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Staley's Junction open house planned

Plans are under way for improvements to the U.S. 26 and OR 47 interchange

The Oregon Department of Transportation is proposing a three-phased approach for constructing a new interchange and making safety improvements at the intersection of U.S. 26 (Sunset Highway) and OR 47 (Nehalem Highway) in rural Washington County.

This intersection, commonly called Staley's Junction, has been identified as a safety concern for those motorists turning left off of OR 47 southbound onto U.S. 26 eastbound. Once completed, there will be a grade-separated interchange (overpass) to safely facilitate turning movements.

As part of the planning process, an Interchange Area Management Plan (IAMP) has been developed. An IAMP - required by state law when an interchange is improved or rebuilt - examines access points near the interchange among other things to ensure the interchange will continue to function properly for years to come. The IAMP also includes concept plans for the new interchange.

ODOT invites you to an open house to learn more about the project and the IAMP. This public drop-in event is scheduled for **Wednesday, July 23, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Banks Public Library Community Room, 111 Market Street in Banks, OR.**

Construction is slated to begin in 2010.

For more information on the project, visit the Web at:
www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/REGION1/staleys/

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