



Neskowin Community Association

Farmers Market and Neskowin Emergency Access Road:

Help us spread the news:

Neskowin Farmers Market 2020 Season Opens May 16!

The first market of Neskowin Farmers Market 2020 season will be Saturday May 16, from 9:00am-1:00pm at the Neskowin Valley School. Governor Kate Brown has declared farmers markets essential services. Following the guidance issued by the Oregon Department of Agriculture, the Market will continue operating as an important source of food for residents of Neskowin and the surrounding area. The market will return to our usual location at the Neskowin Beach Wayside as soon as possible after Oregon State Parks reopen.

The Neskowin Farmers Market is a necessary source of food for many residents of Tillamook and Lincoln Counties, and we are committed to the health and well-being of our community. We are following CDC and state guidelines to prioritize customer, vendor and community health, so things will look and feel a lot different than they have in past years. Please help us keep the market open and continue supporting local farmers by observing the changes to market operations while you shop.

The following are changes to market operations:

- The market will be held in Neskowin Valley School's covered play area while the Neskowin Beach Wayside is closed. The school's address is 10005 Slab Creek Road, about 4 miles inland from the wayside. Parking is available in the gravel lot and you will have to walk around the building to the play area.
- Only vendors selling grocery items will be allowed at the market.
- There will be no craft/artist vendors until further notice. We encourage you to support our local crafters: visit the market's website to find their contact and ordering information!
- Please observe the first hour of market (9:00-10:00am) for our community members who are at a higher risk (elderly, immune-compromised, etc).
- Live music and the community booth have been cancelled until further notice.
- There will be no samples, no seating, and no hot coffee for purchase. Consumption of food in the market is not allowed.
- Dogs are not allowed in the market until further notice.
- There will be 1 entrance and 1 exit to the farmers market. Please read and follow signage and listen to instructions from market staff and volunteers.
- We will be limiting the total number of customers inside the market and the number of customers waiting to enter the market. We may ask people to wait in their parked car.
- Vendor booths will be spaced 10 feet apart, and vendors are implementing additional safety precautions
- Only 1 shopper at a time will be allowed in a booth. Please stand on the marked 'X's on the ground to maintain social distancing while waiting in line.
- No public bathroom facilities will be available at the market while at Neskowin Valley School.
- A handwashing station will be available for customer use.
- The market is functioning like a grocery store. Please wave 'hello' to your neighbors and move along.
- We are still accepting SNAP EBT! We are still providing SNAP Match (extra matching this year!!) We still have vendors who accept FDNP checks (the green \$4 ones)!

Please visit our website at www.neskowinfarmersmarket.com for additional information for customers coming to shop at the market, and about precautions our vendors are taking. From our website you will also be able to see a list of our 2020 season vendors and online preorder options. Follow us on Facebook for season updates!

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Neskowin Emergency Egress Road

The following is an email sent to Senator Johnson and Representative Gomberg regarding the status of the Neskowin Emergency Egress Road.

Senator Johnson and Representative Gomberg,

I know there have been many conversations about the Neskowin Emergency Egress project, its funding and work plan. Thanks to Chris Laity and Sarah Absher in providing information for this update. As you know, Tillamook County was hoping to put the final piece of the funding together with Tide Gate funds, but when that did not materialize, the Commissioners agreed to fund the shortfall with TLT funds. Permits have either already been obtained or are in process. It appears this may be a 2 season construction project as

in water work windows will be observed. As the Covid-19 pandemic has halted some other projects, we are hopeful to find contractors to begin work yet this summer.

The Neskowin Project is fully funded thanks to the Commissioners dedicating monies from their TLT facilities fund. I recently spoke with Commissioner Yamamoto and verified that even with COVID 19, the monies remain intact. We are working with ODOT to finalize the IGA for the \$1 million dedicated funding from HB5050. Jae Pudewell with ODOT confirmed that they will not take their normal 10.27% cut, but instead of receiving the \$1 million upfront, we will need to seek reimbursement on a monthly basis. Difficult to pay, but manageable, even with the COVID 19 impacts. So far I estimate that the Road Department will lose \$850k in revenue of a \$4.2 million budget.

Now that the project is fully funded, the permits are full steam ahead, but we are finding some of the permit positions have changed hands three times in some departments. The County's ransomware attack and now the COVID 19 work at home issue has slowed things down, but we are having recent conversations with all permitting agencies.

Permit Status:

ODFW Fish Passage plans APPROVED
Wetland Delineation Report APPROVED
SLOPES compliance document SUBMITTED/PENDING
Joint Permit Application SUBMITTED/PENDING
County Land Use Permits SUBMITTED/PENDING
Stormwater Management Plan SUBMITTED/PENDING
ESA No Effect Memo APPROVED
1200-C Permit Application SUBMITTED/PENDING

Funds related to Survey, Design, Environmental, and Permits that have been spent:

Tillamook County PW:

Conceptual Design: \$58,000

Design: \$160,000

Oregon Regional Solutions:

Design: \$150,000

Neskowin Residents:

Design: \$100,000

Funding that is available to construct the Neskowin E-Route is listed below and adjusted for inflation.

Project Cost: \$1.7 million.

Funding:

State: \$1,000,000 (This is the money associated with the IGA between ODOT and County)

USFS: \$120,000

Pacific Marine and Estuarine Fish Habitat Partnership (PMEP): \$50,000

USFWS: \$40,000

ODFW: \$100,000

Total secured funding: \$1,310,000

Funding Gap: \$390,000 (Will now be funded with the TLT).

Note that all numbers are rounded.

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