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UPDATE: Additional Speakers Confirmed for Transportation Symposium

WHAT: G.S. "Duke" Schaub, Director of Government Affairs for Associated General Contractors, will join Oregon Transportation Commission chair Stuart Foster as a luncheon keynote speaker at the Westside Transportation Symposium entitled "*Driving the Westside Economy: An Efficient Transportation System*," presented by Westside Economic Alliance's Transportation Committee. Schaub was instrumental in Washington state's "No on 912" campaign in November 2005, keeping in place the nine-and-one-half-cent gas tax increase for much-needed road improvement projects across the state.

Nicholas Hann, managing director, Macquarie North America Ltd., will also give a presentation on Oregon's Innovative Partnerships Program. Macquarie North America Ltd. is a major partner and investor of the Oregon Transportation Improvement Group, a private-sector partner selected by the Oregon Department of Transportation to study, design, engineer, fund, construct and potentially operate the Newberg-Dundee Bypass, the Sunrise Corridor and the I-205 South Corridor Improvements.

Other confirmed guest speakers include Metro Councilor Rex Burkholder; Mayor Rob Drake, City of Beaverton; Fred Hanson, executive director, TriMet; and Ann Gardner, government relations manager, Schnitzer Steel Industries, Inc.

Substituting for Oregon state Senator Bruce Starr (R-Hillsboro) on the agenda will be Senator Betsy Johnson (D-Scappoose), who will provide a legislative outlook for transportation funding packages in the 2007 legislative session.

WHEN: Tuesday, June 13, 2006, from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

WHERE: Kingstad Meeting Center, 15450 S.W. Millikan Way, Beaverton, OR 97006

COST: Due to the recent addition of several event sponsors, the cost to attend the event will be \$35.00 for members of Westside Economic Alliance and \$50.00 for non-members, with a \$10.00 late fee for all registrations received after Wednesday, June 7. Registration includes a continental breakfast and lunch.

RSVP: To register, call 503.968.3100 or e-mail westside@westside-alliance.org. Registration forms are also available online at www.westside-alliance.org.

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