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ODOT, in partnership with the City of Forest Grove, is designing a project on Pacific Avenue (OR 8) at Quince Street (OR 47) in Forest Grove to improve safety, operations and efficiency for people driving, walking, biking and taking transit in the area. This $4.2 million project is estimated to begin construction in 2017.

What's the problem?

Traffic often backs up at the intersection, forcing road users to wait through multiple traffic signal cycles before being able to proceed. This is particularly evident on southbound Quince Street. Additionally, the sidewalks and bike lanes are substandard and do not provide a comfortable environment while traveling through the intersection or waiting at bus stops. Large trucks have difficulty making right turns in the intersection due to tight turning corners. Lastly, there are a high number of crashes in the vicinity - particularly rear-end crashes.

Project elements

The goals of the project are to reduce congestion and delays, reduce travel times for transit users, improve safety and freight mobility, and improve bicycle and pedestrian facilities. The proposed project elements include:

- Widen Quince Street to build a dedicated right-turn lane for southbound road users turning onto Pacific Avenue. This will reduce congestion at the intersection by providing a dedicated lane for right turners to decelerate without affecting the traffic continuing straight. It will also allow trucks to negotiate the corner safely without encroaching on the sidewalk and damaging adjacent signs
- Widen Pacific Avenue to build a standard right-turn lane on westbound Pacific Avenue for road users turning onto Quince Street. The existing right-turn lane does not adequately accommodate trucks or provide a dedicated bike lane
- Build standard bike lanes on westbound Pacific Avenue and on southbound Quince Street
- Improve sidewalks and ramps, according to the American with Disabilities Act
- Add a raised median on Pacific Avenue on the east side of the intersection. This will improve safety by restricting those turning left
- Improve turning movements in the northwest and northeast quadrants of the intersection
- Evaluate driveways within the project area for safety and compatibility with project design

Learn more

- Visit the project website for more information: www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/REGION1/Pages/pacificquince.aspx
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