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I-5 DELTA PARK TO LOMBARD PROJECT MOVES TO FINAL DESIGN

The Oregon Department of Transportation has completed a Revised Environmental Assessment (REA) and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) approved by the Federal Highway Administration on the Interstate 5 Delta Park to Lombard Street Project. The completion of these documents is required on all major transportation projects as part of the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA). The REA describes the selected alternative for the project, which is Revised Alternative Two, Argyle on the Hill. The FONSI states that the impacts to the environment as a result of the project can be mitigated and the impacts, therefore, are not significant. Having received approval from the Federal Highway Administration on these documents, ODOT can now move Phase One of the selected alternative into final design.

Document Review

Copies of the REA and FONSI documentation are being distributed to those citizens and agencies who received a copy of the December 2005 Environmental Assessment. The documents are available for public review. They can be viewed online:

http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/REGION1/I-5DeltaPark/REA/Cover_Letters_TOC.pdf.

Copies of all documents are also available at the Multnomah County Library, North Portland Branch. In addition, Delta Park project staff will be attending the Columbia River Crossing project open house Thursday, Jan. 25 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs, 4134 N. Vancouver Avenue.

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The Project

Phase One involves widening I-5 southbound to three lanes between Delta Park and the Columbia Boulevard entrance ramp. In the northbound direction, the shoulder and inside median of the freeway will be widened between Lombard Street and Delta Park. In order to accommodate these changes, the existing bridges over the Columbia Slough and Columbia Boulevard will be widened and the entrance and exit ramps at Columbia Boulevard and Victory Boulevard will be realigned and lengthened. For the Columbia Boulevard southbound I-5 entrance ramp, this will involve building a new bridge. Construction on Phase One is scheduled to begin in summer 2008. For more information on the project visit:

<http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/REGION1/I-5DeltaPark/index.shtml>

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