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ODOT delivering transportation projects statewide

In September, ODOT Director Matt Garrett told the House Interim Committee on Transportation 100 percent of the projects funded by Oregon Transportation Investment Acts I and II were completed, under construction or in design. Across the state, communities, residents and businesses are experiencing the positive results of ODOT delivering on its projects. To date, nearly \$2.7 billion worth of projects, along with funding for county and city maintenance and operations, are being provided through OTIA I, II and III.

"Through a collaborative and effective effort, ODOT and its partners have been able to move OTIA projects to this point in five years," Garrett said.

In 2001, 2002 and 2003, the Oregon Legislature took several major steps to improve Oregon's highways and bridges. The Oregon Transportation Investment Act, also known as OTIA I, II and III, is the largest investment in the state's transportation infrastructure in more than 50 years.

The third phase of legislation, called the OTIA III State Bridge Delivery Program, involves the replacement and repair of more than 300 state and local bridges. Director Garrett reported that 60 percent of those bridges were complete, under construction or in design. In keeping with legislative direction, through September 2006, more than 96 percent of the OTIA III expenditures are going to Oregon firms, and nearly \$28.8 million in program expenditures have gone to small and minority businesses.

Forecasts show the number of jobs associated with the OTIA III State Bridge Delivery Program will rapidly accelerate in 2007 to just fewer than 4,000 and will hold at that level for nearly four years before tapering off to around 3,000 in 2011. In its September report, the Bridge Delivery Unit showed the program generated slightly more than \$8 million in total income and just over \$713,000 in tax revenue for the state and local governments.

Studies show every \$1 million invested in transportation construction sustains about 17 family-wage jobs. Once the entire program is complete, a revitalized transportation infrastructure will continue its positive, long-term effects on the state's economy and livability, with major freight routes free of restrictions.



ODOT is delivering on OTIA projects, such as the B-212 bundle on I-5 near Kuebler in Salem. Road projects provide an improved transportation system and also bolster the economy.

Other programs benefit from focus on delivery

While ODOT staff and construction companies are keeping busy with OTIA projects, thousands of other workers from both the public and private sectors are delivering other programs.



The 2008 - 2011 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, the main mechanism for scheduling and funding transportation projects around the state, is accepting public input and guidance from transportation stakeholders. Every two years, ODOT reviews and updates its plan for future transportation projects in the STIP by working with metropolitan planning organizations, regional and local governments, and the public.

In addition, the *ConnectOregon* program, providing \$100 million for transportation projects around the state, is making progress toward funding its 43 approved air, rail, marine and transit projects. The first \$25 million in bonds were issued in September. For a full listing of *ConnectOregon* projects, visit www.oregon.gov/ODOT.