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Opportunity to evaluate alternatives to Airport Way congestion at Open House

ODOT/Port open house to be held Wednesday, Sept. 24, 5-7:30 p.m.

Congestion at the Airport Way interchange is a growing problem that affects a key connection point in the region's transportation network. It's not unusual for drivers to experience traffic delays as long as 45 minutes from the airport terminal to the I-205 interchange. In fact, more than 10,000 workers routinely travel on Airport Way on their way to work in the Airport Way corridor. With the number of vehicles projected to increase 50% on the northbound ramp by 2024, congestion will continue to negatively affect businesses, I-205, the Portland International Airport and surrounding neighborhoods.

The Oregon Department of Transportation and the Port of Portland will host an Open House next week to give community members the opportunity to review and provide feedback on 10 alternatives being considered as possible solutions to this problem. Project partners are committed to putting a solution in place by 2014. **The Open House will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 24, 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at the Multnomah Educational Service District, 11611 NE Ainsworth Circle, Room "W" in Portland.**

Project background

The Port and ODOT began a study in November to improve the flow of traffic accessing I-205 north at the Airport Way interchange. Public input is a critical component of this study and project partners are consulting with stakeholders, individuals and groups who are impacted by the congestion or may be affected by proposed solutions. To learn more about the Airport Way Interchange project and take the online survey, visit the project web site at www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/REGION1/airportway/index.shtml.

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