



Tuesday, April 7, 2026

## On the Ballot: Chair Washington County Board

While Westside Economic Alliance does not endorse in candidate campaigns, we care about what our regional leadership looks like.

Whoever is elected as the next Chair of the Washington County Board of Commissioners will set the tone for our part of the region. We know we will need someone who can lead the effort to get state dollars in support of a new courthouse, they will have to tackle hard conversations about new funding sources for transportation and of course will be a KEY VOICE in pushing for smart and well-thought regional growth.



Given this will likely be a low information campaign cycle, WEA wants to host this forum to ensure our members who are Washington County voters can get the answers you are looking for as you make your decision on Election Day. And if you're not a Washington County voter, I encourage you to attend, hear from the candidates and then share your informed opinion with your colleagues and friends. If you work in or around Washington County, you should care about this election.

I want to encourage every WEA member to not only join us for this forum, but to also share this registration link with your own organizations and networks.

Registrants will have a chance to submit questions in advance to help guide the conversation.

With so much happening nationally that we have so little direct control over, these May elections will provide a real chance to get involved and shape what our region will look like in the coming years.

I hope to see you there... see below for registration link.

*Elizabeth*

## Get Your Tickets: Nina Carlson throws 1st Pitch!

Opening week is here for the Hillsboro Hops, and they're set to debut their brand-new, state-of-the-art ballpark!



When we work together, we can do BIG things for our region. WEA was proud to support this incredible effort and is thrilled to be part of the excitement and to participate in Civic Organizations Night on Wednesday, August 8.

Many of our community partners will be in attendance, and we hope you'll join us as Nina Carlson, WEA's Board President, throws out the ceremonial first pitch.

**Hillsboro Hops vs Spokane Indians**  
Wednesday, April 8 - 6:35 pm

4530 NE Century Blvd in Hillsboro, Oregon on the Gordon Faber Recreation Complex

Use the ticket link below to select your section and the tickets.  
Ticket Link: <https://hillsborohops.group/WestsideEconomicAlliance>  
**Access Code: HOMERUN**

## April Policy Committee Meeting



### POLICY COMMITTEE MONTHLY MEETING



## Metro Future Vision Project Engagement Update

Featuring a Discussion with Metro Staff

**Thursday, April 9, 2026 | 7:30 - 9:00 am**

*This Meeting will be held  
ONLINE ONLY (via Zoom)*

**WEA Committees are open to  
Members only.**

This week's Policy Committee will feature Metro's Future Vision: the timeline, process and opportunities for engagement. We look forward to hosting representatives of Metro to walk us

through how WEA members can get involved!



## TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING

### UPDATES: TriMet Funding and IBR

Featuring Representatives from TriMet and the Interstate Bridge Replacement Program

**Thursday, May 7, 2026 | 7:30 - 9:00 am**

*In Person attendance encouraged  
3J Consulting and via Zoom*

**WEA Committees are open to  
Members only.**

WEA is excited to be hosting representatives from TriMet and the Interstate Bridge Replacement Program at our upcoming Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Meeting, scheduled for Thursday, May 7th, from 7:30am to 9:00am. Each organization will provide updates on their respective work. TriMet will be presenting around transit funding, and the IBR team will be giving us updates around their project. We look forward to it!

For more information about WEA Committees  
Contact our Policy Committee Coordinator, [Teddy](#)!

## Washington County Chair Candidate Forum

# WASHINGTON COUNTY CHAIR | CANDIDATE FORUM




**29 APRIL 2026**


**DOORS 11:30AM  
PROGRAM 12 - 1PM**




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**MODERATOR**  
**DAVID MOLKO**  
**KGW CHIEF ANCHOR**

## Register

Join Westside Economic Alliance for a lunch forum with the candidates for Chair of the Washington County Board of Commissioners moderated by David Molko, KGW's Chief Anchor.

The next Washington County Chair will shape major countywide decisions on transportation and infrastructure funding and help determine the future of a new Courthouse, while serving as a key voice in our push for smart regional growth.

Don't miss this chance to hear directly from the two leading candidates for this influential elected role.

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## Other News and Updates



**The Housing Accountability and Production Office (HAPO) is asking you to participate in a survey for their Local Residential Development Process Improvement Study.**

WEA was happy to host representative from HAPO at our most recent Land Use and Housing Committee meeting on April 2nd. We are very grateful to the HAPO team for providing our members insight on how their office operates, as well as the work they are doing now.

HAPO and EConorthwest have opened two surveys for interested parties to share their feedback on the Local Residential Development Process Improvement Study.

This study will identify barriers and solutions to residential development processes across the state, with a focus on local land use entitlement, local public works review, and local construction permitting and plan review.

- The surveys will be open until April 17.

- The surveys ask questions about a **document** posted on the project website containing a list of common process-related barriers to residential development across the state.
- The surveys also ask about best practices and solutions.
- One **survey** is focused on housing producers (e.g., developers, architects, engineers, and other applicants).
- A separate **survey** is focused on development reviewers at local jurisdictions (e.g., permitting staff, inspectors, utility providers, or overlapping jurisdictions).

Visit the **Project Website** to find the barriers document, the survey links, and more information on the study.

## State of the Cities in the Region



### **WESTSIDE STATE OF THE CITIES**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

|        |                                                                              |
|--------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 13 Apr | City of Tigard, Broadway Rose Theatre, 5:30pm                                |
| 15 Apr | City of Sherwood, Sherwood Center for the Arts, 5pm                          |
| 20 Apr | City of Wilsonville, City Hall, 7pm                                          |
| 6 May  | City of Cornelius, Cornelius Public Library - Walters Community Room, 5:30pm |
| 19 May | City of Tualatin, Grand Hotel - Bridgeport, 5:30pm                           |



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