

I-205 Airport Way Interchange

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The I-205 Airport Way interchange provides a critical connection for travelers and the movement of regional goods. The Port of Portland (Port) and the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) began the Airport Way Interchange project in 2007 to address increasing congestion on Airport Way from traffic attempting to get on I-205 north. During the evening rush hour, there is more northbound traffic getting on I-205 at Airport Way than at any other I-205 interchange in Oregon. Both directions of traffic on Airport Way experience delays that can stretch to 45 minutes.

Project Schedule:

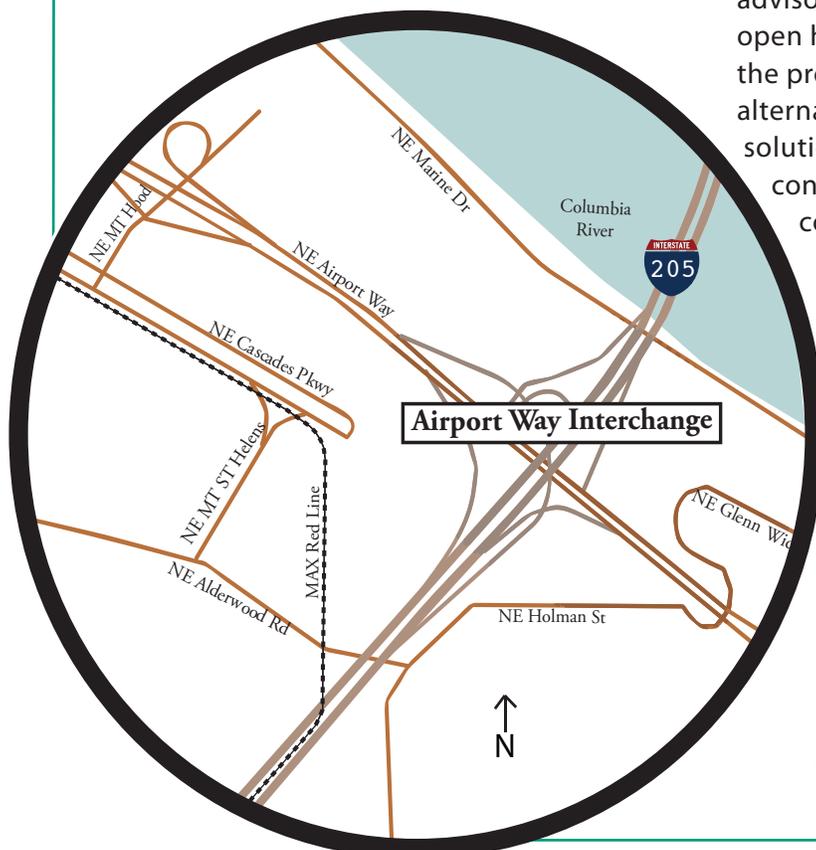
The project is currently in the design phase. ODOT and the Port are committed to completing construction by the end of 2014.

Project Description:

A major feature of the project is to construct a new free-flowing right-turn ramp for traffic on westbound Airport Way turning to northbound I-205. As a result of the free-flowing ramp, eastbound drivers turning left onto I-205 north at the intersection will have two turn lanes. Drivers will no longer have to share signal time with westbound to northbound right-turning vehicles. This will reduce the traffic queue from right-turning traffic that regularly blocks left-turning vehicles from entering the northbound ramp. In addition, the project will improve the bicycle and pedestrian connection from the I-205 Multi-Use Path to Glenn Widing Drive.

Project Background:

The project team interviewed community stakeholders, worked with a stakeholder advisory committee, gathered comments from open houses and online surveys to help refine the project and develop the preferred alternative solution. From an initial 65 possible solutions that were identified, the team conducted traffic modeling for three low-cost alternatives. A preferred alternative was selected in August 2009.



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