Project Purpose

The Oregon Department of Transportation, in cooperation with the City of Tillamook and Tillamook County, is working to improve the traffic performance and safety of U.S. 101 and OR 6 through downtown Tillamook and across Hoquarton Slough. The narrow streets that these highways use were not designed to safely carry the large volume of traffic – particularly truck traffic – moving through Tillamook today.

Meeting Goals

✓ Learn about the traffic improvements, streetscape changes, and construction impacts in downtown Tillamook.

✓ Share any comments or concerns with members of the project team.
Background

In 2004, the City of Tillamook’s **Transportation System Plan** looked at the city’s overall transportation system and identified safety and operational issues with the four intersecting streets (Main Avenue, Pacific Avenue, First Street, and Third Street) that make up the intersection of U.S. 101 and OR 6 in downtown Tillamook.

In 2006, the **Tillamook Transportation Refinement Plan** looked for solutions related to pedestrian safety, truck traffic, and parking in the downtown area. The TTRP concurred that vehicle traffic at the intersection would exceed ODOT mobility standards within the 20-year planning period.

In 2009, the **U.S. 101/OR 6 Alternatives Study** took the ideas from the TTRP and identified additional options to be evaluated as part of a more detailed environmental study. Two alternatives were evaluated in the **Alternatives Analysis Report**: the *No-Build* Alternative and the *Build* Alternative. In July 2012, ODOT identified the Build Alternative as the Preferred Alternative. The Build Alternative was unanimously recommended by the Stakeholder Advisory Committee and Project Management Team.

The environmental documentation for the preferred alternative was finalized in July 2013.
This project addresses a number of necessary roadway improvements, including:

- Widening travel lanes and narrowing the sidewalks by approximately two feet on Main and Pacific Avenues between 1st and 4th Streets;

- Extending the existing U.S. 101 couplet north from the existing Pacific Avenue/1st Street intersection to Hoquarton Slough;

- Replacing the existing three-lane bridge across Hoquarton Slough with a higher and wider four-lane bridge with bike lane and sidewalk improvements;

- Reconstructing U.S. 101 approximately 700 feet north of Hoquarton Slough to accommodate the new bridge;

- Improving access to Hoquarton Park by constructing a new public street that would also provide access to adjacent private parcels; and

- Upgrading traffic signals at the intersections of 1st St. and Main Ave., 1st St. and Pacific Ave., 4th St. and Main Ave., and 4th St. and Pacific Ave.

The project cost is $28 million. The Oregon Jobs and Transportation Act (HB 2001) provides $27 million and an additional $1 million comes from other state funding sources. The Crosstown Connections project is budgeted at $1.6 million and uses a combination of federal, state, and local (City of Tillamook) funding.
Construction Timeline

Phase 1
Demolish Buildings and Relocate Utilities
Fall 2015 - Spring 2016

Phase 2

Stage I
East Half of New Bridge and Approaches
Spring 2016 - Late Spring 2017

Stage II
Summer Shutdown
(No Traffic Impacts)
Summer 2017

Stage III
West Half of New Bridge and Approaches
Fall 2017 - Late Spring 2018

Stage IV
Final Paving and Cleanup
Summer 2018

Construction Complete
Fall 2018
North: U.S. 101 Bridge

Conceptual View of Highway 101 - Looking South
Hoquarton Bridge

View looking south, indicated by ⬇️ on the plan view below.