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You are cordially invited!

**WHAT: Project Information Open House
I-105 Highway Improvement Project**

WHEN: Monday, July 12

**TIME: 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Technical presentations: 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.**

WHERE: The Education Building, 200 N. Monroe, Eugene, Oregon

Interstate I-105 in the Eugene-Springfield metro area is scheduled to be reconstructed and enhanced with safety improvements during the spring and summer of 2005. This is the first time since the highway was constructed in 1967 that it has undergone major work. More than 60,000 vehicles use this highway each day and significant traffic impacts are anticipated. ODOT is seeking public input as to the best practices to manage traffic through the work zone. If you would like to receive periodic e-mail updates on this project please send an e-mail to Interstate105update@lane.cog.or.us requesting that you be added to the distribution list.

The project has several phases. Two traffic options have been considered for the area that has the most significant traffic impacts, the section of I-105 that is over, and just east and west, of I-5, i.e., the I-5/I-105 interchange. Either of these options will require several weeks to construct. The preferred option is to alternately close lanes in each direction while constructing lanes in the opposite direction. This would mean that I-105 eastbound would be totally closed for this section of freeway while the eastbound travel lanes are being constructed, and visa versa for the construction of the westbound travel lanes. Emergency vehicles travelling in the closed direction will take alternate routes or use contractor access.

The second option considered for this phase is to have two-directional traffic (east and west) on the eastbound lanes while the westbound lanes are being constructed, and the reverse, two-directional traffic (east and west) on the westbound lanes while the eastbound lanes are constructed. This option is not preferred because it greatly reduces the ability of emergency vehicles to negotiate traffic in the event of an emergency. There is no second lane for traffic to merge into to allow emergency vehicles to pass. Emergency vehicles are blocked from gaining access to the work zone lanes where they could by-pass traffic. This option also restricts the contractor's work access and would add additional days to other phases of the work, and, consequently, additional time and traffic delays to the overall contract time. Both options will result in access restrictions to I-5 with significant traffic impacts. These will be explained at the public meeting.

The travel lanes from Delta Hwy to I-5 are also part of the project reconstruction. This includes removal of the existing concrete and replacement with asphalt. The section near Delta Highway will require a (simultaneous) closure of east and westbound traffic over the Washington Jefferson Street Bridge for approximately a week. I-105 traffic to Delta Highway will also be restricted for a portion of these days. Delta Highway traffic to Washington Jefferson Street Bridge should not be restricted.

Auxiliary lanes will be built to connect the ramps from Delta Hwy to Country Club/Coburg Road and from Country Club/Coburg Road to I-5 in both the east and westerly directions. To avoid increasing the number of days that major traffic impacts will occur, this work is planned to occur at night when traffic is light and the contractor can utilize one lane for work access.

Once the auxiliary lanes are in place and the closure over I-5 has occurred, traffic will travel on the auxiliary lanes and shoulders while the existing lanes and median are being constructed. This allows for two lanes of traffic in each direction during the summer months when the remainder of the work is being completed. ODOT is considering offering an incentive to the contractor for completing the work in less than the anticipated days. This incentive, as well as the allowance of 24 hour operations, is in response to input on other projects where the public has indicated that they want the work done as quickly as possible. A disincentive would also be in effect for any delay in the work schedule.

ODOT will accommodate persons with disabilities at the July 12 meeting. Alternate formats are available upon request. If you need a sign language interpreter or other special accommodation, please call Ann Sanders at 541-744-8080, 48 hours before the open house

Please join us at the open house. Thank you.

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