



Community Road Fund: Improving the reliability and safety of the county's 1,400 miles of roads

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

The **Community Road Fund** will focus on local projects that otherwise would not be possible, until now. Revenue from the new countywide vehicle registration fee, approved by the Board of County Commissioners in February 2019, provides a way to plan for and deliver on the types of projects that are most important to our county residents and businesses.

Helping our growing population travel safely and reliably across our road system, and keeping our local roads in good repair, requires greater funding than has historically been available. For many years, Clackamas County had 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 did not provide enough to meet all the needs of our county's rural, city and local roads.

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.



Community Road Fund Advisory Committee

In 2013, community members from around Clackamas County identified 38 priority projects for relieving congestion during the update of the Transportation System Plan.

This past summer, the county invited community members to comment on which of these projects are the highest priorities now, as well as whether any additional projects should be considered.

Now the **Community Road Fund Advisory Committee**, made up of 15 residents from throughout the county, has been formed to:

- Develop criteria to analyze potential capital congestion relief projects to be funded with countywide vehicle registration fee revenue.
- Apply that criteria to the high priority congestion relief projects in the County's Transportation System Plan.
- Based on the results of the defined criteria, the committee will recommend the order in which capital projects should be constructed to the Board of County Commissioners.
- Review the project list annually and report progress to the board.

Work is underway

While revenue for the Community Road Fund will start being collected in 2020, county staff members are working now to select and prepare for projects so they're ready to move forward once funding is available.

The types of projects coming up include:



Congestion Relief

With growing congestion across the region, improvements to existing systems are needed to keep transportation operating smoothly. This could include adding roundabouts, turn lanes and wider shoulders. These projects are being reviewed and prioritized in conjunction with community member input through regional meetings and the Community Road Fund Advisory Committee.



Safety

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 Community Road Fund.



Local Road Maintenance

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 Community Road Fund, managed through the county's Pavement Management System.



Tell us your priorities

The Community Road Fund Advisory Committee will meet several more times this fall to:

- review proposed transportation construction projects that would relieve congestion
- recommend priorities to the Board of County Commissioners

The public is welcome to attend and provide feedback at the advisory committee meetings. The schedule will be posted at www.clackamas.us/transportation/crf.

Next steps

Recommendations will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners in November. The board will make the final decision about what projects will move forward first.

Sign up for the email list!

Find information and resources about the Community Road Fund on the website, including:

- Videos
- Upcoming feedback opportunities
- Frequently asked questions
- Sign up form for project updates

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We want to hear from you!

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