Community college sets up dates for bond-measure forums

Clackamas Community College has scheduled three public bond forums in May to share information about a potential $90 million bond measure and seek input on the final proposal.

In all, six forums are planned, two at each of the college’s campuses:

**Oregon City Campus, Community Center**
19600 Molalla Ave, Oregon City
5-7 p.m. Thursday, May 1, and 7:30-9:30 a.m. Friday, May 2

**Harmony Community Campus - lobby**
7738 S.E. Harmony Road, Milwaukie
5-7 p.m. Thursday, May 15, and 7:30-9:30 a.m. Friday, May 16

**Wilsonville Campus - lobby**
29353 S.W. Town Center Loop E, Wilsonville
5-7 p.m. Thursday, May 22, and 7:30-9:30 a.m. Friday, May 23

The CCC Board of Education is expected to finalize the measure and vote to send it to the Nov. 4 ballot at the July 30 board meeting.

The bond proposal would include projects that were identified as priorities in the college’s Imagine Clackamas community engagement process. More than 2,000 students, community members and staff participated in forums and surveys. Their input showed a high level of support for projects that would update and modernize CCC facilities and increase local access to affordable education and job training programs.

The goals of a bond proposal are to expand training and educational opportunities for students to allow them to transfer to four-year programs or obtain family-wage jobs and to contribute to the local economy by offering more programs that fill work-force needs in high-demand fields.

The proposed bond projects likely would include constructing an industrial technical learning center for such fields as electronics, automotive, manufacturing and welding; modernizing equipment for training in high-demand health care, science and engineering careers; making improvements to existing facilities; and replacing the aging building at the Harmony Community Campus.

The estimated tax rate of the $90 million bond is expected to maintain the current $.19 per $1,000 currently paid by taxpayers.