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they ran adjacent to the railroad tracks so we were probably never more than 5, 10 miles off the original route," he said.

"We went across the United States, through the same major cities that they did on the same calendar dates."

Doss and fellow Black Studies Professor Richard

Smith organized the ride, traveling afterward to Minneapolis where they interviewed the sole survivor of the 25th infantry, Dorsie Willis.

"It was a wonderful time that we had with him," Doss says. "He did not take the bicycle trip but his first sergeant Mingo Sanders did. So we got to hear the story

about that as well as the Spanish American War."

Doss said he and the others took the odyssey because they wanted to honor the 25th Infantry — which had sacrificed so much only to be crushed by racism.

Also, though, the trip was a matter of principle.

"I belonged to the speakers bureau in the Black Studies Department and we used to go out around the state of Montana, and people would say, 'well you don't understand, there were never any coloreds here, so we don't know about new people.'

"And so when I found that original photograph of the bike corps outside Fort Missoula on their bicycles — that ended up being about a three year research project.

"And we decided to take the trip in their honor as well as to show the contributions of African Americans."



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The FY 2011-2016 Consolidated Plan and FY 2011-2012 Action Plans for Multnomah County, the City of Portland, and the City of Gresham describe and prioritize current housing and community development needs, establish strategies and set five-year goals to address those needs, and itemize how approximately \$15-20 million dollars in CDBG, HOME and other federal resources will be invested during FY 2011-12, the first year of the new Consolidated Plan. The Consolidated Plan includes a Fair Housing Plan that describes to fair housing within Multnomah County, and establishes strategies and sets goals for the jurisdictions to affirmatively further fair housing. Before finalizing these plans, the jurisdictions want to give local residents and other stakeholders the opportunity to present comments and views.

Comments on any of the plans may be made in writing addressed to the Portland Housing Bureau, Attn: Con Plan Staff, 421 SW 6th Ave, Suite 500, Portland, OR 97204; by e-mail to Jennifer.kalez@portlandoregon.gov, or by phone at 503.823.2375 (TDD 503.823.6868) Comments can be submitted online: www.portlandonline.com/phb/conplan. Comments must be received by April 22, 2011.

Comments may also be made at the following upcoming meetings:

County-Wide Fair Housing and General Housing Needs Hearing
Wednesday, February 23, 2011, 6:00-8:00pm

City of Gresham City Hall – Gresham Conference Center
1333 NW Eastman Parkway, Gresham OR 97030
Off-street parking, on the Blue Max Line: Gresham City Hall Stop

City of Portland Hearing on 2011-2016 Consolidated Plan Priorities & FY 2011-2012 Action Plan
Tuesday, April 5, 2011, 3:00-5:00pm
Portland Housing Bureau – Portland Housing Advisory Commission Meeting
421 SW 6th Avenue, 5th Floor, Portland OR 97204
Street/lot parking, on Max lines and downtown Portland bus mall

Multnomah County Hearing on 2011-2016 Consolidated Plan Priorities

& FY 2011-2012 Action Plan
Thursday, April 7, 3:00 - 5:00 pm
Wood Village City Hall, Policy Advisory Board Public Hearing
2055 NE 238th Drive, Wood Village, OR 97060
Off-street parking, Bus Line #77

County-Wide Hearing on the 2011-2016 Consolidated Plan, including the Fair Housing Plan
Wednesday, April 13, 2011, 5:30-7:30pm

Portland Housing Bureau
421 SW 6th Avenue, 5th Floor, Portland OR 97204
Street/lot parking, on Max lines and downtown Portland bus mall

City of Gresham Hearing on 2011-2016 Consolidated Plan Priorities & FY 2011-2012 Action Plan
Tuesday, May 3, 2011, 6:00 p.m.
City Council Meeting, City of Gresham Council Chambers
1333 NW Eastman Parkway, Gresham, OR 97030

Off-street parking, on the Blue Max Line: Gresham City Hall Stop
The Draft FY 2011-2016 Consolidated Plan, including the Fair Housing Plan, and the Draft FY 2011-2012 Action Plans will be available on-line at www.portlandonline.com/phb/conplan by March 22, 2011 and as a reference document at each of the Multnomah County libraries by March 30, 2011. Updates to the Draft Plans will be posted on-line as available. Please check frequently. All comments made at the hearings and those received by April 22, 2011 will be considered in finalizing the jurisdictions' submissions. Summaries of public comments will be included in the final document.

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