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Public getting look at three versions of community's transportation future

Identity Clark County's second round of pulse-taking and information-dispersing has begun with an outreach effort aimed at the entire community.

The subject matter is transportation.

Working with a consultant, the JD White Company, ICC's Transportation Priorities Project II has conducted meetings with officials of cities and towns in the county as well as county and state transportation staff and brass. These meetings have generated a wish-list of transportation needs extending for 20 years.

The scenarios range from no new transportation financing, a status quo approach showing a falling off of transportation funding, to a 20-year package that would require "significant" increased financing.

Sources of current and increased funding are gasoline taxes, property taxes (requiring a 50 percent public approval vote), city sales taxes, sales taxes for transit systems, voter-approved bonds, municipal general funds, impact fees, real estate excise taxes, grants, vehicle title and registration fees, business license fees, business and occupation taxes, street utility taxes, tolls, lodging taxes, and, if approved by the legislature, regional transportation improvement district assessments.

Although planning results thus far don't detail specific ways of improving transportation, for example, light rail, one of the conclusions is that doing nothing in the I-5 corridor is unacceptable.

There must be a multi-modal solution in the I-5 corridor, says TPPII spokesperson **Ginger Metcalf**, who is also executive director of Identity Clark County.

"The scale of improvements required far exceeds presently available state and federal funds," she says.

Volunteers from Identity Clark County's Transportation Priorities Project II are available to make presentations to businesses, community organizations and other groups. Click above to go to their website or call **Suzanne Chandler** at **823-6103** to schedule a presentation.

Details of planning so far, along with maps and charts can be seen by going to the TPPII website, **www.tppii.com**.

Clark still fastest growing county in region

Clark County, which grew at a rate of 2.4 percent last year, remains the fastest growing county in the Vancouver-Portland metropolitan area, reports **Rich Carson**, director of the county Department of Community Development.

According to Carson, the county's growth rate is more than double that of Portland and Multnomah County.

At the end of 2003 the county population stood at 372,300, an increase of 8,900 residents, Carson says, adding that's 24 new people a day.

While working with a record \$491 million in new construction last year, Carson's 139 employees handled 129,766 telephone calls and also completed 104,412 building inspections as part of his department's new 90-day express permitting program.

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Port of Kalama announces first industrial park tenant

ViaTech Publishing Solutions is relocating its Longview production plant to the Port of Kalama's Kalama River Industrial Park, according to port executive director **Lanny Cawley**.

ViaTech's plant in the port's 23,000-square-foot anchor building employs 26 full-time persons. It is one of eleven production plants that the Bay Shore, New York, company has in the United States.

People

Marla Wood, Vancouver, has been appointed by Gov. **Gary Locke** to the Washington Council for the Prevention of Child Abuse. Wood is a K-12 extended learning and parent training program specialist for the Vancouver School District.

News briefs

An open house disclosing proposed improvements for St. Johns Road between NE 50th Avenue and NE 119th Street is from 4 to 6:30 p.m. today in the Barberton Grange, 9400 NE 72nd Avenue. For further information, call project manager **Scott Sawyer** at **397-6118**, extension **4364**. ~~☞☞☞~~ A free program on how to deal with mold and mildew inside the home is being presented by Clark Public Utilities' energy specialist **Bruce Carter** at 7 p.m. tonight in the utility's Electric Center community room, 1200 Fort Vancouver Way. ~~☞☞☞~~ The NE Hazel Dell Neighborhood Association meets at 7 p.m. tonight in the Clark County Public Works Community Center, 4700 NE 78th Street. ~~☞☞☞~~ Clark County commissioners meet in informal session at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18.

Tuesday on the air

Leveraging Success from Your Organizations—3:30 p.m. CVTV
Portland Winter Hawks at Vancouver (live)—7 p.m. KUPL
Vancouver Land Use Hearings (2/5)—7 p.m. CVTV
Portland Blazers at Lakers (live)—7:30 p.m. KGW-TV, KXL, KRMZ

Stocks of local interest at 4 p.m. EST Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2004

Alaska Air Group	27.57	+62	Linear Technology	42.85	+60
Alcoa	37.75	+74	Microsoft	26.99	+40
Amazon.com	45.53	-85	Nautilus	14.90	+60
Bank of America	81.86	+29	Nike	73.00	+68
Bank of Clark County	20.00	unch	Nordstrom	40.12	+65
Bemis	50.16	+47	PepsiCo	51.00	+48
Boeing	44.60	+15	Precision Cast	49.10	+30
Boise Cascade	33.63	+36	RLRN	26.58	+32
CenturyTel	27.79	+40	Starbucks	38.75	+205
Costco	37.76	+15	TSM	10.79	+16
Expeditors Intl.	39.27	-02	Tektronix	33.85	+17
Georgia Pacific	30.25	+15	US Bancorp	27.78	+28
HPQ	23.39	+38	Wash. Mutual	45.05	unch
Intel	30.81	+67	W. Coast Bancorp	21.73	+20
Kyocera	71.47	+127	Weyerhaeuser	64.12	+66
DOW: 10,714.88 +87.03 NASDAQ: 2080.35 +26.79 S&P: 1156.99 +11.18					

Town Tabloids and The Weather

Alan Jackson Leland nailing 74 candles in a single breath. ☞☞☞ Paul and Nadine Aldinger finding way south without crossing bridge. ☞☞☞ Marjorie Casswell cranking out second novel. ☞☞☞ Fred and Ethel Lehman reflecting on a half-century of hob-knobbing. ☞☞☞ Tuesday , gray and rainy, 50. Wednesday , mostly gray, but dry and faint sunbreaks, 50. Thursday , sunny from dawn to dusk, 52.	Acapulco 90/70 Athens 45/30 Chicago 30/19 Dallas 62/34 Hong Kong 68/59 Las Vegas 72/50 Los Angeles 75/54 London 46/36 New York 35/31 Orlando 68/48 Paris 40/23 Phoenix 80/57 Rome 50/37 Seattle 49/39 Sydney 86/69 Tokyo 54/37 Washington 37/30
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