

# U.S. 26: Brookwood Parkway/Helvetia Interchange

## A Jobs and Transportation Act Project

### PROJECT SUMMARY

This modernization project will reduce congestion, improve safety and freight mobility, and increase economic development opportunities in the U.S. 26 Brookwood Parkway/Helvetia Road interchange area. Project elements include:

- Constructing a new westbound U.S. 26 to southbound Brookwood Parkway exit loop ramp
- Reconstructing the westbound U.S. 26 entrance ramp
- Providing an additional northbound travel lane on the Brookwood Parkway overcrossing and widening the structure to accommodate an additional southbound lane in the future
- Extending the northbound right-turn lane from Brookwood Parkway to eastbound U.S. 26
- Providing enhanced bicycle and pedestrian accommodations on the Brookwood Parkway overcrossing

### PURPOSE AND NEED

The U.S. 26 Brookwood Parkway/Helvetia Road interchange is a locally and regionally significant interchange along the U.S. 26 Sunset Corridor. The interchange is a primary entry point to regionally significant high-tech employment centers. The transportation challenge at this interchange is heavy traffic from the westbound U.S. 26 exit ramp to southbound Brookwood Parkway during morning peak hours, and heavy traffic northbound on Brookwood Parkway to eastbound U.S. 26 during afternoon peak hours.

The recent addition of the Evergreen and Helvetia planning areas into the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) is intended to bring in approximately 850 acres of land for industrial development and is projected to employ 13,000 people. The primary focus of land use in the area is to provide sustainable “green energy” jobs. The U.S. 26 Brookwood Parkway/Helvetia Interchange Project will accommodate a full build-out of the recent UGB expansion and support the development of industrial sites and recently re-zoned high-tech industrial lands.

### PROJECT TIMELINE

ODOT is currently working on design. Construction is estimated to begin in 2013 and be complete in 2015.

### INTERCHANGE AREA MANAGEMENT PLAN

ODOT is working with the City of Hillsboro and Washington County on an Interchange Area Management Plan (IAMP) in conjunction with the U.S. 26 Brookwood Parkway/Helvetia Interchange Project. The purpose of an IAMP is to ensure safe and efficient operations between connecting roadways, to protect the function of the interchange, and to minimize the need for future major interchange improvements. It is required by law for any new or significantly reconstructed interchange (OAR 734-051-0155.6).

### PROJECT FUNDING

The Oregon Legislature allocated \$45 million through the Jobs and Transportation Act to fund the interchange improvement project and the development and implementation of the IAMP.

### PROJECT WEBSITE

[www.oregon.gov/odot/hwy/region1/us26\\_brookwoodpkwy](http://www.oregon.gov/odot/hwy/region1/us26_brookwoodpkwy)

For more information about other JTA projects, please visit [www.oregon.gov/odot/jta/index.htm](http://www.oregon.gov/odot/jta/index.htm)

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