Woodburn Interchange and Transit Facility Project Underway

The Woodburn Interchange and Transit Facility project is addressing both traffic flow and safety concerns in the busy interchange of I-5 and Oregon 214/219 by constructing a variety of improvements. Some on-the-ground preparation work will occur this winter with major construction beginning summer 2013. Please visit the project web site at www.WoodburnInterchange.com to get the latest project information.

What Improvements are Included in the Project?
The project will improve the existing interchange and add a transit/park and ride facility. The improvements are designed to safely accommodate multi-modal travel needs for the next 20 years. Improvements include:

- **A reconstructed interchange over I-5 with gateway design enhancements**
  The new interchange will improve safety and reduce daily congestion by building new higher capacity on and off ramps, adding a wider bridge overcrossing, widening OR 214 to address access issues near the interchange, and improving bicycle and pedestrian facilities. Gateway design features and landscaping, recommended by a panel of Woodburn citizens and approved by the City Council, will serve as an entryway to the city.

- **Evergreen Transit/Park and Ride Facility**
  This multi-modal facility will include a transit platform with lighting, a park and ride lot, and electric vehicle charging stations. The Transit Facility will serve as a hub for regional transit service providers. The service will be negotiated by the City of Woodburn.

- **Evergreen Road Extension**
  The road extension will provide a detour route during construction and greater local connectivity by extending it north of OR 214 to Country Club Court. Design features and landscaping will serve as a gateway feature of the city.

- **Sound Walls**
  Aesthetically integrated sound walls will reduce highway noise for nearby residential areas. The walls will be built as early as possible during construction in order to reduce noise from night-time work.

- **Highway 214/ 219 Improvements**
  Improvements will span a half mile east and west of the interchange and include the widening of the roadway, a new 6 foot wide sidewalk, a landscaped buffer, bike lanes, raised median with traffic signals and dedicated lanes at Woodland Avenue, Evergreen Road and Oregon Way.
Utility Work Begins This Winter

Funding for the project is expected to be in place and initial construction will commence summer of 2013. Utility relocation work is expected to start this winter. The utility work requires a $2.6 million investment, and is a major commitment to keeping this project on schedule. Traffic disruptions will involve temporary flagging however, business access will not be affected. ODOT and the City of Woodburn are committed to minimizing traffic impacts during construction whenever possible.

Project Schedule

The Woodburn Interchange and Transit Facility Project remains on schedule with construction beginning in Summer of 2013.

The new interchange will support economic development opportunities in Woodburn and the surrounding area by making more land available for development and the area more dependably accessible, especially along Evergreen Rd. In keeping with this objective, and in order to have a detour route for traffic during construction, construction of Evergreen Rd. will be included in the first stage of project construction in 2013. In addition, the project will create or preserve approximately 370 jobs in the Woodburn region and over 550 jobs in Oregon during and shortly following construction.

While trucks can use the interchange during construction, cars should use 99E and other alternative routes whenever possible. Check the City and County websites for the most up-to-date information on alternative routes.

The project team continues to work closely with the City of Woodburn, and has been actively coordinating with business owners and residents in the project area. This close coordination will continue through construction. If you would like to be added to the project mailing list please visit the web site and sign up! You will also learn about upcoming events and open houses and can leave an online comment for the project team.

www.WoodburnInterchange.com

Visit the website and watch the new video to learn more about the project and how it will be built.

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