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## **Public meeting set for OR 217 paving and modernization projects**

**Tuesday July 19, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at Beaverton City Hall City Council Chambers, 4755 SW Griffith Drive, Beaverton**, the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) will hold an informational meeting to explain details of two highway construction projects along Oregon 217. The public is invited to hear a presentation and then ask questions of ODOT project staff.

### **Oregon 217 Preservation Project: 2006**

- ◆ A \$10 million preservation project will grind and inlay new asphalt on the highway and most of the ramps in both directions from the 72<sup>nd</sup> Avenue ramps to the U.S. 26 interchange—6.39 miles. In addition, guardrail will be raised to match the new level of asphalt and new striping will be applied.

The pavement on Oregon 217 is severely rutted from the 108,000 vehicles a day that use the highway. The road surface was last repaved in 1994.

Construction is scheduled to take place in the 2006 and 2007 construction seasons, although an effort has been made to accelerate the schedule. Once construction begins, the majority of construction and traffic impacts will likely happen at night when traffic volumes are lower.

When this project is complete, the road surface will be safer and the ride quality improved.

### **Oregon 217 Modernization Project: 2007 or 2008**

- ◆ A \$36.5 million project will add a third northbound lane on Oregon 217 between the Tualatin-Valley Highway (OR 8) and U.S. 26. This third northbound lane will begin just north of the TV Highway and continue north to the Barnes Road off-ramp. Other modernization features include improving the Wilshire Street off-ramp, building retaining walls and improving drainage.

In 1991, a multi-modal partnership was formed among ODOT, TriMet, the City of Portland and Washington and Multnomah counties to address how transportation projects would be developed in response to the population growth in Washington County. As a result, the Westside Corridor Project was created as a long-range plan defining and prioritizing future transportation projects. Major projects already completed as part of the Westside Corridor Project are the Westside MAX, the Camelot to Sylvan project, and the addition of a third southbound lane on the north end of Oregon 217.

The upcoming Oregon 217 modernization project was defined in the Westside Corridor Project and designed to help relieve congestion on one section of Oregon 217. The final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) written for the Westside Corridor Project stipulated that Oregon 217 not be expanded beyond three lanes in each direction.

Construction is slated to begin in 2007 or 2008, depending on pending construction funding.

**EDITORS:** A .TIF graphic of the work zones on Oregon 217 is available for downloading from ODOT's FTP site, [ftp://ftp.odot.state.or.us/outgoing/Oregon\\_217\\_Projects/](ftp://ftp.odot.state.or.us/outgoing/Oregon_217_Projects/)

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