

**ODOT Spotlight****Oregon's OTIA program**

ODOT is delivering on its promises and its programs: Under its stewardship, Oregon Transportation Investment Act funds are repairing or replacing hundreds of bridges, paving and maintaining city and county roads, improving and expanding interchanges, adding new capacity to Oregon's highway system, and removing freight bottlenecks statewide.

To date, all of OTIA I and II projects are in design, construction or are completed. Stage 1 of the OTIA III State Bridge Delivery Program's five overlapping stages was completed this fall; 60 percent of OTIA III projects are now in design, construction or open to traffic just three years into the 10-year program.

One of the key legislative mandates for the bridge program is to stimulate Oregon's economy by sustaining job and contracting opportunities, from project development through final bridge construction. About 17 family-wage jobs are sustained for every \$1 million spent on transportation construction in Oregon. Each year, the combined OTIA programs will sustain approximately 5,000 family-wage jobs.

The economic benefits of the bridge program will ripple out beyond the construction industry to local businesses in communities across Oregon. And, by developing a range of contract sizes, ODOT is giving Oregon contractors—including women, minorities and emerging small businesses—opportunities to compete more effectively with larger national firms. As these small businesses grow and prosper, so will Oregon.