Project background

The Oregon Department of Transportation has been working closely with local communities for several years on planning the Newberg-Dundee Bypass, an expressway that will significantly reduce traffic congestion on OR 99W and improve livability and overall traffic flow in the surrounding communities.

The full bypass will be an 11-mile, four-lane highway around the cities of Newberg and Dundee. While the entire bypass has been approved, funding is only available for the first part of the project.

By using a phased approach, a key segment will be complete by 2016. Construction of this segment, known as Phase 1, is projected to cost $262 million, with funds coming from the Oregon Legislature’s Jobs and Transportation Act, the federal government and contributions by Yamhill County, the cities of Newberg, Dundee and McMinnville, and the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde.

Phase 1 will open in 2016
Current status

ODOT has moved into the final design stage of Phase 1. This includes final engineering and preparation of construction plans. There will be four contracts for construction, which allows some work to begin early while other elements are still being designed. In 2013, the community will see the installation of some stormwater retention areas and fill dirt being placed at the locations of roadway and bridges to be built between 2014 and 2016.

Through mid-2013, ODOT will be working with community representatives to refine and improve the aesthetics of bridge structures, noise walls, and other elements that will be highly visible in south Newberg and just south of Dundee.

Open houses to share final designs and get feedback on remaining aesthetic options will be held in 2013.

Right-of-way acquisition is on schedule. ODOT is in the process of contacting property owners about land purchases for Phase 1, and neighbors may notice some structures being removed as well as other changes along the alignment.

Benefits of Phase 1

- **Reduced congestion** – Traffic will decrease by about 20% in downtown Newberg and about 40% in downtown Dundee.
- **Reduced freight traffic** – Large truck traffic on OR 99W will decrease by 45% in Newberg and 68% in Dundee.
- **Increased safety** – Traffic conditions will improve, particularly along the OR 99W corridor where through-traffic shares the road with local traffic.
- **Reduced travel time** – Travel time during peak periods on OR 99W through Newberg and Dundee will be reduced by 50 to 60%.
- **Job creation** – Hundreds of family-wage construction jobs will be created.

Construction schedule

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<td>Construct some stormwater detention ponds, one box culvert and fill slopes for several future bridge structures.</td>
<td>Construct the Phase 1 bypass from the OR 99W connection south of Dundee to about the Newberg city limits.</td>
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For more information

Stay up to date as we further refine design details and begin construction on Phase 1. Visit the project website for the latest news and to sign up for the mailing list.

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