The preliminary design phase of the U.S. 101 / OR 6 Traffic Improvement Project is now nearing completion. Design has progressed on specific project details such as the placement of roadways, intersections and turn lanes; Highway 101 bridge plans; downtown sidewalk improvements and streetscape; Hoquarton interpretative park upgrades; and property impacts. After review by the public and the city, the project will begin the final design phase leading to construction in late 2015.

Over the winter, survey crews have been at work confirming property boundaries and the locations of underground building features that extend into the right of way. The project team has worked closely with the City of Tillamook to ensure the plans complement other downtown improvements, the Crosstown Connections Plan, changes to 2nd Street, and other community plans. Affected property owners and businesses along the alignment have been contacted to discuss access to and from the highway, business relocations, and other issues.

The project continues to be guided by the goal of resolving long-standing community needs and improving safety for all roadway users – including drivers, freight haulers, bicyclists and pedestrians. Funding is provided by the 2009 Jobs and Transportation Act (JTA).
North end

Pacific Avenue will be extended to the north so that northbound U.S. 101 traffic doesn't have to turn onto 1st Street and then onto Main Avenue. A new four-lane bridge over Hoquarton Slough will include sidewalks and bike lanes/shoulders on both sides. The Front Street/U.S. 101 intersection will be reconstructed as a right-turn in/right-turn out to access southbound U.S. 101. Other changes at the north end of the project include:

- Improvements to Hoquarton Interpretive Park – Concepts include new connections to the existing pathways, improvements to the sculpture area, better access to a larger parking lot, and upgraded landscaping.
- A new City of Tillamook gateway – The project will grade and landscape the area where Pacific Avenue converges with U.S. 101 to allow for future installation of a gateway feature to be decided by the city.
- A new US 101 bridge – The new crossing will be a 3-span bridge. It will be higher than the existing bridge to avoid being submerged during a 100-year flood event, and will have new sidewalk and railing.

South end

Main and Pacific Avenues will be widened to improve street safety and operations. On-street parking will be maintained. Sidewalks will be narrowed by about two feet on both sides. Turn lanes will be added at select downtown intersections to decrease wait time for those traveling through and around Tillamook. New crosswalks at 1st Street and Main Avenue will help to improve pedestrian safety.

Significant streetscape improvements will be made during construction. The project team is working closely with city staff to ensure this work complements city plans for amenities identified in the Downtown Improvement Plan. Some of the streetscape improvements may include:

- Pacific & Main Avenues – New black signal poles with decorative bases at intersections, planters to collect stormwater, trees, sidewalk pavers and edge markers
- Pioneer Museum – New paver plaza with the Inglefield anchor as centerpiece, upgraded landscaping/ornamentals, new seating areas, benches, and grading.

Construction Schedule

Construction is expected to begin late in 2015 and continue through the fall of 2017. Construction will occur in stages to minimize traffic disruption to residents, freight, and visitors.

Bridge replacement is the most complicated construction element. It will begin earlier than other parts of the project and will continue through 2017. One travel lane in each direction will be maintained except for occasional, short-term single lane closures.

Summer construction shut down – Construction will be limited to off-roadway work to allow free flow of traffic (with two lanes open in both directions on U.S. 101) during the high-volume summer months of 2016.

Work to widen Pacific and Main Avenues will begin in the fall of 2016 and continue through spring of 2017. From Memorial Day through Labor Day 2016, two travel lanes and parking will be open downtown.
Join us at the upcoming open house: April 10, 2014

Drop by anytime from 4:30–6:30 p.m.
Tillamook 911 Board Room
2311 Third Street, Tillamook, OR 97141

Learn about the preferred alternative that has been selected for the U.S. 101 / OR 6 Traffic Improvement Project. Project staff will be available to discuss recent work, upcoming construction, and planned improvements for the downtown area, the bridge over Hoquarton Slough and the Hoquarton Interpretive Park. City staff also will be available to answer questions about city-led improvements.

Accommodations can be provided to people with disabilities. To request an accommodation, please call Ken Kohl at (541) 747-1496 or statewide relay 7-1-1 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

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