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Clark County High Capacity Transit Study Seeks Input From Community

Clark County, WA – The Clark County High Capacity Transit (HCT) System Study is taking a fresh look at the county's future HCT needs and possibilities. The study's first Sounding Board meeting – open to all members of the public – will be held on February 26, 2007 at 6:00pm in the Clark County Elections Building. The study has invited representatives from a broad range of community interests to participate in the Sounding Board and members of the public are also encouraged to attend. The meeting will include an introduction to the study and a workshop explaining various HCT technologies or modes. Members of the public will be asked to share their views on the future role of HCT in Clark County.

The Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council (RTC) is partnering with local jurisdictions and agencies to study Clark County's future HCT options, such as bus rapid transit, streetcars, light rail, monorail, and commuter rail. Clark County has grown significantly over the past 25 years, a trend that is expected to continue, bringing economic benefits as well as increased roadway congestion and travel delays throughout the county.

RTC and study partners will gather input on a wide range of potential options from county residents, elected officials, community groups, and other transportation agencies. The study is a first step toward a larger transit planning and project development process. The outcomes from the study will provide county decision-makers with valuable information on what additional transportation options might best connect county residents with where they need and want to go.

Please join us at the Sounding Board meeting:

February 26, 2007, 6:00pm
Clark County Elections Building
1408 Franklin St., Vancouver

For more information visit the Clark County High Capacity Transit System Study website: <http://www.rtc.wa.gov/hct>

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