

2009 Oregon Jobs and Transportation Act Interstate 5 at the Interstate 205 Interchange

The project is located at the interchange of Interstate 5 and Interstate 205 in Tualatin. When complete, the project will reduce congestion, and improve safety and freight mobility in the area.

Project Cost

The Jobs and Transportation Act (JTA), approved by the 2009 Oregon Legislature, provides \$11 million that will address the northbound movement from I-5 to I-205. ODOT plans to construct a full-length auxiliary lane between interchanges and will pursue a federal reauthorization allocation for \$7 million to fund the balance of the \$18 million project.

Project Description

To improve traffic flow at the I-5/I-205 interchange, ODOT plans to construct a portion of a northbound auxiliary lane from the Elligsen Road interchange to match the current two lanes on the I-205 northbound ramp. Additional funds will allow ODOT to construct a full auxiliary lane from the Elligsen Road interchange to the I-205 interchange.

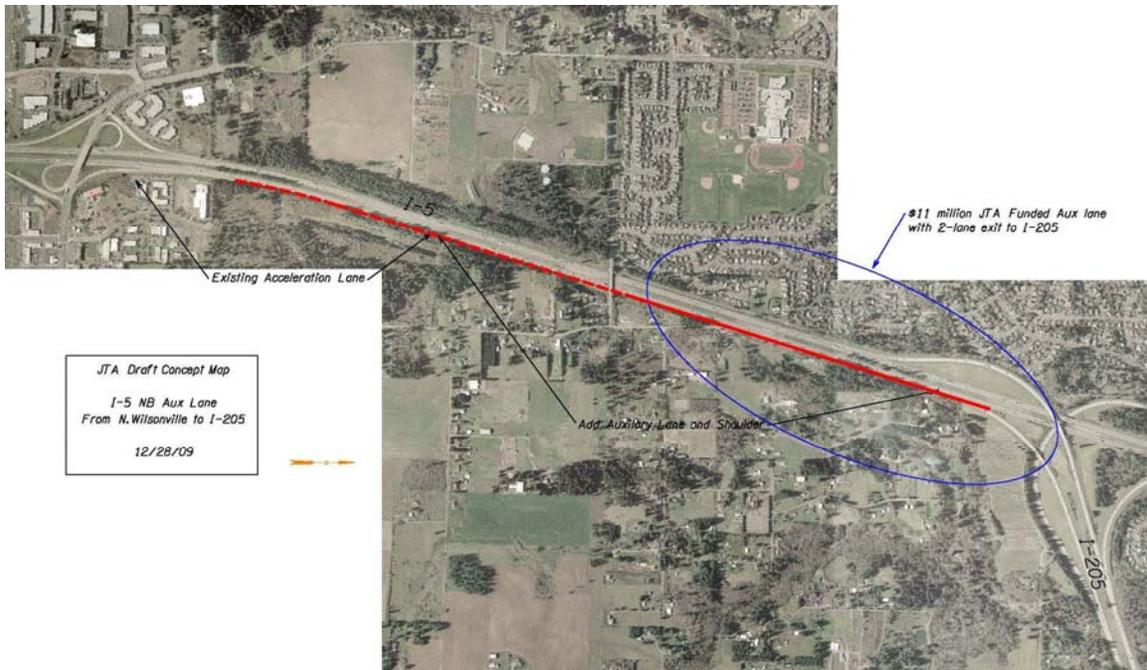
Why the Project is Needed

Interstate 5, the West Coast's main trade corridor, and Interstate 205 are two of Oregon's busiest freeways with more than 100,000 vehicles passing through the interchange each day. The I-5/I-205 interchange is also recognized as one of the Portland Metropolitan region's worst congestion chokepoints.

ODOT's plan is to build a full northbound auxiliary lane from the I-5/ Elligsen Road interchange to I-205 northbound that would allow vehicles to more efficiently exit I-5 and enter I-205. This dedicated auxiliary lane will significantly improve traffic flow, reduce congestion, and improve safety on I-5. Phase 1, funded with the \$11 million from the JTA, will construct an extended exit lane on I-5 northbound just north of the Norwood overpass to the I-205 on-ramp, and widen the shoulders. Phase 2, which may be funded through the Federal Transportation Reauthorization Act, would fund the remainder of the lane from the I-5/Elligsen Road interchange to the Norwood overpass, completing the connection to I-205.

Current Status

The design phase will begin in early 2010, with construction expected in 2011.



Additional funds are being sought to complete the funding package for the I-5 northbound to I-205 northbound auxiliary lane.