

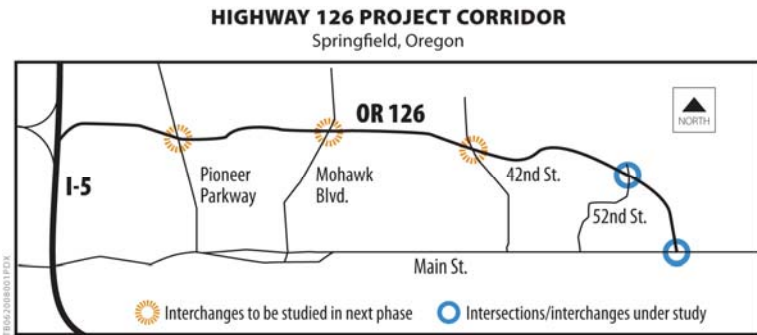


OR 126 Expressway Management Plan

Planning Study to Identify Design Concepts for OR 126 at 52nd and Main Streets in Springfield

Project Overview

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), the City of Springfield and Lane County are working together to prepare an Expressway Management Plan for OR 126 between I-5 and Main Street. The Expressway Management Plan will identify needed improvements on OR 126 and implement strategies to ensure that public investments in the highway are protected over time. OR 126, a 40 year old facility, is not designed to safely and efficiently support the people and goods that need to travel through and within the Springfield area.



Over the past three years, the project team has worked to understand the problems on the highway and develop concepts to improve the interchange at 42nd Street, and intersections at 52nd and Main Streets. In 2007, the project's Steering Committee selected several interchange and intersection concepts to advance for more detailed design work.

During the current phase of this planning process (Phase 3), scheduled for completion in 2010, the project team will refine and select preferred designs for improvements at 52nd Street and Main Street. A subsequent project phase will complete similar work for the Mohawk Boulevard, Pioneer Parkway, and 42nd Street interchanges. Because funding for improvements over a long stretch of a highway is rarely available at one time, the completed Expressway Management Plan will serve as a blueprint for improvements that will be implemented as funding becomes available.

Concepts to Study

During the last planning phase, the Steering Committee advanced concepts for further study based on traffic operations, safety, and impacts to community, businesses and the environment.

At 52nd Street, these included:

- Two concepts that would maintain a signalized intersection but add additional turn lanes; and
- Two concepts that would replace the signal with a grade-separated interchange with on- and off-ramps.

At Main Street, these included:

- A concept that would maintain a signalized intersection but add additional turn lanes;
- Three concepts that would replace the signal with a grade-separated interchange with on and off-ramps; and
- Two concepts that would maintain a signal at this location but provide an exit for southbound left turns from OR 126 to Main Street and a bridge over Main for north-south traffic.

Schedule

	Fall 2008	Winter 2009	Spring 2009	Summer 2009	Fall 2009
Public Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open House • Sounding Board • Steering Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open House • Sounding Board • Steering Committee 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open House • Sounding Board • Steering Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Houses • Steering Committee
Technical Activities	Refine design concepts	Select design concepts for further analysis	Study design concepts and possible access changes to properties in area	Review possible access changes with nearby property owners and define rough project costs	Approve final design concepts and access plans

Additional Information

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