

Sunrise Unit 1 Project
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Project Partners

Following are the partners for this project:

- Clackamas County, which has jurisdiction over the project area, has provided project funding, and is managing the study.
- Oregon Department of Transportation, has responsibility for the state highway and has provided funding for the project. Along with the County, they are co-sponsors of the study.
- Federal Highway Administration, is the lead federal agency for the EIS process and will likely fund much of the construction.
- Metro must ensure that the final plan is consistent with the Regional Transportation Plan and may be responsible for assigning regional transportation funds to the project.

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Sunrise Unit 1 Project

from I-205 to Rock Creek Junction

Open House to Kick Off New Study

On June 8th, an open house will be held to kick off a new study of Sunrise Unit 1 Project—a proposed new limited access highway between I-205 and the Rock Creek Junction (see map). This study, which is to prepare a Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), will re-examine and build on the information developed for the original Draft EIS, completed in 1993.

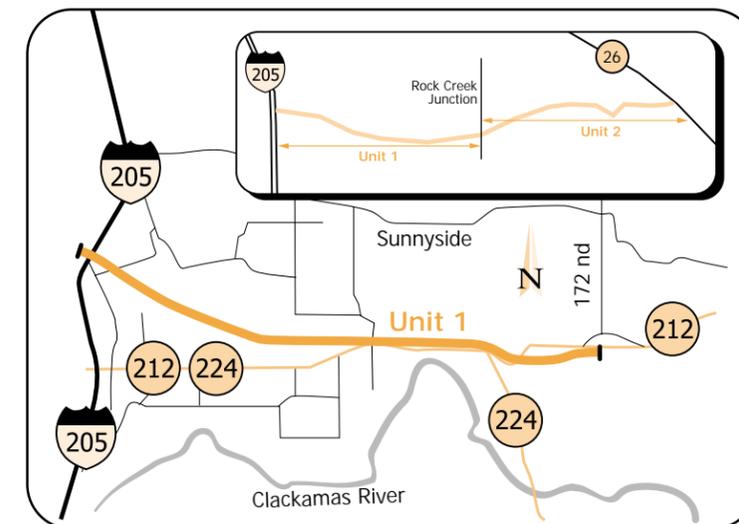
Because there have been changes in the corridor since the original study, this new study will:

- Verify the project's purpose and need.
- Explore design alternatives for the new highway, and select the alternatives to be studied in greater detail.
- Evaluate the potential environmental impacts (natural resources, social, economic, etc.) of the alternatives, including a do-nothing alternative.

A Final Environmental Impact Statement and a Record of Decision must be signed before a decision is approved on an alignment and design for the proposed highway.

You're invited!

Sunrise Unit 1 Project Public Open House
Tuesday, June 8, 2004
Drop by anytime between 6:00 and 8:00 p.m.
Sunnybrook Service Center Auditorium
9101 SE Sunnybrook Blvd., Clackamas



What is the Sunrise Corridor?

The Sunrise Corridor is a proposed new highway corridor that would provide a direct connection between I-205 and U.S. Hwy 26. Two separate sections of highway have been discussed over the years: Unit 1, which would connect I-205 with the Rock Creek Junction (the junction of highways 212 and 224) to the east; and Unit 2, which would continue from Rock Creek Junction through Damascus and Boring to US 26.

In the late 1980s, Clackamas County, the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), and other public stakeholders began a process to identify the best location for this highway. In 1993, a Draft Environmental Impact Statement was issued and in 1996, the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners approved a conceptual alignment for the highway. The Sunrise Unit 1 Project is included in Metro's Regional Transportation Plan, which is the blueprint that guides transportation investments in the Portland metropolitan region for the next 20 years.

Why is the Sunrise project needed?

The Sunrise Unit 1 Project has been on the state's list of top priorities for at least 15 years because of congestion, safety and economic needs.

The intersections of Highway 212/224 with 82nd Drive and I-205 have been among the state's most congested locations for many years. This is especially a problem because the Clackamas Industrial Area is one of the state's busiest and most critical trucking centers.

The recent expansion of the urban growth boundary to include the Damascus area has increased the need to improve the capacity of transportation facilities serving this part of Clackamas County.

Why hasn't this project been built yet?

Over the last decade, there has been very little funding available for major new highway projects. This project is one of the more expensive projects on the state's list. Also, final decisions were postponed on this corridor until the metropolitan region completed its planning efforts to identify where the future urban growth expansion areas would be. That planning is now complete, and the Damascus area has been designated as an area for urban growth expansion.

What is an Environmental Impact Statement?

An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is a document that results from a public and scientific process where both the positive and negative social, economic, and environmental impacts of constructing a project are evaluated. It is required by federal law. Through the EIS process, the partner agencies identify community concerns and issues, develop alternative solutions, evaluate the impacts of those alternatives, and select a preferred alternative.

How will the final alternative be selected?

Ultimately, the decision must be the one alternative that best meets the project's purpose and need and minimizes unavoidable negative environmental and community impacts. A Project Advisory Committee of citizens, businesses, community and environmental organizations and other public stakeholders will review the technical analysis and the public input and then will advise a Policy Review Committee. The Policy Review Committee is made up of one representative of each of the four partner agencies (see back page). This group will forward a recommendation to the official decision-making bodies: the County Board of Commissioners, the Oregon Transportation Commission, the Federal Highway Administration, and Metro, which must each approve the final decision.

How will the public be involved?

At this early stage in the process, we are asking you to help identify what should be studied and how you feel the community may be affected. The first public open house will be a time to gather your ideas and concerns before alternatives are developed (see front page). As we continue there will be additional meetings with the community. We will inform you of these meetings through mailings, e-mails, the website and news media

What about Unit 2?

As we work on this Supplemental Draft EIS for Unit 1, there will be a separate planning process to examine the area east of the Rock Creek Junction to determine land use patterns and transportation infrastructure needs. Metro and Clackamas County are currently conducting the Damascus/Boring Concept Plan Study for Unit 2 to answer some of these questions. (visit <http://www.co.clackamas.or.us> and click on Damascus/Boring Concept Plan for more information).

Cut-out Response Form

What issues will be important for ODOT and Clackamas County to be aware of as they begin this Supplemental Draft EIS process?

Name: _____

Affiliation/Organization: _____

Address: _____

City, State Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

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Target Schedule

Identify public issues and concerns
Establish purpose and need and goals
Develop Alternatives
Prepare Supplemental Draft EIS document
Formal public review of Supplemental Draft EIS
Select preferred alternative
Prepare Final EIS
Record of Decision (ROD) from FHWA

	2004	2005	2006
Identify public issues and concerns	Summer 2004		
Establish purpose and need and goals	Fall 2004		
Develop Alternatives		Spring 2005	
Prepare Supplemental Draft EIS document		Fall 2005	
Formal public review of Supplemental Draft EIS			Spring 2006
Select preferred alternative			Spring 2006
Prepare Final EIS			Summer 2006
Record of Decision (ROD) from FHWA			Fall 2006

Final Design
Right of way acquisition
Construction

pending approval & funding