

2009 Oregon Jobs and Transportation Act U.S. Highway 26 at the Shute Road Interchange

The U.S. Highway 26 at the Shute Road Interchange project is located in the City of Hillsboro in Washington County. The project will provide better access to industrial lands, reduce congestion, increase safety and increase economic development opportunities.

Project Cost

The 2009 Oregon Legislature allocated \$45 million in the JTA for the project. Planning efforts have identified approximately \$70 million of transportation improvements to provide additional capacity, improve safety and access, and to relocate existing local facilities to better accommodate the long-term function of the interchange. ODOT and local partners have submitted a TIGER grant application to fund improvements that are not currently included in the project.

Project Description

Project elements being considered are:

- Constructing a new westbound US 26 to southbound Shute Road exit loop ramp
- Reconstructing the westbound entrance ramp
- Providing an additional northbound travel lane on the Shute Road overcrossing
- Extending the northbound right-turn lane from Shute Road

Why the Project is Needed

The US 26 Shute Road interchange is a locally and regionally significant interchange along the US 26 Sunset Corridor. This interchange is a primary entry point to regionally significant high-tech employment centers based in the northern portion of the City of Hillsboro. The transportation challenge at this interchange is heavy traffic from the westbound US 26 off-ramp to southbound Shute Road during morning peak hours, and heavy traffic northbound on Shute Road to eastbound US 26 during afternoon peak hours.

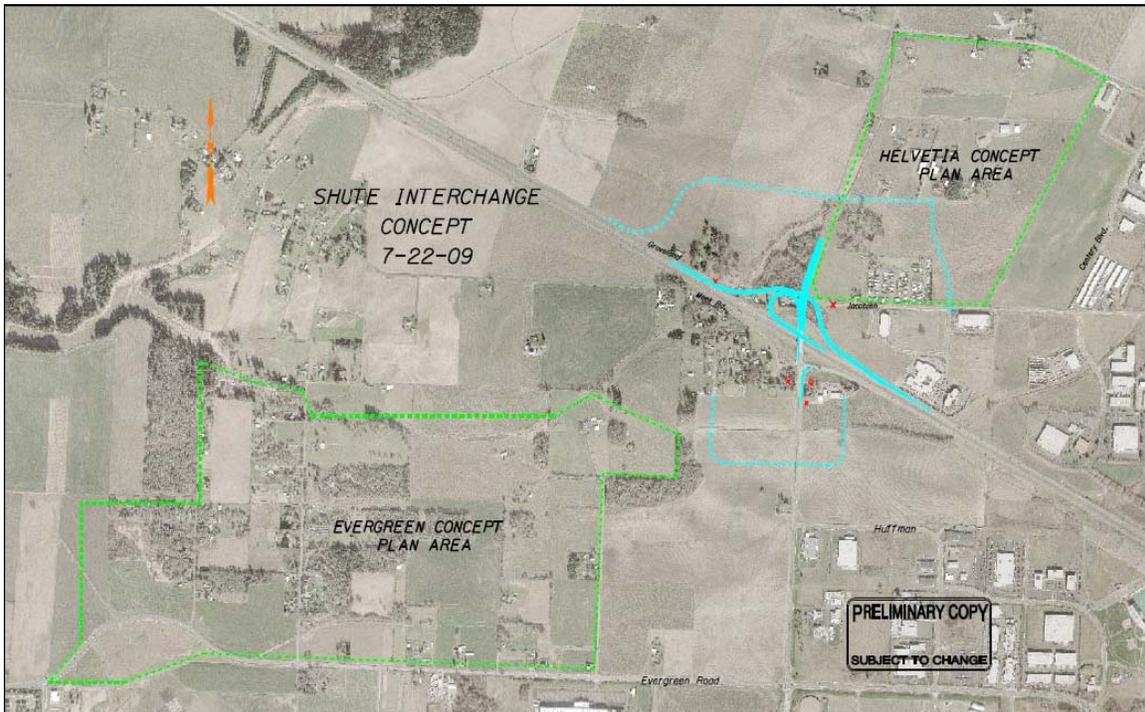
Metro's recent addition of the Evergreen and Helvetia planning areas into the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) is intended to bring approximately 850 acres of land for industrial development projected to employ 13,000 people. The primary focus of land-use in the area is to provide sustainable "green energy" jobs. The existing interchange capacity cannot accommodate a full build-out of the recent UGB expansion and may impact the development potential of state certified industrial sites and recently re-zoned high-tech industrial lands.

Current Status

ODOT is working with local partners to define a project within the allocated JTA funds that focuses on safety and freight mobility, and supports present land-use designations. ODOT anticipates defining a project concept by February 2010.



The US 26 - Shute Road Interchange serves the City of Hillsboro and surrounding areas of Washington County. This project would provide congestion relief and improve access to developing industrial lands.



The proposed US 26 at Shute Road Interchange concept and surrounding industrial expansions.