

US 26 SPRINGWATER INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

2002 As part of a public process, Metro approves a measure bringing approximately 1,200-acres in the Springwater area into its **Urban Growth Boundary** for future urbanization. This area is currently under Multnomah County jurisdiction and is planned to eventually be annexed into and urbanized by the City of Gresham.

The intent of the Springwater expansion was to bring high-value, family-wage jobs to the City of Gresham by developing industrial/high-tech campuses and attracting businesses that would bring an infusion of thousands of new jobs.

2003-05 As required by state planning laws, the City of Gresham develops the **Springwater Community Plan**. This plan recommends a new interchange on US 26 and enhancements to the local streets to provide safe and efficient access to the planned Springwater Industrial Area.

2008 US 26: Springwater At-Grade Intersection project added to Oregon's **Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP)** as part of a region wide public process. Funding for design is programmed for 2012, with construction in 2013.

2009-11 ODOT, Multnomah County and the City of Gresham develop an **Interchange Area Management Plan** to determine the location of a new interchange recommended by the Springwater Community Plan. With state and federal transportation funding dwindling, the concept of developing a less-expensive "interim" improvement project was discussed as part of the planning process.

2012 ODOT and the City of Gresham develop a **Memorandum of Understanding** for the development of an at-grade intersection improvement project designed to improve operations and safety at the SE 267th Avenue and SE Stone Road intersections with US 26.

ODOT staff begin preliminary planning work on the at-grade intersection project included in the STIP.