (SKATS) Policy Committee released the draft SKATS FY 12-FY 17 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Air Quality Conformity Determination (AQCD) for public review and comment. The TIP describes transportation projects and programs within the SKATS region that will receive state and/or federal funds during the next four years (federal fiscal years 2012-2015). Projects



Above: Brown Rd. N.E. - design of sidewalk & bike lanes near Scott Elementary School

include highway and interchange upgrades, street and intersection widening, safety projects, traffic signal control operation and signal interconnects, new sidewalks and bike lanes, rideshare matching, and transit facilities. The last two years of the TIP include illustrative project phases and program funding for 2016 and 2017.

Two new projects have been added in this draft TIP: designing sidewalks, bike lanes, and stormwater facilities for Wheatland Rd. in Keizer and segments of Brown Rd. in east Salem.

Public involvement is an important part of the transportation planning and decision-making process. An Open House to provide information about the TIP is scheduled for January 11,

The Cascades West Financial Services Board of Directors

| Director Name | County | Affiliation | Term Expiration |
|---|---------|-------------|-----------------|
| Steve Terjeson, Citizens Bank | Benton | Financial | 2013 |
| John Pascone, Albany-Millersburg Economic Development Corp. | Linn | Civic | 2013 |
| Alex Rhoten, Coldwell Banker Commercial | Marion | Business | 2012 |
| Jody Christensen, McMinnville EDP | Yamhill | Civic | 2012 |
| Denise Ghazal, Pacific Continental Bank | Lane | Financial | 2012 |
| Robert Johnstone, Attorney | Yamhill | Business | 2012 |
| Karen Schulz, OSU Credit Union | Benton | Financial | 2012 |
| David Green, West Coast Bank | Lincoln | Financial | 2012 |
| John Birnie, Agricultural Properties Realtor | Marion | Business | 2013 |
| Jerry Wyatt, City of Dallas | Polk | Government | 2013 |
| Aaron Walker, Umpqua Bank | Lane | Financial | 2011 |
| John G. Sullivan, Self Employed Farmer | Lane | Business | 2011 |

TIP Update cont.

2012, at the MWVCOG conference room at 109 High St. SE, Salem. Written comments can be sent to Mike Jaffe at the MWVCOG office at 105 High St. SE, Salem, OR 97301, or send e-mail to: mjaffe@mwvcog.org. Comments will be accepted until January 16, 2012. Comments received during the public review will be considered prior to adoption of the TIP by the SKATS Policy Committee. The public can also provide comments in person to the Policy Committee at their monthly meeting at noon on Tuesday, January 24, 2012. It will be held in Room 102 of the Chemeketa Center for Business and Industry (CCBI) at 626 High St. NE, Salem, OR.

The draft TIP and AQCD will be posted on the MWVCOG website. CDs and hard copies of the document will be available upon request.



