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Board of County Commissioners
Clackamas County

Members of the Board:

2018 Achievement Awards from the National Association of Counties (NACo).

Purpose/Outcome	To recognize County programs and staff that received 2018 Achievement Awards from the National Association of Counties (NACo).
Fiscal Impact	None
Funding Source	N/A
Duration	N/A
Previous Action	None
Strategic Plan Alliance	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Build public trust through good government 2. Ensure safe, healthy and secure communities
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BACKGROUND

Clackamas County received four 2018 Achievement Awards from the National Association of Counties (NACo). The NACo Achievement Awards Program seeks to recognize innovative county government programs.

Programs are judged on innovation, creativity, measurable results, effectiveness and enhanced level of citizen participation in, or the understanding of, government programs.

The winning entries are:

Water Environment Services: Information & Education Program for Water Environment Services Customers

After a 2015 survey revealed that only 14% of customers could identify WES as their service provider, the county produced a series of videos to educate customers about WES and inform them about the need for the infrastructure upgrades. The videos were used in a variety of platforms, presentations, and venues over two years.

The result was a substantial increase in customer awareness of WES and the need for an infrastructure upgrade, which played significant roles in gaining Board approval for the solids handling capacity improvement project.

Water Environment Services: Keep the Wipes Out!

Baby wipes in our community's sewer pipes are a threat to our health and the sustainability of our shared infrastructure. WES manages and operates five wastewater treatment facilities where convenience wipes continuously clog pipes and pumps that threaten public and environmental health due to the increased risk of sanitary sewer overflows.

Keeps the Wipes Out! resulted in the collaboration of local and national partners in an effort to educate the public, especially new parents, about sewage backups caused by the unnecessary flushing of wipes and other clog-inducing products down the toilet.

Transportation and Development: Working with Stakeholders to Streamline Transportation System Development Charges

Since 1993 Clackamas County has used transportation system development charges (TSDCs) to help fund expanded roadways to meet demand created by development. TSDCs are one-time fees charged to new or expanded development based on a formula that estimates the impact the development will have on the transportation system.

The fees, the methodology used to determine them and capital projects supported by them, were last updated in 2006. Since then DTD updated the County's transportation system plan with more than 300 projects focused on efficient travel and safety.

From 2015-17, DTD worked jointly with business leaders, developers and transportation experts, to update the TSDC program, to reflect current goals and ensure that TSDCs are applied fairly and equitably. Another goal was to dissolve the joint district so Happy Valley could control its own TSDCs.

The result, approved in 2017, is an updated, streamlined system created with developers that will support community and economic growth for many years.

Sheriff's Office: Drive with a Cop

Drivers age 15 to 25 are a vulnerable motorist group because of limited experience handling the tasks of operating a vehicle and applying newly-acquired driving skills, especially with the number of in-vehicle distractions (e.g., radio, GPS, cell phones, passengers). This age group is involved in more than 40% of all fatal and serious injury crashes on roads in Clackamas County. Drive with a Cop pairs teens who are licensed drivers with Clackamas County Sheriff's Office deputies who trained driving instructors. They have the opportunity to learn from these instructors as they navigate a driving course in their own cars. Participants also get a chance to wear "impaired goggles" and also hear from speakers impacted by teen car crashes.

Hundreds of local teen drivers have attended "Drive with a Cop" and learned valuable lessons to help them become safer drivers.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Board receive this presentation on the county receiving four NACo awards.

Respectfully submitted,

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