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What’s Happening Now
The design team has been assembled and is busy collecting data necessary to complete traffic improvement plan details. Wetlands and waterway inventories, property surveys, traffic analysis, hazardous materials assessments and other studies are being conducted. This information will be used to guide the design of each project element. ODOT will continue to involve the public as the project moves forward through the design and construction phases.

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Current Work
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Getting Around

**NEW US 101 BRIDGE** • The new bridge over Hoquarton Slough will be approximately five feet higher than the existing bridge. It will feature four traffic lanes – two in each direction – with sidewalks and bike lanes / shoulders on both sides. The bridge will be designed to maintain the Front Street/US 101 intersection.

**Other Project Benefits:**

**PARKS** • The project will reconstruct the parking lot for the Hoquarton Interpretive Trail Park in a new location south of the existing park resulting in better access, more parking spaces and a slightly larger park. The project will not have any long-term impacts to Sue H. Elmore Park, although it may provide an opportunity to construct a pedestrian path under US 101.

**FLOODING** • Preliminary analysis indicates that the new bridge will decrease the current 100-year flood elevation by about one inch. Although it will be small, this decrease in the flood elevation may slightly reduce the area of land affected by a 100-year flood. The new, higher bridge will not be overtopped by a 100-year flood, however Highway 101 will continue to be impassable during 100-year flood events because the elevation of the highway to the north will remain unchanged.

**WATER QUALITY** • Currently, stormwater runoff in the study area is piped to Hoquarton Slough without any treatment. The US 101/OR 6 project will install a new stormwater treatment system, reducing pollutants such as heavy metals, oil and grease from vehicles and local land uses. The amount of water that flows into the slough will also decrease because approximately one acre of pavement will be removed.

**HABITAT** • The habitat areas along the banks of the Hoquarton Slough have been disturbed over the years. The slough is critical habitat for the threatened fish. The project will remove non-native vegetation and will plant native trees and shrubs. The project will also remove existing bridge piers, which will improve fish habitat and water flow by reducing obstructions in the slough.
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