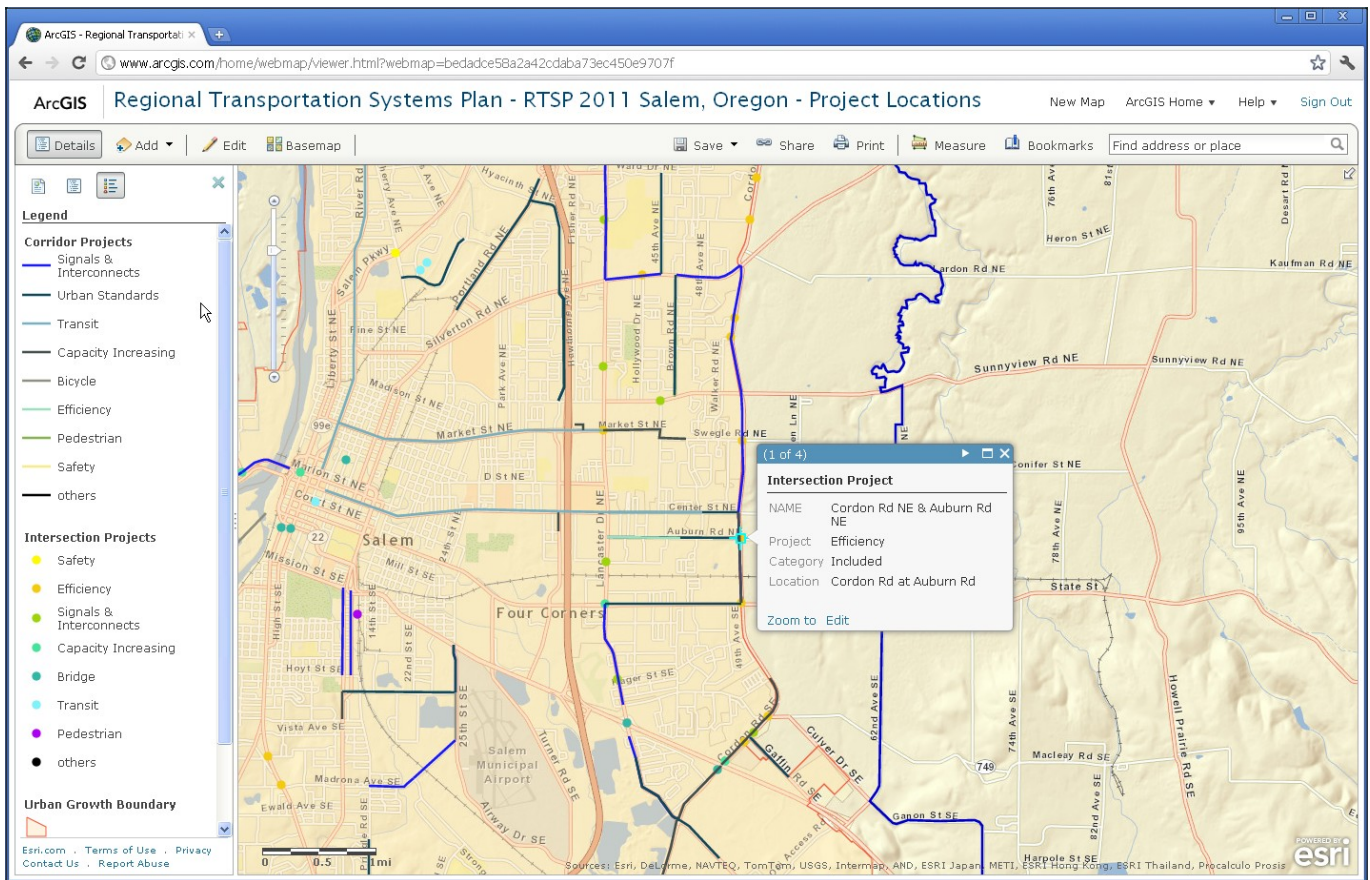
Above: Add dual left-turn lanes for southbound and northbound Commercial St. intersection with Kuebler Blvd. (south Salem)

New Interactive Map for the Regional Transportation Systems Plan Now Available

The GIS SKATS staff has created a new interactive map of the Regional Transportation Systems Plan (RTSP) project locations using a free map hosting service by ESRI. The ArcGIS online feature provides easy access, visualization and dissemination of mapped data for any geographic area. A variety of base information is available to view including aerial photos, topography, and generalized census data. The interactive nature of the map allows a user to zoom in and out, to measure distances, and to query general information regarding the features in the map. In the example of the RTSP map, the specific project details pop up when a location is highlighted. These maps are easily embedded into websites or attached to emails as an html link. Any city or agency with an upcoming project or public review process should consider using this map service as part of their outreach efforts.

The RTSP map is accessible both through the COG website, under Transportation Planning/RTSP, as well as directly in the ArcGIS gallery by using this link: <http://bit.ly/vKnsTe>. Take a look!

If you would like more information about this map, or the free online map hosting service, contact Kim Sapunar at 503-588-6177



Do you have an article idea, photo, upcoming event or other information that you would like to have included in the next quarterly issue of COG Works? If so, please contact Denise VanDyke at the COG offices (503-540-1602 or dvandyke@mwvcog.org).

