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Tier 2 Final Environmental Impact Statement
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U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA),
and
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FHWA and ODOT intend to build an 11-mile, four-lane, access-controlled expressway (Bypass) with four interchanges and related local circulation changes to reduce congestion on Oregon 99W through Newberg and Dundee in Yamhill County, Oregon. The project area is located along the south sides of Newberg and Dundee, from the Oregon 99WOregon 18 junction near Dayton (approximately Oregon 18 milepost 51.6) to past Rex Hill, east of Newberg (approximately Oregon 99W milepost 19.6). The project followed a tiered NEPA process. On August 26, 2005, FHWA issued a Record of Decision (ROD) on the Tier 1 FEIS that approved the Bypass Corridor (Corridor), the number and location of interchanges, and a general Bypass configuration. The Tier 2 DEIS, published in June 2010, evaluated a No Build Alternative and Build Alternative, based on the approved Corridor, including several design and local circulation options. A Preferred Alternative was identified, considering public and agency comments received on the Tier 2 DEIS. The Preferred Alternative is the Bypass, several minor design refinements and options 1.8, 3, B2, 4.1, 5.2D and 7.5C. The Preferred Alternative identifies Phase 1 which includes the Bypass as one lane in each direction, between Oregon 219 and Oregon 99W south of Dundee, and related local roadway improvements. The Tier 2 FEIS summarizes the No Build Alternative, the Preferred Alternative (including Phase 1) and includes the Tier 2 DEIS Build Alternative for reference. The Tier 2 FEIS also includes a record of and responses to all substantive comments received during the Tier 2 DEIS comment period.

Section 4(f) de minimis findings were approved for the Chehalem Park and Recreation District golf course and the SP Newspoll Paper Mill, a historic resource. Section 7 Consultation with the National Marine Fisheries Service has been completed. ESA compliance related to USFWS trust species was demonstrated through a No Effect Memorandum and Addendum. The primary federal action required to complete the project is the Federal Clean Water Act Section 404 permit.

Major adverse impacts of the Preferred Alternative will include: the conversion of about 51c acres of land to highway use; approximately 101 residential and 26 business displacements; an estimated 13.5 acres of displaced or spanned wetland; an increase of up to 25 decibels of noise to some residential areas; new Oregon land use goal exceptions and modifications to existing Oregon land use goal exceptions for impacts to farm land; displacement of 80 acres of wildlife habitat; an increase of up to 175 acres of pavement to the watershed area; and visual impacts due to retaining walls, noise walls, structures and a new roadway facility in rural areas. Other impacts will involve: utility relocation; the risk of encountering archaeological resources, hazardous materials and geologic hazards; and typical construction-related impacts of the project, such as traffic detours. The project includes committed mitigation measures to address adverse impacts.

Major beneficial impacts will include improved traffic flows, reduced traffic congestion and volumes on Oregon 99W through Newberg and Dundee and a more vibrant and pedestrian-friendly environment in the two downtowns, due in part to reduced traffic-generated noise. Current travel time for the 11-mile route is about 30 minutes and is forecast to increase to 54 minutes by 2035 without the project. Forecast travel time on the Bypass is 12 minutes, and downtown traffic on Oregon 99W is forecast for a 24 percent reduction in Newberg and 64 percent reduction in Dundee in 2035.

Total project costs are estimated to be approximately $761 million (2015 dollars), including right-of-way and construction costs. The full project is not funded for construction. The project will be constructed in phases. The Oregon Jobs and Transportation Act (JTA, HB 2001) provides $192 million for Phase 1. Construction is anticipated to start in 2013.
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TO THOSE WHO HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN THE

Newberg Dundee Bypass
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Yamhill County, Oregon
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Thank you for your interest in the Newberg Dundee Bypass. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) have completed the Tier 2 Final Environmental Impact Statement (Tier 2 FEIS) for this project. If a federal Record of Decision is published, it will be no sooner than 30 days from the publication of this FEIS.

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Thank you for your participation,

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DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY
This Tier 2 FEIS is available in the following formats:

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The CD or printed copy of the Executive Summary (the Executive Summary is available in English and Spanish) and the Tier 2 FEIS are available at no charge. Printed copies of the Tier 2 FEIS are available for review at the following locations:

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