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Glencoe Road Interchange Project Open House

The Oregon Department of Transportation, in cooperation with Washington County and the city of North Plains, has started development work on a project to replace the U.S. 26 (Sunset Highway) interchange at Glencoe Road and improve Glencoe Road between the U.S. 26 interchange and West Union Road. The interchange cannot adequately serve current traffic volumes, which have grown to 22,000 vehicles each day. The existing on- and off-ramps lack sufficient length to safely accommodate long queues of vehicles, frequently creating backups on the highway. In addition, sight distance on the overpass is poor and it lacks pedestrian and bicycle facilities. The selection of design alternatives and the environmental assessment will be complete by summer 2007. Final project design will follow. Construction will commence once funding becomes available.

Project Open House

The first of several project open houses is scheduled for **Thursday, April 27 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the cafeteria of the North Plains Elementary School, 32030 NW North Avenue in North Plains**. The open house will provide local residents with an opportunity to learn about the project and to help identify project goals and needs.

Stakeholder Working Group

A Stakeholder Working Group (SWG) is already formed and has begun meeting. The SWG is comprised of residents, community group representatives and local businesses. This group will meet monthly and will provide advice to the project development team throughout the project.

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