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Open house meetings for I-84 bridge projects from Cascade Locks to Hood River

The Oregon Department of Transportation will host public open house meetings in Cascade Locks and Hood River during March to discuss Interstate 84 bridge projects scheduled to begin construction in 2008.

Ideas and suggestions from the public are a key part of ODOT projects to replace and repair I-84 bridges in the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. People can drop in any time during these informal open houses to meet the project teams and review and discuss potential bridge designs and repairs.

The I-84 Cascade Locks to Hood River project

Two meetings will be held to discuss this project:

- **Tuesday, March 6 from 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Best Western Columbia River Inn, 735 N.W. Wa-na-pa St, in Cascade Locks**
(Joint meeting with the Dodson to Tanner Creek project – see below)
- **Tuesday, March 13 from 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Hood River Inn, 1108 East Marina Way, in Hood River**

This project will replace bridges in two areas: the I-84 bridges in both directions over the connector to U.S. 30 in Cascade Locks, and the I-84 bridge at Highway 35 in Hood River. The project also will repair the following bridges:

- I-84 in both directions over Moody Street
- I-84 at Herman Creek Road

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- I-84 at Wyeth Road
- I-84 at Viento Road
- Eastbound I-84 over Jaymar Road/Westcliff Drive
- Eastbound I-84 over the Union Pacific Railroad
- The I-84 Frontage Road/Second Street bridge over the Union Pacific Railroad

The I-84 Dodson to Tanner Creek project

One meeting will be held to discuss this project:

- **Tuesday, March 6 from 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Best Western Columbia River Inn, 735 N.W. Wa-na-pa St, in Cascade Locks**
(Joint meeting with the Cascade Locks to Hood River project)

This project will replace the eastbound I-84 bridge over Moffett Creek, two miles west of Bonneville Dam, and repair three other bridges: eastbound I-84 at the Dodson overpass, and eastbound and westbound I-84 at Tanner Creek.

The bridge design and construction work is funded by the Oregon Transportation Investment Act and ODOT's Statewide Transportation Improvement Program.

##ODOT##

The project is part of the Oregon Department of Transportation's 10-year, \$3 billion Oregon Transportation Investment Act program. During the next decade, OTIA will repair or replace hundreds of bridges, pave and maintain city and county roads, improve and expand interchanges, add new capacity to Oregon's highway system, and remove freight bottlenecks statewide. About 17 family-wage jobs are sustained for every \$1 million spent on transportation construction in Oregon. Each year during the OTIA program, construction projects will sustain about 5,000 family-wage jobs.