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To Whom It May Concern:

The Crown Point Rehabilitation Project is currently awaiting confirmation of a Federal grant application from the Public Lands Highway Discretionary Fund. ODOT expects that a decision will be made on this grant by the end of August or early in September of this year. As a stipulation of the grant, funds must be obligated by the Oregon regional offices of Federal Highway Administration very near to the end of, or just after, the end of federal fiscal year, on September 30, 2007.

Due to the recent changes in the Federal Highway Administration design-build regulations regarding the timing of NEPA compliance and the ability of the Federal Highway Administration to obligate funds to a project, the procurement method for Crown Point Rehabilitation must shift from a **Design-Build** project to a **Design-Bid-Build** project. The primary reason is that until NEPA compliance is completed, those funds can not be obligated, and the window of opportunity, once the grant is approved, has much less time than will be needed to finish the NEPA work. The Federal Highway Administration has agreed to obligate the grant funds under a **Design-Bid-Build** scenario within the allowable time available.

Several things will change regarding the organization of this important rehabilitation project. They are:

- **Project lead.** Management of the project and procurement will transfer to *Adam Markell CPM*, of ODOT Region 1. Adam can be reached at: 123 NW Flanders St., Portland, OR 97209-4012, (503) 731-8501, email; Adam.V.MARKELL@odot.state.or.us.
- **Project Design and Construction.** Region 1 will be responsible for developing the bid package and obtaining all environmental permits, either through its own resources or by consultant services. Once all clearances have been received, the project will be advertised for bid through the normal commission service process. Timing has yet to be determined.

Most of the project goals and scope regarding this rehabilitation remain the same as before. The project overview available on the Region 1 web site identifies many of the structural problems that hope to be addressed during the design phase. Interested parties are advised to watch the site for further updates.

Thank you,

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