Aesthetic Advisory Panel:
In the summer of 2011, the City of Woodburn and ODOT appointed a panel of Woodburn community members to advise the project team on aesthetic upgrades to the interchange design. Over the course of the fall and winter, the panel met four times to discuss Gateway design themes for the interchange. The community-led vision for the gateway interchange was selected by consensus of the panel members at their April 4 meeting.

The Gateway Design option for the interchange was preferred by the panel due to its earth-tone colors, its connection to the hills of the Willamette Valley; its open, unique, modern design; its use of lighting and ease of maintenance. The panel felt the design will provide an open pedestrian experience across the bridge and also offer an attractive underpass viewpoint for travelers along I-5.

In addition to the bridge design, the panel recommended aesthetic upgrades to adjacent intersections, sound walls and stormwater retention facilities that are all part of the project. The aesthetic design upgrades will be integral to the redesigned interchange. The upgrades are not normally included on interchanges, making the community-led design a unique gateway to Woodburn for travelers along both highways.

Project Background:
The aesthetic upgrades are part of the overall design effort to address the traffic congestion at the I-5/Oregon 214 interchange in Woodburn. ODOT is currently working through the preliminary engineering process to replace the interchange. The aesthetic upgrades were included in the Environmental Assessment process that was completed in 2005. As part of the process, the public weighed in on the decision to select a partial cloverleaf interchange to replace the existing diamond interchange. The replacement interchange will improve daily traffic flow, widen the bridge, improve intersections on both sides of the bridge and construct a transit facility adjacent to the interchange. Construction is expected to begin in 2013 and extend through three construction seasons.

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