Newberg-Dundee Bypass update

Dundee City Council
Mar. 3, 2009
Recap: Project History

- Demonstrated congestion problem in the area
- Preferred alternative (Process Description)
  - Location EIS
  - Conceptual design selected
  - Cost: $750 - $880 million (2015 dollars)
  - Reductions studies as part of DEIS (value engineering)
  - Feedback to Local officials: Finish EIS

Recap: EIS and NEPA

- Environmental laws require detailed studies
- Failure to adequately study means that lawsuits can derail projects
- Must prepare EIS for any significant, federally funded project that affects human or natural environment
- Takes a lot of time and money
- Can be updated later
**Status: EIS**

- FHWA review (Now)
  - Contractor changes
- State revision (March)
- FHWA legal review (April)
- State update (May)
- Public hearings (June/July)
- Record of Decision (June 2010)

**Status: Current Funding**

- In 2012-13, when OTIA bond payments are due, regional modernization allocation is $11.5 million per year (~29% of total)
- Focus may shift to maintenance
- Gas tax not increased since 1993
  - Lost 53¢ on the dollar to inflation since
  - Oregon lowest overall auto tax rates
    - Half of Idaho and Nevada
    - A third of Washington and California
**Status: Stimulus**

- Stimulus focused on projects that can be contracted this summer
- Current estimate: $335m to Oregon
  - 30% ($100m) to local jurisdictions
  - Remainder, if split as in the past would bring about $36.3m to Region 2
  - Would be divided up among 9 counties for projects.

**Status: JTA**

- Jobs and Transportation Act of 2009
  - Estimated $449 million statewide/year
  - 30% to counties; 20% to cities
  - Unknown remainder split is not defined yet – likely more to maintenance than historically
  - If same as in the past, approx. $64m to Region 2 (9 counties)
  - Outcome in the hands of the Legislature
Status: Federal Funding

- Federal funding request $30 million
  - “Improve traffic flow through Newberg and Dundee on OR 99W through the Newberg-Dundee Transportation Improvement Project, local system improvements, or state highway improvements.”
  - Bypass or other needed improvements

Next: Decision Points

- Public hearing for bypass project draft EIS in June
- ROD 1 year later
- Identify any Interim Steps to pursue
- Modernization funding recommendations come from local officials on ACT
- OTC approval (typically follows local preference) of Interim Steps
- ODOT begins required environmental studies on Interim Steps (if Req’d)
Questions?

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