Tax Referral Measure Defeated in Newberg



The City of Newberg is breathing easier following the defeat on November 8th of the voter initiative that would have essentially required a vote on any new or increased taxes, fees or charges. Ballot measure 36-149, dubbed the “Tax and Fee Responsibility Amendment” to the City of Newberg’s City charter, received 1,531 votes in favor (34.19%) and 2,894 against (64.63%), according to the Yamhill County Clerk’s office.

Newbergs Future, a political action committee, was formed earlier in the year by concerned citizens to oppose this measure. Their concerns were the unanticipated consequences and costs associated with the details of the proposed charter amendment.

Had this measure passed, it would have required a special election to approve any “increased taxes, fees, or other charges” whenever requested by **five** or more electors within 90 days of the action. Those provisions would have applied to any “new” or increased taxes, fees or charges adopted after December 31, 2008, except certain limited improvement district charges. It would have required a majority approval to be obtained in a special election held within 90 days of request and with at least a 50% voter turnout. Otherwise, challenged increases would be rejected. The measure also would have limited information on a ballot title and would have required the monthly publication of all adopted taxes, fees and charges. It would have required attorney fees awarded if elector “prevails” (defined) in enforcement action.

The Council had a debriefing of the election results during its work session on November 21st. The Council acknowledged that a third of those voting had concerns regarding the establishment of fees and charges and is open to further discussion pertaining to possible changes in the process for the adoption of increases in taxes, fees and charges.



Nominations Being Sought For 2011 MWVCOG Awards

Each year at the Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments’ (MWVCOG) Annual Meeting and Dinner, we present awards honoring individuals, groups, and projects in our region for their regional and intergovernmental impact. We are currently accepting nominations for our annual awards, which will be presented on **Wednesday, January 25, 2012**. The City of Dayton is graciously hosting this event at their new Palmer Creek Lodge—Dayton Community Center.

The Wes Kvarsten Professional Service Award recognizes a staff person or volunteer each year working for or on behalf of one or more member governments within the region, and who has exhibited sustained commitment in support of regional, intergovernmental cooperation. Past recipients have included Terrance Mahr, Ray Teasley, Sam Sasaki, Greg Ellis, and Roger Jordan.

The Gwen VanDenBosch Regional Leadership Award recognizes an elected official in Marion, Polk, or Yamhill County each year who demonstrates outstanding leadership in regional, intergovernmental affairs. Recipients of this award include Janet Taylor, Janet Carlson, Carly Strauss, Jim Fairchild, and Kathy Sherman.

The Regional Cooperative Project Award recognizes a partnership of local governments within the region for a project or initiative that enhances intergovernmental cooperation. Projects that have been recognized with this award include Salem-Keizer Transit/Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde’s Route 2X—Grand Ronde Express, the Independence/Monmouth Joint Willamette Well Field project, the 295 Church Street Redevelopment Project (located in the city of Salem), Oktoberfest, and the City of Newberg/Chehalem Park and Recreation District Effluent Reuse Project.

The lists above are only some of the people, groups, and projects that have been recognized since these awards began in 2000. For a complete list and/or a nomination form, please go to www.mwvcog.org and click on the link for **MWVCOG Award Nominations**. If you have any questions, please contact Denise VanDyke at the COG offices (503-540-1602 or dvandyke@mwvcog.org.)

MWVCOG Board Meeting Schedule for 2012

Notes:

Board meetings are scheduled to begin promptly at 3:30 p.m., except for the annual meeting, which is an evening affair.

Executive Committee meetings are scheduled to begin promptly at 3:30 p.m.

The Budget Committee usually meets prior to the June COG Executive Committee meeting.

The Budget Hearing will be part of the June COG Board Meeting.

| Date | Location |
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| January 25—Annual Meeting | Dayton Community Center, 606 4th Street, Dayton |
| March 6—Executive Committee | COG Offices 105 High Street SE, Salem |
| March 20—COG Board | TBA |
| June 5—COG Budget Committee | COG Offices |
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| June 19—COG Board & COG Budget Hearing | TBA |
| October 2—Executive Committee | COG Offices |
| October 16—COG Board | TBA |
| November 27—Executive Committee | COG Offices |
| December 11—COG Board | TBA |

COG Works is also available on our website (www.mwvcog.org), as is the ***Regional Directory of Public Officials in Marion, Polk and Yamhill Counties.***

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