

March 2024 CPO 1 Meeting Notes

By Bruce Bartlett, CPO 1 Vice Chair

Service Provider Updates

The Washington County Sheriff's Office, Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District, Tualatin Valley Water District, and Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue visited us in February. All agencies are having an extremely difficult time hiring enough people to serve our needs. If you are looking for a rewarding professional first-responder job, look into the [Sheriff's Office](#) or [TV Fire & Rescue](#) positions.

As the weather warms and activity increases, many [volunteer positions are open](#) to provide essential assistance to programs at the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District.

Adopt One Block

Sunday, April 21, 1-4 pm, meeting place below

The Cedar Mill Community Club (CMCC) is hosting the first Cedar Mill Town Center Cornell Road Cleanup! We'll patrol for trash along Cornell Road from Sunset HS to NW 119th. Meet in the Sunset Athletic annex parking lot (13861 NW Cornell) across from Sunset High School. CMCC will provide buckets, bags, long-handle-grabbers, and vinyl and leather gloves. Please wear bright colored, running-style clothes for visibility. For details, please contact CPO 1 Vice Chair, Bruce Bartlett at bonnyslopemayor@gmail.com.

Fish & Wildlife and Smart Development

Ariana Scipioni, Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife's (ODFW) regional habitat biologist covering a large area in NW Oregon, explained why beavers and frogs both need connected habitat to move across the landscape. In collaboration with Portland State University, ODFW [mapped out statewide wildlife habitat connectivity](#) at detailed resolutions for 54 species. Smart development such as roadway overpasses and underpasses can help maintain critical wildlife movement. An underpass for frogs is being constructed on Hwy 30!

The [beaver is our state animal](#) due to the large population of beavers at the time of colonization. Industrial-scale trapping decimated the population in the late 1800's. Now, ODFW has formed the [Beaver Works Oregon](#) to improve communication and information on the competing benefits and costs of beaver management in the state, working to improve understanding of beaver ecology and management. HB 3464, signed into law on January 1, 2024, moves the management of beavers from the Oregon Department of Agriculture to ODFW, where they will be tasked with adopting rules relating to beaver management (extermination and trapping) on private lands as well as tracking populations as a whole.

Westside Multimodal Improvements Study (WMIS)

Stephanie Millar of the Oregon Dept of Transportation (ODOT) and Kate Hawkins of Metro described the [WMIS](#). They were joined by Don Odermott, a member of the WMIS Steering Committee and a local transportation expert. The study analyzed over [80 transportation projects, policies, and programs](#) that could help improve existing and future transportation deficiencies in the westside corridor. With the county's burgeoning

population, it is crucial to design an efficient system that will serve the area for decades to come. Mr. Odermott discussed the completed [Washington County Transportation Futures Study](#) which informed the work of the WSIS. Many transportation projects are described by this study, including the [First and Last Mile \(FLM\) project](#) which developed strategies to make bicycle and pedestrian amenity improvements, provide on-demand transportation features such as small shuttles, ridesharing, carsharing, bike-sharing, ride-sourcing, and a mobility interchange hub, and the policy considerations to facilitate these options. The WMIS examined four enhancement scenarios from minor improvements in Scenario 1 to major large-scale infrastructure improvements in Scenario 4. The recommendations coming from the study are being reviewed by the WMIS Steering Committee which defer the large-scale projects in Scenario 4 to a future date. We will share these recommendations with CPO 1 when they are approved.